

## REVIEW STATEMENT BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

In accordance with the requirements of paragraph 39 of Appendix 16 of the Listing Rules, the Audit Committee has reviewed the unaudited Condensed Interim Financial Statements for the six months ended 30 June 2001, including the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group. The Audit Committee has also discussed auditing, internal control and financial reporting matters with the Company's management and its external auditors. The Company's external auditors were engaged by the Audit Committee to perform a review of the unaudited Condensed Interim Financial Statements for the six months ended 30 June 2001. The auditors' review report is set out on page 35.