

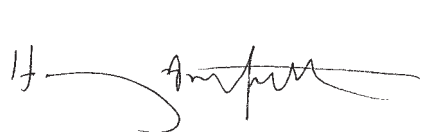
Balance sheet of the parent company

31 December 2008

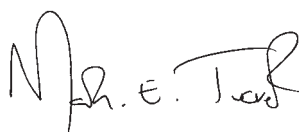
	Note	2008 £m	2007* £m
Fixed assets			
Investments:			
Shares in subsidiary undertakings	4	7,193	7,170
Loans to subsidiary undertakings	4	3,212	2,809
		10,405	9,979
Current assets			
Debtors:			
Derivative assets	7	267	10
Amounts owed by subsidiary undertakings		1,986	3,291
Deferred tax		111	–
Other debtors		11	25
Cash at bank and in hand		102	178
		2,477	3,504
Less liabilities: amounts falling due within one year			
Debture loans	6	(249)	–
Commercial paper	6	(1,269)	(2,422)
Other borrowings	6	(200)	(48)
Derivative liabilities	7	(235)	(144)
Amounts owed to subsidiary undertakings		(3,341)	(2,455)
Tax payable		(311)	(332)
Sundry creditors		(19)	(6)
Accruals and deferred income		(44)	(44)
		(5,668)	(5,451)
Net current liabilities		(3,191)	(1,947)
Total assets less current liabilities		7,214	8,032
Less liabilities: amounts falling due after more than one year			
Subordinated liabilities	6	(1,983)	(1,566)
Debture loans	6	(549)	(797)
Other borrowings	6	(9)	(7)
Amounts owed to subsidiary undertakings		(1,464)	(2,643)
		(4,005)	(5,013)
Total net assets (excluding pension)		3,209	3,019
Pension asset (net of related deferred tax)	8	36	117
Total net assets (including pension)		3,245	3,136
Capital and reserves			
Share capital	9	125	123
Share premium	9	1,840	1,828
Profit and loss account	10	1,280	1,185
Shareholders' funds	10	3,245	3,136

* The Company has adopted the principles of UITF 44 in accounting for share-based payments, with consequential changes to the 2007 comparative figures. Note 2 explains the effect of the change.

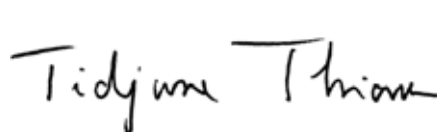
The financial statements of the parent company on pages 306 to 315 were approved by the Board of directors on 18 March 2009.



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