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Key Financials

	2003/2004	2002/2003
	£m	£m
Profit before tax	22.5	(4.1)
Earnings per share	6.8p	(4.0)p
Profit before tax and exceptional items*	58.7	48.7
Headline earnings per share*	24.2p	19.2p
Cash flow from operating activities	92.1	59.1

^{*} before exceptional charges of £33.7m (2002/2003 £49.2m) and goodwill amortisation of £2.5m (2002/2003 £3.6m)

Currency – Arrival of the new Dinar...



Cost Reduction Summary

Cash Systems

- Majority of costs taken in 2002/2003
 - £5.2m taken in 2003/2004
 - Benefit of £6m cost savings this year
 - 350 redundancies announced (Feb/Nov 2003)
 - Of total, 330 now completed

Global Services Exit

- £9.1m restructuring charge taken in 2003/2004, substantially cash
- Savings will benefit the Group by approximately £3.0m per annum
- Consolidation of all UK security printing to Dunstable underway
 - Peterborough
 - Byfleet



Stephen King Group Finance Director



Financial Highlights

- Turnover up by 17.1% to £682.5m from £582.7m last year
- Profit before tax, exceptional items and goodwill amortisation of £58.7m* (2002/2003 £48.7m*)
- Strong cash flow performance with net cash inflow from operating activities of £92.1m (2002/2003 £59.1m) aided by significant advance payments from customers; ending year with net cash of £41.1m
- Earnings per share returns to positive of 6.8p (on headline basis an increase of 26.0% to 24.2p)
- Final dividend of 9.8p bring full year dividend to 14.2p (2002/2003 : 13.6p)

^{*} before exceptional charges of £33.7m (2002/2003 £49.2m) and goodwill amortisation of £2.5m (2002/2003 £3.6m)

Security Paper and Print

	2003/200	2003/2004 2002/2003	
	£m	£m	£m
Sales			
Continuing operations	303.6	248.5	55.1
Acquisitions	36.7	-	36.7
	340.3	248.5	91.8
Underlying operating profit*			
Continuing operations	39.0	29.4	9.6
Acquisitions	3.4	-	3.4
	42.4	29.4	13.0

^{*} before exceptional items of £10.0m (2002/2003 : £19.9m) and amortisation of negative goodwill £0.5m (2002/2003 : £0.2m)

- Exceptional Iraq banknote order
- Significantly higher volumes in both banknote paper and printing
- Improved trading in Security Products
- Successfully integrated Bank of England printing works

Cash Systems

	2003/2004	2002/2003	change
	£m	£m	£m
Sales	302.6	310.9	(8.3)
Underlying operating profit*	8.8	11.8	(3.0)

- Market conditions similar to end of last year
- Operating profits ahead of original expectations
- Increased pension charges and adverse foreign exchange
- Earlier than anticipated benefit from the cost reduction programmes
- Teller automation products remain a core strength
- Service business remains strong

^{*} before exceptional items of £11.3m (2002/2003 £26.5m) and goodwill amortisation of £2.6m (2002/2003 £3.3m)

Sequoia Voting Systems

	2003/2004 £m	2002/2003 £m	change
Sales	44.2	25.2	19.0
Underlying operating loss*	(1.9)	(2.6)	0.7

^{*}before exceptional items of £12.6m (2002/2003 £2.8m) and goodwill amortisation of £0.4m (2002/2003 £0.5m)

- Intense price competition continues
- Recent events in State of California illustrates extreme market difficulties
- 2004/2005 coincides with Presidential Election year low machine sales
- Outlook for 2004/2005 for significantly increased losses
- Immediate focus on supporting our customer base through the elections

Associates

	2003/04	2002/03	
	£m	£m	
Profit before interest and tax	10.0	9.2	

- Main associate is Camelot, UK national lottery operator
 - During the year Camelot launched new Daily Play and EuroMillions draw games
 - Launched ability for internet purchase of Lotto and Daily Play games in December 2003

Exceptional Items

	Cash	Non Cash	Total
	£m	£m	£m
Security Paper and Print			
Reorganisation Costs			
Security Products	0.9	-	0.9
Global Services	7.8	1.3	9.1
Cash Systems			
Reorganisation Costs	5.2	-	5.2
ATS Money Systems goodwill impairment	-	6.1	6.1
Sequoia goodwill impairment	-	12.6	12.6
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	-	(0.2)	(0.2)
	13.9	19.8	33.7

Restructuring Costs & Benefits

Cost Savings – yea	r of benefit	Cash Systems £m	Security Paper & Print £m	Total £m
	2002/2003	-	3.0	3.0
	2003/2004	6.0	7.0	13.0
	2004/2005	3.0	3.0	6.0
Annualised Total		9.0	13.0	22.0
Cash Costs - year o	of spend			
	2002/2003	(2.7)	(12.9)	(15.6)
	2003/2004	(9.8)	(4.6)	(14.4)
	2004/2005	(0.7)	(7.8)	(8.5)
		(13.2)	(25.3)	(38.5)

Earnings per Share

	2003/04	2002/03
	р 6.8	(4.0)
As calculated under FRS 14		(- /
(Profit)/ loss on disposal of fixed assets	(0.1)	0.2
Amortisation of goodwill	11.7	10.4
Loss of impairment on investment	-	0.7
Headline earnings per share as defined by IIMR	18.4	7.3
Reorganisation costs	5.8	11.9
Headline earnings per share before reorganisation costs	24.2	19.2

The EPS of 6.8p as calculated under FRS14 is the £12.1m profit for the period divided by 177,032,098 shares in issue

Cash flow

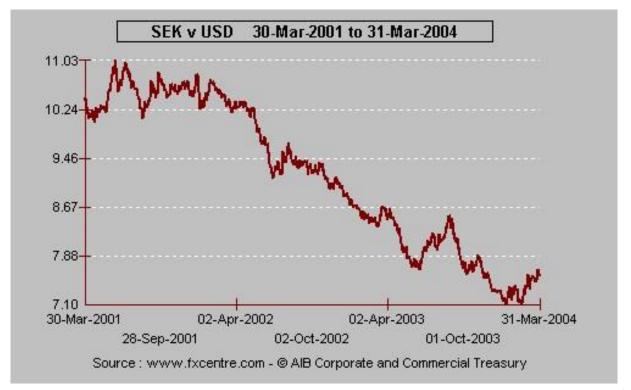
	2003/04 £m	2002/03 £m
Cash flow from Operating Activities	92.1	59.1
Interest and minority dividends	(1.5)	(1.1)
Taxation	(11.2)	(3.7)
Capital expenditure	(33.3)	(21.3)
Equity dividends paid	(24.1)	(33.3)
Share buy back	-	(38.0)
Acquisitions and disposals	(5.1)	(33.4)
Sale of investments/fixed assets	1.5	17.6
Associate dividends received	7.2	9.0
Share capital issued	2.5	1.1
Exchange	4.8	2.2
Cash inflow / (outflow)	32.9	<u>(41.8)</u>
Net cash	41.1	8.2

Pensions

- Triennial review was assessed at 6 April 2003
 - Deficit approximately £40m
 - Improvement in equity markets together with structural changes announced today means Scheme broadly fully funded
- Net charge to P&L under SSAP 24 in current year was £9.9m (2002/2003 £1.9m when amortising surplus)
 - Similar charge to operating profit under FRS 17
- Review of UK pension scheme arrangements completed
 - Increased bond investments
 - Final Salary Section closed to new entrants
 - Increased employee contributions of 2% of pensionable salary
 - Two stage implementation 1% July 2004, 1% April 2005

Foreign Exchange

 Foreign Exchange impact in 2003/2004 compared to 2002/2003 was £5.6m



 Outlook is significant adverse impact in 2004/2005 – approximately £8.0m

Summary



- 2004/2005, but full year will not achieve exceptional volumes experienced in second half of 2003/2004
- Full year benefits from the restructuring programmes in both Cash Systems and Security Products in 2004/2005
 - In Cash Systems benefits mitigated by foreign exchange
- Very difficult trading during Presidential election year for Sequoia
- Given strong position in which Currency enters the year the Board remains confident about the outlook for the Group



