Five Year Statistics

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'000	1999	1998	1997	1996
1995	1933	2330	2331	2330
No. of Shares Issued 111,473	180,491	180,491	150,370	111,473
Shareholders' Equity 2,921,966	4,517,598	3,982,797	3,551,281	3,284,921
% increase over prior year 52%	13%	12%	8%	12%
Long Term Liability 79,882	629,695	280,144	238,629	111,667
Total Gearing 1,219,768	1,722,207	1,221,937	1,145,582	1,077,016
Current Assets 4,467,424	6,476,284	5,590,613	5,098,715	4,518,663
Current Liabilities 3,802,766	4,738,181	4,283,539	4,216,981	3,792,659

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Turnover	14,063,653	13,543,858	13,256,833	12,065,758
10,767,263 % increase over prior year 20.6%	3.8%	2.2%	9.9%	12.1%
Pretax Profit 562,465	832,499	695,711	631,364	613,430
% increase over prior year 12.2%	19.7%	10.2%	2.9%	9.1%
After Tax Profit 388,575	650,086	555 , 341	480,788	429,277
% increase over prior year 9.4%	17.1%	15.5%	12.0%	10.5%
Net Profit Attributable to Stockholders 373,044	587,010	505 , 790	446,464	412,662
% increase over prior year 15.1%	16.1%	13.3%	8.2%	10.6%
Net Dividend - Amount 32,327	81,221	56,395	55 , 997	27 , 868
% increase over prior year 10.5%	44.0%	0.7%	100.9%	-13.8%
Extraordinary & Exceptional Items 20,334	(38,623)	(241,270)	(98,022)	(106,943)
IMPORTANT RATIOS				
Return on Sales 3.50%	4.2%	3.7%	3.4%	3.4%
Equity/Debt Ratio 2.40 :1	2.62 :1	3.26	3.10 :1	3.05 :1
Current Assets Ratio 1.17 :1	1.37 :1	1.31	1.21 :1	1.19 :1
Return on Equity 15.40%	13.8%	13.4%	13.1%	13.3%
PBT/Sales 5.20%	5.9%	5.1%	4.8%	5.1%
Dividend Cover - times 11.54	7.23	8.97	7.97	14.81

Shareholders Equity per Stock unit	25.03	22.07	23.62	29.47
26.21				
Earnings Per Share	3.25	2.80	2.47	2.29
2.07				
Net Profit after tax per employee - US\$	7.48	6.80	4.98	4.29
4.14				
No. of employees	2,220	2,233	2,720	2,714
2,656				
Closing Stock Price - Jamaica : JA\$	23.50	20.40	19.90	13.30
11.60				
Closing Stock Price - Trinidad & Tobago : TT\$	3.50	3.30		
Closing Stock Price - Barbados : BD\$	1.20	_		
P.E. Ratio	7.23	7.28	8.04	5.82
5.61				