

Notes forming part of the Company financial statements

i Accounting policies

Accounting convention

The Company financial statements are prepared under UK GAAP and the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of investments in subsidiary undertakings. The Company has prepared its financial statements on a going concern basis, see page 48.

Subsidiary undertakings and joint ventures

Shares in subsidiary undertakings are valued at amounts equal to their original cost and any subsequent movement in the revaluation reserve of those subsidiaries, thus reflecting in the Company's balance sheet the surplus arising from the revaluation and the sale of investments and investment properties of those subsidiaries.

Accounting policies for share-based payments, deferred tax, financial instruments and convertible bonds are the same as those of the Group and are set out on pages 68 to 70.

ii Loss attributable to members of the parent undertaking

As permitted by section 230(1)(b) Companies Act 1985, the Company has not presented its own profit and loss account. The loss dealt with in the accounts of the Company was £15.0 million (2008: loss of £19.9 million). The employees of the Company are the directors and the company secretary, full disclosure of the directors remuneration can be found on pages 55 to 62.

iii Fixed asset investments

	Investment in joint ventures £m	Shares in subsidiary undertakings £m	Loans to subsidiary undertakings £m	Total £m
At 1 April 2008	0.1	1,306.0	330.7	1,636.8
Deficit on revaluation	(0.1)	(489.1)	–	(489.2)
At 31 March 2009	–	816.9	330.7	1,147.6

Shares in subsidiary undertakings and joint ventures are carried at valuation. The historical cost of the shares in subsidiary undertakings and joint ventures at 31 March 2009 was £531.7 million (2008: £531.7 million).

Were the Company to sell its investments in subsidiary undertakings, an estimated charge of £79.9 million (2008: £216.8 million) would arise. However, the Company has no intention of selling any of its investments in the foreseeable future.

The Company owns, directly or through subsidiary undertakings, all of the ordinary issued share capital of the following principal subsidiary undertakings, all of which are incorporated in England and operate in the United Kingdom:

	Principal activity		Principal activity
B & H S Management Limited	Property management	G.P.E. (Hanover Square) Limited*	Property investment
Collin Estates Limited	Property investment	G.P.E. (New Bond Street) LLP†	Property investment
Courtana Investments Limited	Property investment	G.P.E. (61 St. Mary Axe) Limited	Property investment
G.P.E. (Bermondsey Street) Limited	Property investment	G.P.E. (St. Thomas Street) Limited	Property investment
G.P.E. (80 Bishopsgate) Limited	Property investment	Ilex Limited	Property investment
G.P.E. (88/104 Bishopsgate) Limited	Property investment	J.L.P. Investment Company Limited	Property investment
G.P.E. Construction Limited	Development management	Knighton Estates Limited	Property investment
Foley Street Limited	Property investment	Pontsarn Investments Limited	Property investment

* Held by a subsidiary undertaking.

† The Company owns, through a subsidiary undertaking, 100% of the partnership capital of G.P.E. (New Bond Street) LLP which is registered in England and operates in the United Kingdom.

iv Debtors

	2009 £m	2008 £m
Amounts owed by subsidiary undertakings	161.3	119.3
Amounts owed by joint ventures	–	0.7
Corporation tax	0.7	0.4
Other debtors	–	0.1
Prepayments and accrued income	0.5	0.8
	162.5	121.3

v Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2009 £m	2008 £m
Amounts owed to subsidiary undertakings	361.4	263.8
Amounts owed to joint ventures	114.9	85.9
Other taxes and social security costs	0.1	–
Other creditors	0.6	0.3
Accruals	4.1	4.8
	481.1	354.8

vi Reserves

	Other reserves			Hedging reserve £m	Revaluation reserve £m	Profit and loss account £m
	Capital redemption reserve £m	Acquisition reserve £m	Total £m			
1 April 2008	16.4	8.6	25.0	(3.8)	756.2	109.7
Deficit on revaluation of subsidiaries	–	–	–	–	(489.2)	–
Retained loss for the year	–	–	–	–	–	(36.7)
Fair value of derivatives	–	–	–	(12.6)	–	–
At 31 March 2009	16.4	8.6	25.0	(16.4)	267.0	73.0