Financial Highlights

	2000	1999
S\$ Million		
Consolidated Profit and Loss Account		
Year ended 31 March		
Turnover	531.3	464.5
Profit before income tax	25.5	28.7
Extraordinary items	2.3	5.6
Profit after income tax, extraordinary items		
and minority interests	19.8	20.6
Basic earnings per share of S\$0.80 each (cents)		
– Before extraordinary items	21.38	25.27
– After extraordinary items	19.15	19.89
Tax-exempt dividend (cents per share of S\$0.80 each)	9.0	11.0
Consolidated Balance Sheet At 31 March		
Shareholders' funds	278.5	265.3
Total assets	654.5	587.8
Capital expenditure	46.5	40.9
Ratios		
Current assets: Current liabilities (ratio)	1.1	1.8
Inventory turnover period (months)	2.9	3.1
Net bank borrowings: Equity (ratio)	0.6	0.5
Other Information		
Number of employees		
Subsidiaries	7,000	6,600
Associates	970	920
Total floor area (sq.m.)		
Subsidiaries	154,000	146,000
Associates	25,000	36,000

Certain comparative numbers were amended in view of the prior year adjustment made.

