HARDWARE & LUMBER 1996

CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Year ended 31 December 1996

	Note	1996	1995
		\$'000	\$ ' 000
Turnover	3	858,667	921,154
Trading Profit	4(a)	19,064	18,328
Taxation	5	3,435	3 , 216
Net Profit	4(b)	15,629	15 , 112
Retained earnings at beginning of year		64,160	18,639
		79 , 789	63 , 751
Amortisation of revaluation surplus	14	2,409	2,409
		82 , 198	6 <mark>6,</mark> 160
Dividends			
Proposed - out of unranked income,			
gross 10% (1995: 10%)		2,000	2,000
Retained Earnings		80,198	64,160
EARNINGS PER STOCK UNIT	6	39c	38c