

BERGER PAINTS JAMAICA LIMITED 1998

Directors' Report

The Directors are pleased to present their report and audited statement of accounts for the year ended 31st December 1998.

1. Financial Results

	1998 \$,000
Profit Before Taxation	65,422
Taxation	<u>(14,431)</u>
Profit After Taxation	50,991
Appropriation in respect of bonus shares issued	<u>(17,860)</u> 33,131
Unappropriated profits at beginning of year	<u>101,036</u> 134,167
Transfer from capital reserve	<u>-</u> <u>134,167</u>
Proposed dividends - Gross	<u>(25,719)</u>

Unappropriated profits at end of year 108,448

Earning Per Stock unit of 50 cents 36 cents

2. Dividends

Your Directors recommended the payment of a final dividend of 18 cents per share for members of the Register on 13th July, 1999.

3. Directors

In accordance with Article 89 of the Articles of Association: Messrs Michael Fennell and Kishore Advani retire by rotation and being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

4. Auditors

The Directors wish to thank the retiring Auditors KPMG Peat Marwick, and to commend the high level of professionalism exhibited in the reporting of the company's affairs during their tenure.

The Auditors Deloitte & Touche have signified their willingness to accept appointment as auditors. The Ordinary Resolution proposing the appointment will be considered, and if thought fit, passed at the Annual General meeting.

5. Employees

The Directors wish to commend the management and staff of the company for their dedication and commitment to the company during the year under review.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Michael Wint
Secretary
