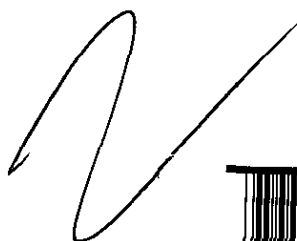


WEIR PUMPS LIMITED

Report and Accounts

29 December 2000



Registered Number 33381

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors submit their annual report together with the audited accounts of the company for the 52 weeks ended 29 December 2000.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The company is principally engaged in the manufacture and sale of pumps and associated equipment in the power, oil & gas, industrial, marine, and water & waste water markets, in addition to supplying hydraulic drilling tools for the oil industry, and stainless steel and duplex castings. The company's service division provides both spares and service for the company's products as well as refurbishing a wide range of turbo machinery and other rotating equipment.

RESULTS AND DIVIDEND

The profit for the year after tax amounted to £7,544,000. During the year an interim dividend of £4,840,000 was paid. The directors recommend that no further dividend be paid, leaving a transfer to reserves of £2,704,000.

REVIEW AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

Trading conditions remain difficult in both the UK and Overseas. The company believes that it has a sound base from which to operate in future market conditions.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The directors of the company at the date of this report are :

D A M Dunbar	Chairman
J K Frew	Managing Director - Weir Pumps
P T Syme	Managing Director - Weir Engineering Services
G M Bibby	
J F Hood	
M B Leiper	(retired March 2000)
J A Montgomery	
D Woodley	

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS

No director had during or at the end of the year any material interest in any contract of significance in relation to the company's business.

Particulars of the interests of the directors (except those directors who were also directors of the company's holding company, The Weir Group PLC) in the shares and debentures of The Weir Group PLC and its subsidiaries are set out in note 23 to the accounts.

SUPPLIER PAYMENT POLICY

Payment terms vary according to the terms of trade with each supplier. Payment dates are then established according to the date of delivery of goods or provision of services and receipt of correct invoice.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Expenditure on research and development was directed to the ongoing development of advanced technology pumping plant for the oil industry, and to the expansion and efficiency improvements of existing product ranges.

EMPLOYEE INVOLVEMENT

During the year the company has continued arrangements whereby it periodically makes presentations to employees on the performance of the company and its objectives in the context of both internal and external economic factors.

The company has also continued to encourage employee participation in the company through The Weir Group Savings Related Share Option Scheme which was introduced in 1982.

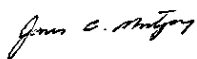
EMPLOYMENT OF DISABLED PERSONS

The company's policy is to give full and fair consideration to employment applications from disabled persons who have the necessary aptitudes and abilities to perform the job in question. Where a person becomes disabled while employed by the company, arrangements are made wherever practicable to continue employment by identifying where available a job suitable to that person's capabilities and providing any necessary retraining. It is also the policy of the company to encourage the career development of disabled persons having regard to the particular abilities and skills of the individual concerned.

AUDITORS

A resolution to reappoint Ernst & Young as the Company's auditors will be put to the forthcoming Annual General Meeting. Ernst & Young has stated that, during 2001, it is intending to transfer its business to a limited liability partnership incorporated under The Limited Liability Partnerships Act 2000 to be called Ernst & Young LLP. If this happens, it is the current intention of the Directors to use their statutory powers to treat the appointment of Ernst & Young as extending to Ernst & Young LLP.

On behalf of the Board



J A Montgomery
Director and Secretary

12 March 2001

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE
ACCOUNTS

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for the period. In preparing those accounts, the directors are required to select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently, make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent, state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed and prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors confirm that the accounts comply with the above requirements.

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

**REPORT OF THE AUDITORS
to the members of Weir Pumps Limited**

We have audited the accounts on pages 5 to 18 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 pages 7 and 8.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 3 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of accounts in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those accounts and to report our opinion to you. Our responsibilities, as independent auditors, are established in the United Kingdom by statute, the Auditing Practices Board and by our profession's ethical guidance.

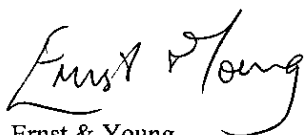
Basis of opinion

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 accounts. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the accounts, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company'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 accounts are free from material mis-statement, 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 accounts.

Opinion

In our opinion the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company at 29 December 2000 and of its profit for the period then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.



Ernst & Young
Registered Auditor
Glasgow

12 March 2001

Weir Pumps Limited

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT for the 52 weeks ended 29 December 2000

	<i>Notes</i>	<i>2000</i> <i>£000</i>	<i>1999</i> <i>£000</i>
TURNOVER	2	156,392	167,095
OPERATING PROFIT	3	10,649	14,788
Interest payable less receivable	4	595	756
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAX		10,054	14,032
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	5	2,510	4,208
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAX		7,544	9,824
Dividends - interim paid		4,840	6,753
- final proposed		-	-
	17	2,704	3,071

STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES for 52 weeks ended 29 December 2000

There are no recognised gains or losses other than the profit on ordinary activities after tax of £7,544,000 in the 52 weeks ended 29 December 2000 and of £9,824,000 in the 52 weeks ended 1 January 2000.

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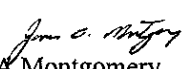
BALANCE SHEET

at 29 December 2000

	Notes	2000 £000	1999 £000
FIXED ASSETS			
Intangible assets	7	-	-
Tangible assets	8	17,299	17,875
Investment in subsidiary company		2,421	2,421
		<u>19,720</u>	<u>20,296</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	9	10,434	21,962
Debtors	10	71,474	59,087
Loan		1,343	1,343
Amounts owed by group companies	11	7,631	2,786
Cash at bank and in hand		891	1,166
		<u>91,773</u>	<u>86,344</u>
CREDITORS : amounts falling due within one year			
Bank overdraft		13,013	11,028
Other creditors	12	41,126	44,265
Amounts owed to group companies	13	2,993	2,445
		<u>57,132</u>	<u>57,738</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>34,641</u>	<u>28,606</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>54,361</u>	<u>48,902</u>
CREDITORS : amounts falling due after more than one year			
Loans from group companies	14	7,009	5,000
Obligations under finance leases	20	-	-
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES			
Pension costs		-	-
Deferred tax	5	1,051	930
Other provisions	15	2,869	2,197
ACCRUALS AND DEFERRED INCOME			
Deferred government grants		447	494
		<u>11,376</u>	<u>8,621</u>
		<u>42,985</u>	<u>40,281</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	16	7,413	7,413
Share premium account	17	1,966	1,966
Revaluation reserve	17	3,176	3,330
Profit and loss account	17	30,430	27,572
		<u>42,985</u>	<u>40,281</u>


D A M Dunbar

Director


J A Montgomery

Director

12 March 2001

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention modified to include the revaluation of certain land and buildings. The accounts are prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

Fixed assets

Intangible

Intangible assets are amortised through the profit and loss account by equal annual instalments over the estimate of their useful economic lives.

Tangible

Freehold land and buildings are stated at valuation in 1978 with subsequent additions at cost. Other fixed assets are stated at cost. Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost or valuation of each tangible fixed asset over its estimated useful life by equal annual instalments, at the following rates:

Freehold land	Nil
Freehold buildings	2.5%
Plant and equipment	5% to 25%

Government grants

Grants related to expenditure on tangible assets are credited to profit at the same rate as the depreciation on the assets to which the grants relate. The grants shown in the balance sheet consist of the total grants receivable to date, less the amounts so far credited to profit.

Grants of a revenue nature are credited to income in the period to which they relate.

Stocks

Stocks of raw materials, components and short term work-in-progress are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Provision is made for all foreseeable losses and, in the case of stocks of raw materials and components, due allowance is made for obsolete and slow moving items. Claims for progress payments received and receivable are deducted from the value of work-in-progress, or, to the extent that they exceed cost or net realisable value, are disclosed separately under other creditors as payments received on account.

Cost comprises direct materials, on a first-in, first-out basis, and direct labour plus attributable production overheads based on a normal level of activity. Net realisable value is based on estimated selling price less anticipated costs to disposal.

Contracts

A contract is defined as short term where the supply is completed within one year. The supply of separately identifiable entities under a contract is regarded as the completion of these entities under separate contracts. When these entities are completed, the amounts which are receivable including related profit, but which are not yet due in terms of contracts with customers, are separately disclosed as completed contract work.

Retentions on work completed are included in trade debtors.

Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currency are translated at the rate ruling on the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at rates ruling at the balance sheet date. Differences on exchange are taken to profit and loss account.

Experimental and product development expenditure

Experimental and product development expenditure is written off in the year in which it is incurred.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

at 29 December 2000

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Leasing

Assets obtained under finance leases are capitalised in the balance sheet and depreciated over their useful lives.

The interest element of the rental obligations is charged to profit and loss account over the period of the lease and represents a constant proportion of the balance of capital repayments outstanding.

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to income on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Deferred tax

Deferred tax is provided on 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. Advance corporation tax is written off except where recovery is assumed beyond reasonable doubt.

Deferred tax assets are only recognised if recovery without replacement by equivalent debit balances is reasonably certain.

Pensions

The company and other major group companies operate defined benefit pension schemes that are set up under separate trusts or through insurance companies. The funding policy adopted is to ensure that there are sufficient assets to cover future liabilities for benefits and the payment of contributions is based on the advice of an independent qualified actuary. Pension costs are charged to profit and loss accounts over the service lives of employees in the scheme and are assessed in accordance with the advice of the actuary. The excess of accumulated pension costs over the contributions paid is shown as a pension provision in the balance sheet. In each year interest is added to the provision and charged through the profit and loss account.

Cash flow

The company is exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement under FRS1 (revised) on the grounds that it is a wholly owned subsidiary.

2. TURNOVER AND PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION

Turnover represents the amount invoiced to third parties in respect of goods sold and services provided excluding value added tax. In the case of contracts, it represents the value of work completed during the year.

An analysis of turnover and profit before taxation as required by SSAP 25 by geographical market has not been disclosed. The directors are of the opinion that to disclose such information could be seriously prejudicial to the interests of the company.

Weir Pumps Limited

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS at 29 December 2000

3. PROFIT BEFORE INTEREST AND TAX

	2000 £000	1999 £000
(a) Movement between turnover and profit before interest and tax :		
Turnover	156,392	167,095
Cost of sales	(130,110)	(135,620)
Gross profit	26,282	31,475
Distribution costs	(7,226)	(7,838)
Administrative expenses	(8,547)	(8,844)
Other operating income/(expenditure)	140	(5)
Total operating profit	10,649	14,788
(b) Profit before interest and tax is after charging or (crediting) :		
Depreciation of owned assets	1,936	2,031
Depreciation of assets held under finance leases and hire purchase contracts	490	492
Government grant credits	(140)	(105)
Amounts written off intangible assets	-	56
Gain on disposal of fixed assets	155	48
Auditors' remuneration and expenses - audit services	58	92
- non audit services	86	94
(c) Operating lease rentals :		
The profit before interest and tax is after charging operating lease rentals of	2,320	2,374
of which hire of plant and machinery amounts to	1,337	1,283
(d) Research and development :		
Gross research and development	628	889
Reimbursable from third parties	(188)	(317)
Net cost	440	572

4. INTEREST PAYABLE LESS RECEIVABLE

	2000 £000	1999 £000
Interest payable on borrowings repayable within 5 years :		
Unsecured loan note 2004	338	864
Other	774	152
Finance charges under finance leases	1	15
Less: Interest receivable	1,113	1,031
	518	275
	595	756

Weir Pumps Limited

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS at 29 December 2000

5. TAXATION

	2000 £000	1999 £000
(a) Profit and loss account		
Charge based on the profit for the year :		
Corporation tax at 30% (1999 - 30.25%)	2,189	3,919
Deferred tax	166	(54)
Double tax relief	(102)	473
Overseas tax	198	-
	<u>2,451</u>	<u>4,338</u>
Adjustments in respect of prior years :		
Corporation tax	104	(130)
Deferred tax	(45)	-
	<u>2,510</u>	<u>4,208</u>
(b) Deferred tax		
Accelerated capital allowances	766	920
Other timing differences	285	10
	<u>1,051</u>	<u>930</u>

6. DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES

	2000 No.	1999 No.
Average number of persons employed :		
Direct	956	1,030
Indirect	870	939
	<u>1,826</u>	<u>1,969</u>
	£000	£000
Staff costs :		
Wages and salaries	42,885	43,604
Social security costs (state)	3,206	3,341
Other pension costs (non state)	805	653
	<u>46,896</u>	<u>47,598</u>

Weir Pumps Limited

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at 29 December 2000

6. DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES (continued)

	2000 £000	1999 £000
Pension costs are analysed as follows :		
Group UK Scheme :		
Regular cost	3,522	3,031
Interest on pension costs (prepayment) / provision	(38)	53
Amortisation of surplus	(2,880)	(2,634)
	<u>604</u>	<u>450</u>
Other UK Schemes	201	203
	<u>805</u>	<u>653</u>
Discharged by :		
Cash contributions	1,820	1,716
Pension costs prepayment increase		
Cash flow effect of funding rate	(977)	(1,116)
Interest	(38)	53
	<u>805</u>	<u>653</u>
Pension cost (prepayment) / provision :		
At 1 January 2000	(431)	632
Movement as above	(1,015)	(1,063)
At 29 December 2000	<u>(1,446)</u>	<u>(431)</u>

The company, together with other companies in The Weir Group PLC, operate a group scheme which is a defined benefit pension scheme under which a common group rate applies in respect of contributions payable by all sponsoring employers. Details of the actuarial valuation of the group scheme are contained in the accounts of The Weir Group PLC.

	£000	£000
Aggregate emoluments of directors	<u>658</u>	<u>909</u>
Aggregate compensation for loss of office	<u>31</u>	<u>-</u>
	No.	No.
Number of directors to whom retirement benefits are accruing under :		
Defined benefit schemes	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
Highest paid director :		
Emoluments	<u>£126,220</u>	<u>£146,204</u>
Total accrued pension at 29 December 2000	<u>£56,715</u>	<u>£57,934</u>

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at 29 December 2000

7. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

	£000
Cost of 'Know-how' :	
At 1 January 2000	824
Disposals	(824)
At 29 December 2000	-
Amounts written off :	
At 1 January 2000	824
Disposals	(824)
At 29 December 2000	-
Net book value :	
At 29 December 2000	-
At 1 January 2000	-

8. TANGIBLE ASSETS

	<i>Leasehold land and buildings</i> £000	<i>Freehold land and buildings</i> £000	<i>Plant and equipment</i> £000	<i>Total</i> £000
Cost or valuation :				
At 1 January 2000				
Cost or valuation (1978)	22	14,522	46,806	61,350
Additions	-	99	1,093	1,192
Acquisitions	191	-	3,207	3,398
Disposals	(1)	-	(2,129)	(2,130)
Exchange	2	-	85	87
At 29 December 2000	214	14,621	49,062	63,897
Whereof :				
Cost	214	5,674	49,062	54,950
Valuation (1978)	-	8,947	-	8,947
	214	14,621	49,062	63,897
Aggregate depreciation :				
At 1 January 2000	9	5,587	37,879	43,475
Charge for year	2	351	2,073	2,426
Acquisitions	101	-	2,440	2,541
Disposals	-	-	(1,919)	(1,919)
Exchange	1	-	74	75
At 29 December 2000	113	5,938	40,547	46,598
Net book value :				
At 29 December 2000	101	8,683	8,515	17,299
At 1 January 2000	13	8,935	8,927	17,875

Weir Pumps Limited

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at 29 December 2000

8. TANGIBLE ASSETS (continued)

Included in the amounts for plant and machinery above are the following amounts relating to assets held under finance leases and hire purchase contracts.

	£000
Cost :	
At 1 January 2000	19,682
Additions	-
Disposals	-
At 29 December 2000	19,682
Aggregate depreciation :	
At 1 January 2000	18,274
Charge for year	490
Disposals	-
At 29 December 2000	18,764
Net book value :	
At 29 December 2000	918
At 1 January 2000	1,408

The value of freehold land included in freehold land and buildings amounted at 29 December 2000 to £1,085,000 at cost (1999 - £1,085,000) and to £577,000 at valuation (1999 - £577,000).

On a historical cost basis, freehold land and buildings would have been included at a cost of £9,117,000 (1999 - £9,016,000) less a cumulative provision for depreciation of £4,222,000 (1999 - £3,995,000).

The transitional rules of FRS15 have been adopted for freehold land and buildings which permit the retention of the carrying values at previously revalued amounts. The assets valued in 1978 will not be subject to further revaluation.

9. STOCKS

	2000 £000	1999 £000
The main categories of stocks are :		
Raw materials and components	5,980	6,969
Short term work-in-progress	10,394	16,487
	16,374	23,456
Less : Progress payments received and receivable	5,940	1,494
	10,434	21,962

Weir Pumps Limited

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS at 29 December 2000

10. DEBTORS

	2000 £000	1999 £000
Trade debtors	44,852	33,028
Completed contract work	21,995	22,248
Amounts owed by associates	349	781
Advance corporation tax recoverable	584	584
Other debtors	1,192	1,200
Prepayments and accrued income	1,056	815
Pension costs prepayment	1,446	431
	<u>71,474</u>	<u>59,087</u>

Within the above, £1,446,000 is receivable after more than one year (1999 - £431,000).

11. AMOUNTS OWED BY GROUP COMPANIES

	2000 £000	1999 £000
Fellow subsidiary undertakings	<u>7,631</u>	<u>2,786</u>

12. OTHER CREDITORS

	2000 £000	1999 £000
Payments receivable on account	6,500	7,000
Trade creditors	18,106	23,549
Current corporation tax	555	2,669
Other taxes and social security costs	3,170	2,664
Other creditors	1,155	3,378
Accruals and deferred income	11,638	5,005
	<u>41,126</u>	<u>44,265</u>

13. AMOUNTS OWED TO GROUP COMPANIES

	2000 £000	1999 £000
Parent undertaking	128	-
Fellow subsidiary undertakings	2,865	2,445
	<u>2,993</u>	<u>2,445</u>

Weir Pumps Limited

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

at 29 December 2000

14. LOANS FROM GROUP COMPANIES

	2000 £000	1999 £000
Unsecured :		
6.75% Loan note 2004	5,000	5,000
Others	2,009	-
	<u>7,009</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Repayable between :		
within one year	2,009	-
between one and five years	5,000	5,000
after five years	-	-
	<u>7,009</u>	<u>5,000</u>

The 6.75% unsecured loan note 2004 is repayable on 24 May 2004 but may be renewed from year to year by agreement thereafter.

15. OTHER PROVISIONS

	Warranties £000	Other £000	Total £000
At 1 January 2000	1,905	292	2,197
Additions	698	110	808
Acquisitions	104	363	467
Released - utilised	(45)	(143)	(188)
- unutilised	(267)	(29)	(296)
Disposals	(119)	-	(119)
At 29 December 2000	<u>2,276</u>	<u>593</u>	<u>2,869</u>

Warranty provisions include provisions for expected warranty and contract penalty claims on products sold and services provided. It is expected that all costs related to such claims will have been incurred within five years of the balance sheet date.

Other provisions relate (a) to the relocation of our operations from two service centres (Southampton and East Kilbride) - this element of the provision will be utilised over the remaining terms of the respective leases, and (b) to the reorganisation of Girdlestone Pumps.

16. SHARE CAPITAL

	2000 £000	1999 £000
Authorised :		
Ordinary shares of £1 each	12,500	12,500
Allotted, called up and fully paid :		
Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>7,413</u>	<u>7,413</u>

Weir Pumps Limited

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS at 29 December 2000

17. RESERVES

	<i>Share premium account £000</i>	<i>Revaluation reserve £000</i>	<i>Profit and loss account £000</i>
At 1 January 2000	1,966	3,330	27,572
Amortisation of property revaluation surplus	-	(154)	154
Retained profit for year	-	-	2,704
At 29 December 2000	<u>1,966</u>	<u>3,176</u>	<u>30,430</u>

18. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

	<i>2000 £000</i>	<i>1999 £000</i>
Profit on ordinary activities after tax	7,544	9,824
Dividends	4,840	6,753
	<u>2,704</u>	<u>3,071</u>
Opening shareholders' funds	40,281	37,210
Closing shareholders' funds	<u>42,985</u>	<u>40,281</u>
Shareholders' funds are attributable entirely to equity interests.		

19. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

	<i>2000 £000</i>	<i>1999 £000</i>
As at 29 December 2000 outstanding capital commitments, before deduction of government grants, were as follows :		
Contracted but not provided	<u>218</u>	<u>96</u>

20. LEASING COMMITMENTS

	<i>2000 £000</i>	<i>1999 £000</i>
(a) <i>Finance leases</i>		
As at 29 December 2000 the net obligations under finance leases amounted to	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
of which : payable during 2001 (note 12)	-	-
payable 2002 to 2005	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Weir Pumps Limited

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

at 29 December 2000

20. LEASING COMMITMENTS (continued)

	2000	1999
	£000	£000
(b) <i>Operating leases</i>		
As at 29 December 2000 committed payments for 2001 under operating leases amounted to :		
Buildings	944	662
Other	1,043	1,107
	<u>1,987</u>	<u>1,769</u>
of which payable in respect of commitments ending :		
within one year	403	330
between one and two years	378	435
between two and five years	579	640
after five years	627	364
	<u>1,987</u>	<u>1,769</u>

21. DISPOSALS

	2000	1999
	£000	£000
<i>Net assets disposed :</i>		
Tangible assets	5	-
Stocks	711	-
Debtors	434	-
Creditors	(304)	-
	<u>846</u>	<u>-</u>

On 2 January 2000, the business and net assets of the UK operation of EnviroTech Pumpsystems were transferred to Warman International Limited, another group company.

22. ACQUISITIONS

	2000	1999
	£000	£000
<i>Net (liabilities) acquired :</i>		
Tangible assets	857	-
Stocks	1,847	-
Debtors	2,715	-
Creditors	(4,913)	-
Cash and bank	(1,712)	-
	<u>(1,206)</u>	<u>-</u>

On 4 December 2000, the business and net liabilities of Girdlestone Pumps Limited were transferred from Warman International Limited, another group company, to Weir Pumps Limited.

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23. DIRECTORS' INTERESTS

According to the register kept by the company pursuant to section 325 of the Companies Act 1985 :

- (i) No director had any interest in the share capital of the company.
- (ii) The interests of the directors (except those directors who were also directors of The Weir Group PLC) in the ordinary shares of 12.5p each in The Weir Group PLC were as follows :

	<i>Ordinary shares</i>		<i>Ordinary shares subject to options</i>	
	<i>29.12.00</i>	<i>01.01.00</i>	<i>29.12.00</i>	<i>01.01.00</i>
J K Frew	19,482	15,010	68,544	64,472
P T Syme	-	-	43,019	43,019
G M Bibby	4,439	4,439	81,709	64,587
J F Hood	1,650	1,650	71,350	71,350
J A Montgomery	8,547	8,547	43,038	41,330
D Woodley	34,473	34,473	37,952	37,952

- (iii) During the year ended 29 December 2000, the following options were exercised / lapsed and granted.

	<i>Exercised/lapsed</i>	<i>Granted</i>
J K Frew	4,472	8,544
G M Bibby	2,752	19,874
J A Montgomery	-	1,708

- (iv) No director had any interest in the debenture stocks of The Weir Group PLC or in the shares or loan stock of any other subsidiary of The Weir Group PLC.

24. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

As at 29 December 2000 contingent liabilities outstanding were as follows :

The company has given guarantees in relation to the overdraft facilities extended to The Weir Group PLC and certain subsidiary companies. The net debt of the other companies party to these facilities at 29 December 2000 amounted to £161,466,000 (1999 - £142,685,000).

25. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS 8 from disclosing transactions with related parties that are part of The Weir Group PLC group.

26. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

The directors report that The Weir Group PLC (registered in Scotland) is the company's ultimate parent company. This is the only parent undertaking for which group accounts are drawn up and of which the company is a member. The address from which copies of these accounts are available to the public is : The Weir Group PLC, 149 Newlands Road, Cathcart, GLASGOW, G44 4EX.