CARIBBEAN METAL PRODUCTS 1997

Consolidated Profit and Loss account

Year ended April 30, 1997

		1997	1996
	Notes	\$'000	\$'000
SALES		402,886	445,577
TRADING PROFIT Bank and loan interest, net		37,648 (27,171)	47,987 (22,603)
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION Taxation	3 4	10,477 (6,124)	25,384 (9,613)
PROFIT AFTER TAXATION ATTRIBUTABLE TO STOCKHOLDERS		4,353	15,771
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DIVIDENDS Final proposed nil (1996 - Nil)		-	-
RETAINED PROFIT FOR THE YEAR Accumulated profits at May 1		4,353 100,581	15,771 84,810

ACCUMULATED PROFIT AT APRIL 30 In parent company In subsidiaries		104,934 (1,226) 106,160	100,581 352 100,229
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EARNINGS PER STOCK UNIT Basic Fully diluted	5	21.74¢ 21.91¢	78.76¢ 77.24¢