

Salient features

For the period ended

	Unaudited 31 March 2007	Unaudited 31 March 2006	Audited 30 September 2006
Selected ratios			
Operating profit margin (%)	16,5	14,2	13,5
Operating profit return on net assets (%)	8,1	25,0	7,7
Return on shareholders' equity (%)	19,7	21,5	29,2
Debt/equity ratio (%)	378,8	39,7	499,8
Interest cover (times)	1,4	9,6	1,9
Effective taxation rate (%)	27,1	30,2	27,6
Share statistics			
<i>Ordinary shares</i>			
Total shares in issue (million)	1 236,8	1 450,0	1 182,4
Weighted average number of shares (million)	1 218,8	1 448,3	1 447,7
Diluted weighted average number of shares (million)	1 385,8	1 482,9	1 509,7
Market price per share (cents)	1 385,0	905,0	1 240,0
Currency conversion guide (R:£)			
Closing exchange rate	14,24	10,88	14,53
Average exchange rate for the period	14,07	11,10	11,90
Average exchange rate from GHG acquisition date (12 May 2006 – 30 September 2006)			13,04