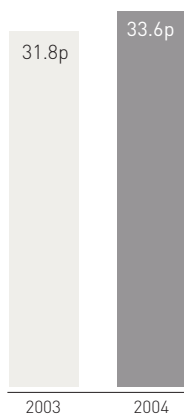


Group Results Summary

for the six months ended 30th September 2004

	Half year to 30th September		% change
	2004	2003	
Statutory Basis:			
Turnover	£2,473m	£2,165m	+14
Profit before tax	£62.0m	£87.6m	-29
Earnings per share	18.5p	27.8p	-33
Before Exceptional Items and Goodwill Amortisation:			
Profit before tax	£103.3m	£97.5m	+6
Earnings per share	33.6p	31.8p	+6
Dividend per share	8.7p	8.2p	+6

Earnings Per Share Before Exceptional Items and Goodwill Amortisation



Interim Dividend

