

Consolidated cash flow statement

for the six months ended 30 September 2006 (unaudited)

	Notes	Six months to 30 Sept 2006 £m	Six months to 30 Sept 2005 £m	Year to 31 Mar 2006 £m
Cash flows from operating activities				
Cash (used in)/generated from operations	9	(7.3)	29.3	111.7
Interest received		4.5	3.7	7.6
Interest paid		(1.0)	(1.3)	(2.4)
Tax received/(paid)		0.1	(2.5)	(10.9)
Net cash (used in)/generated from operating activities		(3.7)	29.2	106.0
Cash flows from investing activities				
Dividends received from Joint Ventures		0.2	2.6	3.7
Investment in Metronet		(5.3)	(5.6)	(11.2)
Acquisition of subsidiaries	12			
– Consideration		(11.4)	–	(4.9)
– Cash acquired		2.5	–	(0.2)
Purchases of property, plant and equipment		(8.6)	(6.0)	(20.4)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment		0.3	0.3	0.5
Proceeds from disposal of Joint Ventures		–	–	9.2
Financial assets		(6.4)	(13.7)	(9.6)
Purchases of other intangible assets		(5.1)	(4.3)	(8.3)
Net cash used in investing activities		(33.8)	(26.7)	(41.2)
Cash flows from financing activities				
Repayment of short-term loans		(2.7)	–	–
Long-term loans		–	11.7	12.5
Repayment of long-term loans		(1.4)	–	(1.1)
Finance lease principal payments		(1.9)	(1.2)	(3.2)
Sales of own shares by Employee Benefit Trusts		0.1	0.1	1.3
Equity dividends paid to shareholders		(11.1)	(7.8)	(12.4)
Net cash (used in)/generated from financing activities		(17.0)	2.8	(2.9)
Effects of exchange rate changes		(2.5)	0.2	0.9
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		(57.0)	5.5	62.8
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		177.4	114.6	114.6
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	10	120.4	120.1	177.4

The notes on pages 13 to 22 form part of the interim financial information.