

Financial Calendar

DATES

19th September 2000

28th September 2000

24th November 2000

17th April 2001

27th April 2001

25th May 2001 to 31st May 2001
(both days inclusive)

31st May 2001

11th July 2001

EVENTS

Announcement of results for the six months ended 30th June 2000

Despatch to shareholders of 2000 interim reports

Payment of 2000 interim dividend in both scrip form and cash

Announcement of results for the year ended 31st December 2000

Despatch to shareholders of annual reports for the year ended 31st December 2000 and circular regarding the proposals for the increase in authorised share capital and the granting of a general mandate to the Directors to repurchase shares

Closure of Register of Members to ascertain entitlements to final dividend for the year ended 31st December 2000

2001 annual general meeting

Payment of 2000 final dividend in both scrip form and cash