

CAPITAL & COUNTIES GROUP LIMITED

Company No. 2090377

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

30TH JUNE 2000



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**KINGSTON
SMITH**

Chartered Accountants

Capital & Counties Group Limited

Company Information

Directors

L.C. Earl, FFA, FCIB, FFBA, FInstM (Managing)
J.M. Cookson, LLB (Hons)
A.J. Kent
M.D. Lock, FCA, FBIM
R.W. Barrand, FCA

Secretary

R.W. Barrand, FCA

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Capital & Counties Group Limited

Report of the Directors

The directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 30th June 2000.

Principal activity and business review

The company carried on the business of a group holding company. A subsidiary was a member of the Personal Investment Authority during the year under review and carried on the business of independent financial advisers.

The directors were satisfied with the group's result for the year and the financial position at the year end.

Future developments

The directors continually review each and every aspect of the group's affairs to take advantage of opportunities as they arise.

Results and Dividends

The results of the group for the period are set out on page 3.

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend.

Directors

The directors who served the company throughout the year, together with their interests in the shares of the company, at the beginning and end of the year, were as follows:

	Ordinary Shares of £ 1 each		'A' Ordinary Shares of £1 each	
	30th June 2000	30th June 1999	30th June 2000	30th June 1999
L.C. Earl, FFA, FCIB, FFBA, FInstM (Managing)	8,500	8,500	250,000	250,000
J.M. Cookson, LLB (Hons)	500	500	-	-
A.J. Kent	500	500	-	-
M.D. Lock, FCA, FBIM	500	500	-	-
R.W. Barrand, FCA	-	-	-	-

Mr. L.C. Earl also has subsidiary company shareholdings (including family interests) of 2,501 ordinary shares in Capital & Counties (Insurance Consultants) Limited and 25,000 ordinary shares in Capital & Counties (Financial Services) Limited.

Auditors

Kingston Smith have indicated their willingness to continue in office and in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act it is proposed that they be re-appointed auditors to the company for the ensuing year.

On Behalf of the Board

L.C. Earl
Director

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Date: 21/12/00

Capital & Counties Group Limited

Directors' Responsibilities and Report of the Auditors

Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the group and of the profit or loss of the group for that period.

In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently; make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the group and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Auditors' Report to the Members of Capital & Counties Group Limited

We have audited the financial statements on pages 3 to 15 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets, and the accounting policies set out on page 9.

Respective Responsibilities of Directors and Auditors

As described above, the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the group's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Fundamental Uncertainty

In forming our opinion, we have considered the adequacy of the disclosures made in the financial statements concerning a claim amounting to £69,120 against an insurance company included in other debtors. The future settlement of this debt is subject to litigation which could result in the full debt not being recovered. Details of the circumstances relating to this fundamental uncertainty are described in note 9. Our opinion is not qualified in this respect.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the group as at 30th June 2000 and of the profit of the group for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.



Kingston Smith
Chartered Accountants
and Registered Auditors

Devonshire House
60 Goswell Road
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Date: 21st December 2000

Capital & Counties Group Limited
Consolidated Profit and Loss Account
For the year ended 30th June 2000

	Note	Year ended 30th June 2000 £	18 Months ended 30th June 1999 £
Turnover	2	685,166	851,062
Administrative expenses		<u>(594,972)</u>	<u>(777,064)</u>
Operating profit	3	90,194	73,998
Interest payable and similar charges	4	<u>(38,479)</u>	<u>(24,960)</u>
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		51,715	49,038
Taxation	5	<u>(2,898)</u>	<u>(2,512)</u>
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation		48,817	46,526
Minority interests		<u>(12,204)</u>	<u>(11,632)</u>
Profit for the financial year	14	<u><u>36,613</u></u>	<u><u>34,894</u></u>

Capital & Counties Group Limited
Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses
For the year ended 30th June 2000

	Year ended 30th June 2000 £	18 Months ended 30th June 1999 £
Profit for the financial year	36,613	34,894
Depreciation charged against revaluation reserve	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,000)</u>
Total gains and losses recognised since last annual report	<u><u>36,613</u></u>	<u><u>31,894</u></u>

Capital & Counties Group Limited

Consolidated Balance Sheet at 30th June 2000

		2000	1999
	Note	£	£
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	7	39,890	57,972
Current Assets			
Debtors	9	258,586	359,996
Debtors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	9	-	20,000
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>3</u>	<u>29</u>
		258,589	380,025
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(140,818)</u>	<u>(291,803)</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>117,771</u>	<u>88,222</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		157,661	146,194
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	11	(53,654)	(82,004)
Provision for Liabilities and Charges	13	<u>(1,000)</u>	<u>(10,000)</u>
Net Assets		<u><u>103,007</u></u>	<u><u>54,190</u></u>
Capital and Reserves			
Called up share capital	15	260,000	260,000
Capital reserve	14	13,956	13,956
Other reserve	14	7,000	9,000
Profit and loss account	14	<u>(227,231)</u>	<u>(265,844)</u>
Shareholders' Funds		53,725	17,112
Minority interest - equity interest		<u>49,282</u>	<u>37,078</u>
		<u><u>103,007</u></u>	<u><u>54,190</u></u>

Approved by the board on

21 DECEMBER 2000

L.C. Earl

Director

Capital & Counties Group Limited

Company Balance Sheet at 30th June 2000

		2000	1999
	Note	£	£
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	7	7,000	9,000
Investments	8	<u>75,000</u>	<u>75,000</u>
		82,000	84,000
Current Assets			
Debtors	9	104,283	239,835
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
		104,285	239,837
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(126,189)</u>	<u>(235,834)</u>
Net Current (Liabilities)/Assets		<u>(21,904)</u>	<u>4,003</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		60,096	88,003
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	11	<u>(52,799)</u>	<u>(78,706)</u>
Net Assets		<u><u>7,297</u></u>	<u><u>9,297</u></u>
Capital and Reserves			
Called up share capital	15	260,000	260,000
Other reserve	14	7,000	9,000
Profit and loss account	14	<u>(259,703)</u>	<u>(259,703)</u>
Shareholders' Funds		<u><u>7,297</u></u>	<u><u>9,297</u></u>

Approved by the board on

21 December 2000

L.C. Earl

Director

Capital & Counties Group Limited
Consolidated Cash Flow Statement
For the year ended 30th June 2000

	Note	Year ended 30th June 2000		18 Months ended 30th June 1999	
		£	£	£	£
Net Cash Inflow/(Outflow) from Operating Activities	1		109,543		(34,258)
Returns on Investments and Servicing of Finance					
Interest paid		(37,128)		(21,466)	
Interest element of finance lease rentals		<u>(1,351)</u>		<u>(3,494)</u>	
Net Cash Outflow from Returns on Investments and Servicing of Finance			(38,479)		(24,960)
Taxation			(2,512)		-
Capital Expenditure and Financial Investment					
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets		-		(637)	
Proceeds from sale of tangible fixed assets		<u>5,500</u>		<u>2,897</u>	
			<u>5,500</u>		<u>2,260</u>
			74,052		(56,958)
Financing					
Capital element of finance lease rental payments		(12,269)		(11,743)	
Repayment of bank loan		<u>(24,707)</u>		<u>(7,420)</u>	
			<u>(36,976)</u>		<u>(19,163)</u>
Increase/(Decrease) in Cash	3		<u><u>37,076</u></u>		<u><u>(76,121)</u></u>

Capital & Counties Group Limited
Notes to the Consolidated Cash Flow Statement
For the year ended 30th June 2000

1	Reconciliation of Operating Profit to Net Cash Inflow/(Outflow) from Operating Activities	Year ended 30.6.00	18 Months ended 30.6.99
		£	£
	Operating profit	90,194	73,998
	Depreciation charges	14,894	25,379
	Profit on sale of fixed assets	(2,312)	(2,897)
	Decrease/(increase) in debtors	121,410	(123,080)
	Decrease in creditors	(114,643)	(7,658)
	Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	<u>109,543</u>	<u>(34,258)</u>

2	Reconciliation of Net Cash Flow to Movement in Net Debt	Year ended 30.6.00	18 Months ended 30.6.99
		£	£
	Increase/(decrease) in cash in the year	37,077	(76,121)
	Cash outflow from lease financing	12,269	11,743
	Repayment of loan	<u>27,107</u>	<u>7,420</u>
	Change in net debt	76,453	(56,958)
	Net debt at 1st July 1999	<u>(216,253)</u>	<u>(159,295)</u>
	Net debt at 30th June 2000	<u>(139,800)</u>	<u>(216,253)</u>

3	Analysis of Changes in Net Debt	1.7.1999	Cash Flow	Other Changes	30.6.2000
		£	£	£	£
	Cash at bank and in hand	29	(26)	-	3
	Bank overdraft	(98,009)	<u>37,102</u>	-	(60,907)
			37,076		
	Debt due within one year	(24,000)	-	(1,200)	(25,200)
	Debt due after one year	(78,706)	24,707	1,200	(52,799)
	Finance leases	<u>(15,567)</u>	<u>12,269</u>	-	<u>(3,298)</u>
	Total	<u>(216,253)</u>	<u>74,052</u>	-	<u>(142,201)</u>

Capital & Counties Group Limited

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 30th June 2000

1 Accounting Policies

Accounting Basis and Standards

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets, and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

Basis of Consolidation

The group accounts consolidate the accounts of Capital & Counties Group Limited and both its subsidiary undertakings. No profit and loss account is presented for Capital & Counties Group Limited as permitted by section 230 of the Companies Act 1985.

The consolidated profit for the financial year includes a result of £Nil (1999 - £Nil) which is dealt with in the financial statements of the parent company.

Depreciation

Depreciation has been computed to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets over their expected useful lives using the following rates:

Leasehold improvements	over 10 year period of lease
Fixtures and fittings	15% reducing balance
Motor vehicles	25% straight line

Leased Assets

Assets held under finance leases and hire purchase contracts are capitalised in the balance sheet and depreciated over their expected useful lives. The interest element of the rental obligations is charged to the profit and loss account over the period of the lease.

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to income over the lease term.

Deferred Taxation

Deferred tax is accounted for under the liability method in respect of the taxation effects of all timing differences which are expected to reverse in the future, calculated at the rate at which it is estimated that tax will be payable.

Pension Scheme Arrangements

The group operates a defined contribution scheme for the benefit of its employees. Contributions are charged against profits when payable.

2 Turnover

Turnover is attributable to the one principal activity of group which arose wholly in the United Kingdom.

In the case of insurance broking it is not practical to match revenue earned with associated costs, therefore the group recognises commission receivable on the commencement of a policy. Provision is made for the potential cancellation of policies.

Renewal commission is recognised when received.

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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 30th June 2000 (Continued)

3 Operating Profit	Year ended 30.6.2000	18 Months ended 30.6.1999
This is stated after charging:	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	10,943	15,206
Depreciation - owned assets	9,248	10,856
- assets held under finance leases	5,646	14,523
Profit on sale of fixed assets	(2,312)	(2,897)
Operating lease rentals	85,000	97,500
Exceptional costs:		
Legal expenses	<u>-</u>	<u>113,025</u>

The legal expenses were incurred in the prior period as a result of legal action undertaken during the period regarding a dispute with a professional firm acting for the group in negotiations in connection with the occupancy of its premises.

4 Interest Payable and Similar Charges	Year ended 30.6.2000	18 Months ended 30.6.1999
	£	£
Bank overdraft and loan interest	25,086	18,163
Finance lease and hire purchase charges	1,351	3,494
Other interest payable	<u>12,042</u>	<u>3,303</u>
	<u>38,479</u>	<u>24,960</u>

5 Taxation	Year ended 30.6.2000	18 Months ended 30.6.1999
	£	£
UK Corporation tax on income for the current year	1,838	2,512
Adjustment in respect of prior period	<u>1,060</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>2,898</u>	<u>2,512</u>

6 Directors and Employees	Year ended 30.6.2000	18 Months ended 30.6.1999
Staff costs during the year were as follows:	£	£
Wages and salaries	103,894	145,832
Social security costs	10,397	14,361
Pension costs	<u>16,000</u>	<u>13,500</u>
	<u>130,291</u>	<u>173,693</u>

The average monthly number of persons employed by the group, including directors, during the year was 5 (1999 - 6).
Due to the size of the group there is no formal classification of duties.

	£	£
Directors' Emoluments:		
Emoluments	45,300	48,867
Company contributions to money purchase pension schemes	<u>16,000</u>	<u>13,500</u>
	<u>61,300</u>	<u>62,367</u>

Capital & Counties Group Limited
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For the year ended 30th June 2000 (Continued)

7 Tangible Assets	Leasehold Improvements	Fixtures and Fittings	Motor Vehicles	Total
Group Cost or Valuation	£	£	£	£
At 1st July 1999	20,000	192,178	55,708	267,886
Disposals	-	-	(45,878)	(45,878)
At 30th June 2000	<u>20,000</u>	<u>192,178</u>	<u>9,830</u>	<u>222,008</u>
Depreciation				
At 1st July 1999	11,000	155,106	43,808	209,914
Charge for the year	2,000	7,248	5,646	14,894
Disposals	-	-	(42,690)	(42,690)
At 30th June 2000	<u>13,000</u>	<u>162,354</u>	<u>6,764</u>	<u>182,118</u>
Net Book Value				
At 30th June 2000	<u>7,000</u>	<u>29,824</u>	<u>3,066</u>	<u>39,890</u>
At 30th June 1999	<u>9,000</u>	<u>37,072</u>	<u>11,900</u>	<u>57,972</u>

Leasehold improvements were valued by the directors on 1st January 1994 at £20,000.

The net book value of fixed assets of £39,890 (1999 - £57,972) includes an amount of £3,066 (1999 - £11,900) in respect of assets held under finance leases and hire purchase contracts.

8 Investments	Subsidiary Undertakings
Company	£
Cost	
At 1st July 1999 and at 30th June 2000	<u>82,499</u>
Amounts Provided	
At 1st July 1999 and at 30th June 2000	<u>7,499</u>
Net Book Value	
At 30th June 2000	<u>75,000</u>
At 30th June 1999	<u>75,000</u>

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8 Investments (Continued)

The investment in Capital & Counties (Insurance Consultants) Limited was written down to £Nil during the year ended 31st December 1996.

The following details relate to the company's subsidiary undertakings:

Name	Country of Incorporation	Percentage of Ordinary Shares held	Nature of Business
Capital & Counties (Financial Services) Limited	England	75%	Independent financial advisors
Capital & Counties (Insurance Consultants) Limited	England	75%	Insurance consultants

The results for subsidiary companies for the year ended 30th June 2000 were as follows:

	Profit for year £	Aggregate Capital and Reserves £
Capital & Counties (Financial Services) Limited	3,033	107,029
Capital & Counties (Insurance Consultants) Limited	47,784	(188,523)

9 Debtors

	Group		Company	
	2000 £	1999 £	2000 £	1999 £
Amounts falling due within one year:				
Trade debtors	128,692	246,169	-	-
Amounts owed by group undertakings	-	-	53,890	196,052
Other debtors	83,857	72,653	4,356	2,609
Prepayments and accrued income	46,037	41,174	46,037	41,174
	<u>258,586</u>	<u>359,996</u>	<u>104,283</u>	<u>239,835</u>
Amounts falling due after one year:				
Trade debtors	-	20,000	-	-

Included in other debtors is an amount of £69,120 (1999 - £69,120) for commission due in respect of a group pension scheme. Administrative problems with a major insurance company delayed payment of commission and a legal action was instituted. The directors anticipate the favourable resolution of this claim.

Capital & Counties Group Limited
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 30th June 2000 (Continued)

10 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	Group		Company	
	2000	1999	2000	1999
	£	£	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	86,107	122,009	86,107	122,009
Trade creditors	16,293	59,961	7,005	18,773
Other creditors	63	23,151	63	23,151
Corporation tax	2,898	2,512	-	-
Social security and taxation	2,172	4,669	2,172	4,669
Obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts	2,443	12,269	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	30,842	67,232	30,842	67,232
	<u>140,818</u>	<u>291,803</u>	<u>126,189</u>	<u>235,834</u>

11 Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	Group		Company	
	2000	1999	2000	1999
	£	£	£	£
Bank loans	52,799	78,706	52,799	78,706
Obligations under finance lease and hire purchase contracts	855	3,298	-	-
	<u>53,654</u>	<u>82,004</u>	<u>52,799</u>	<u>78,706</u>

12 Analysis of Borrowings	Group		Company	
	2000	1999	2000	1999
	£	£	£	£
Borrowings are repayable as follows:				
Within one year	86,107	122,009	86,107	122,009
In more than one year but not more than two years	25,200	24,000	25,200	24,000
In more than two years but not more than five years	27,599	54,706	27,599	54,706
	<u>138,906</u>	<u>200,715</u>	<u>138,906</u>	<u>200,715</u>

The company has a business loan account repayable by monthly instalments; final payment due 31st December 2002.
Interest is charged at 3% above bank base rate.

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13 Provision for Liabilities and Charges

Provision for the withdrawal of commission on cancelled policies has been made in these financial statements in accordance with the accounting policy described in note 2. The amount provided and the full potential liability are as follows:

	2000 Amount Provided £	2000 Potential Liability £	1999 Amount Provided £	1999 Potential Liability £
Provision for withdrawal of commission	<u>1,000</u>	<u>29,029</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>61,641</u>
Movements on the provision are:			2000 £	1999 £
Balance at 1st July 1999			10,000	10,000
Amount transferred to the profit and loss account in the year			<u>(9,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
Balance at 30th June 2000			<u>1,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>

14 Shareholders' Funds

	Profit and Loss Account £	Capital Reserve £	Revaluation Reserve £	Share Capital £	Total £
Group - 2000					
At 1st July 1999	(265,844)	13,956	9,000	260,000	17,112
Profit for the year	36,613	-	-	-	36,613
Transfer of depreciation charge on leasehold improvements	<u>2,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At 30th June 2000	<u>(227,231)</u>	<u>13,956</u>	<u>7,000</u>	<u>260,000</u>	<u>53,725</u>
Company					
At 1st July 1999	(259,703)	-	9,000	260,000	9,297
Loss for the year	(2,000)	-	-	-	(2,000)
Transfer of depreciation charge on leasehold improvements	<u>2,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At 30th June 2000	<u>(259,703)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,000</u>	<u>260,000</u>	<u>7,297</u>

The movement in shareholders' funds in the previous period are set out below:

	Profit and Loss Account £	Capital Reserve £	Revaluation Reserve £	Share Capital £	Total £
Group - 1999					
At 1st January 1998	(300,738)	13,956	12,000	260,000	(14,782)
Profit for the period	34,894	-	-	-	34,894
Depreciation charge on leasehold improvements	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,000)</u>
At 30th June 1999	<u>(265,844)</u>	<u>13,956</u>	<u>9,000</u>	<u>260,000</u>	<u>17,112</u>
Company					
At 1st January 1998	(259,703)	-	12,000	260,000	12,297
Depreciation charge on leasehold improvements	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,000)</u>
At 30th June 1999	<u>(259,703)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,000</u>	<u>260,000</u>	<u>9,297</u>

Capital & Counties Group Limited
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15 Share Capital

	2000 £	1999 £
Group and Company		
Authorised:		
100,000 £1 Ordinary shares	100,000	100,000
400,000 £1 'A' Ordinary shares	400,000	400,000
	<u>500,000</u>	<u>500,000</u>
Allotted, called up and fully paid:		
10,000 £1 Ordinary shares	10,000	10,000
250,000 £1 'A' Ordinary shares	250,000	250,000
	<u>260,000</u>	<u>260,000</u>

16 Future Financial Commitments

(a) Finance Leases and Hire Purchase Contracts

At 30th June 2000 the group had obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts which are set out below:

	2000 £	1999 £
Gross amount payable:		
Within one year	2,913	13,620
Between two and five years	1,011	3,924
	<u>3,924</u>	<u>17,544</u>
Less: Future finance charges	(626)	(1,977)
	<u>3,298</u>	<u>15,567</u>

(b) Operating Leases

At 30th June 2000 the group had annual commitments under operating leases as set out below:

	Land and Buildings 2000 £	Land and Buildings 1999 £
Operating leases which expire:		
In two to five years	85,000	85,000

(c) Capital Commitments

At 30th June 2000 the group had made commitments to purchase fixed assets to a value of £25,000 (1999 - £25,000).

17 Controlling Party

The controlling party is Mr. L.C. Earl, director, by virtue of his shareholding in the company.

Mr. L.C. Earl has given a personal guarantee to the bank in respect of group bank borrowings.

The company has given written assurances to a subsidiary company Capital & Counties (Insurance Consultants) Limited of its continued financial support for the foreseeable future.

18 Directors' Interests in Transactions

During the year, amounts of £96,500 (1999 - £66,500) were payable in respect of commission to Lawrence Charles Earl & Co., a business in which the director L.C. Earl has a financial interest.

During the year under review expenses of £22,518 (1999 - £16,031) were re-charged to Lawrence Charles Earl & Co.

During the year an amount of £30,000 (1999 - £45,000) was paid in respect of accounting services provided by a firm in which the director R.W. Barrand has a financial interest.