

Hardware and Lumber 1998

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1998

	1998 \$'000	1997 \$'000
CASH RESOURCES WERE PROVIDED BY/(USED IN):		
Operating Activities		
Net profit	12,452	6,221
Items not affecting cash resources:		
Depreciation	7,317	8,746
Deferred expenditure written off	1,778	2,209
Profit on sale of fixed assets	<u>(2,170)</u>	<u>(3,243)</u>
	<u>19,377</u>	<u>13,933</u>
Changes in non-cash working capital components:		
Inventories	1,282	(33,019)
Trade receivables	26,164	(3,940)
Other receivables and prepayments	(4,191)	(493)
Employee loans for share purchases	-	96
Payables and accruals	22,643	47,735
Taxation payable	(497)	1,339
Work in progress	1,577	1,584
Taxation recoverable	<u>797</u>	<u>(661)</u>
	<u>47,775</u>	<u>12,641</u>
Funds provided by operating activities	<u>67,152</u>	<u>26,574</u>

Financing Activities

Holding company and fellow subsidiaries	1,542	(1,053)
Net obligations under finance leases	(1,250)	(673)
Long term loans	22,232	24,603
Dividends paid to shareholders	-	(2,000)
Funds (used in)/provided by financing activities	<u>(21,940)</u>	<u>20,877</u>
Investing Activities		
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	3,185	3,733
Additions to fixed assets	(16,543)	(5,343)
Deferred expenditure	-	(3,044)
Funds used in investing activities	<u>(13,358)</u>	<u>(4,654)</u>
Increase in net cash balances	31,854	42,797
Net cash balances at beginning of year	(7,128)	(49,925)
Net Cash Balances at end of year	<u>24,726</u>	<u>(7,128)</u>
Represented by:		
Bank Deposits	18,477	1,244
Cash at bank and in hand	22,747	8,009
Bank loans and overdrafts	(16,498)	(16,381)
	<u>24,726</u>	<u>(7,128)</u>
