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	2001 £m	2000 Restated £m	1999 £m	1998 £m	1997 £m
Turnover	1,247.0	1,596.1	1,679.5	2,082.9	2,358.5
Operating profit before exceptional items	68.4	87.3	92.7	115.8	135.6
Exceptional items	(32.5)	(36.9)	(77.1)	(28.9)	(47.9)
Less: prior year provision	–	–	–	1.6	–
Operating profit	35.9	50.4	15.6	88.5	87.7
Other exceptional items	(13.2)	(81.2)	86.9	(18.1)	(19.6)
Profit/(loss) before interest and associated companies	22.7	(30.8)	102.5	70.4	68.1
Share of profits of associated companies	0.6	0.6	(0.4)	(0.4)	(0.5)
Amounts written off investments	–	–	(16.8)	–	–
Net interest	(10.5)	(20.1)	(21.7)	(34.5)	(34.3)
Other finance income	10.2	19.2	–	–	–
Profit/(loss) before taxation	23.0	(31.1)	63.6	35.5	33.3
Taxation	(11.1)	(16.8)	(31.3)	(56.2)	(23.6)
Profit/(loss) after taxation	11.9	(47.9)	32.3	(20.7)	9.7
Preference dividends and minority interests	(2.0)	(15.5)	(3.7)	(5.9)	(9.7)
Profit/(loss) attributable to Ordinary shareholders	9.9	(63.4)	28.6	(26.6)	–
Ordinary dividends	(21.1)	(21.1)	(21.1)	(20.9)	(33.1)
(Loss)/profit retained	(11.2)	(84.5)	7.5	(47.5)	(33.1)
Basic earnings/(loss) per Ordinary share	1.4p	(9.0)p	4.1p	(3.8)p	nil
Headline earnings/(loss) per share	2.8p	3.9p	(4.3)p	(1.4)p	2.8p
Dividends per Ordinary share (conventional equivalent)	3.0p	3.0p	3.0p	3.0p	4.7p
Goodwill, fixed assets and investments	455.9	485.0	540.1	626.6	637.5
Net current assets	275.1	298.4	574.4	472.7	527.0
Total assets less current liabilities	731.0	783.4	1,114.5	1,099.3	1,164.5
Creditors due after more than one year	(82.5)	(88.1)	(210.4)	(269.0)	(294.7)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	(37.8)	(56.3)	(128.1)	(120.8)	(114.0)
Net pension (liabilities)	(2.2)	(3.8)	–	–	–
Net assets	608.5	635.2	776.0	709.5	755.8
Net debt	128.1	148.2	125.1	320.8	361.9
Net asset value per Ordinary share	74.9p	77.1p	99.0p	88.9p	94.6p
Net gearing including convertible debt	21.1%	23.3%	16.1%	45.2%	47.9%
Cash inflow from normal operating activities	114.4	113.2	158.5	222.9	210.3
Net cash inflow from operating activities	86.9	73.3	118.4	187.1	177.3
Decrease/(increase) in net debt	20.1	(23.1)	195.7	41.1	(67.4)
Free cash flow	35.5	1.3	40.9	61.2	(8.8)

Note

2001 and 2000 figures above have been presented after adjustment for the adoption of FRS17 – Retirement Benefits. The information required to restate earlier years is not available.