

# Financial Statements

## Company Balance Sheet

at 31 December 2008

	Note	2008 £m	2007 £m
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Investment in Group undertakings	4	<b>962.8</b>	2,629.1
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<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	5	<b>2,587.5</b>	2,344.4
Cash at bank and in hand		<b>510.8</b>	30.4
		<b>3,098.3</b>	2,374.8
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	<b>(788.1)</b>	(678.7)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>2,310.2</b>	1,696.1
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>3,273.0</b>	4,325.2
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	7	<b>(1,917.1)</b>	(1,275.7)
Provisions		<b>(4.0)</b>	–
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>1,351.9</b>	3,049.5
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Called-up share capital	9	<b>289.6</b>	289.6
Share premium account	10	<b>753.6</b>	758.1
Merger relief reserve	11	<b>–</b>	934.2
Capital redemption reserve	12	<b>31.5</b>	31.5
Translation reserve	13	<b>89.6</b>	(50.5)
Profit and loss account	14	<b>463.2</b>	1,368.5
Own shares	15	<b>(275.6)</b>	(281.9)
<b>Shareholders' funds</b>	18	<b>1,351.9</b>	3,049.5

The Company has elected to take the exemption under section 230 of the Companies Act 1985 to not present the parent company profit and loss account.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 30 April 2009. They were signed on its behalf by:



P Redfern  
Director



C Rickard  
Director