

Notes	2004 £m	2003 £m
27 Net cash inflow from operating activities	107.1	84.6
Dividends received from joint ventures and associated undertakings	4.0	2.1
Returns on investments and servicing of finance		
Interest received	27.4	20.5
Interest paid	(19.6)	(18.2)
Dividends paid to minority shareholders	–	(1.3)
Dividends paid to non-equity shareholders	(0.4)	(0.6)
Income from other fixed asset investments	5.6	5.4
Net cash inflow from returns on investments and servicing of finance	13.0	5.8
Taxation		
UK corporation tax received	1.0	8.9
Overseas tax paid	(11.0)	(0.5)
Taxation (paid)/received	(10.0)	8.4
Capital expenditure and financial investment		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(8.5)	(6.9)
Proceeds from sale of tangible fixed assets	1.9	–
Proceeds from sale of investments	3.0	10.3
Increase in investments	–	(5.4)
Investment in own shares – ESOP	(4.1)	–
Net cash outflow from capital expenditure and financial investment	(7.7)	(2.0)
Acquisitions and disposals		
Purchase of subsidiary undertakings and businesses	(199.9)	(138.3)
Net cash acquired with subsidiary undertakings and businesses	9.7	8.4
Investments in joint ventures and associated undertakings	(1.7)	–
Net cash outflow from acquisitions and disposals	(191.9)	(129.9)
Equity dividends paid to shareholders	(31.2)	(24.4)
Net cash outflow before use of liquid resources and financing	(116.7)	(55.4)
Management of liquid resources		
Sale of current asset investments	176.6	134.9
Decrease/(increase) in short term deposits	169.5	(103.3)
Net cash inflow from management of liquid resources	346.1	31.6
Financing		
Proceeds from issue of ordinary share capital	1.5	1.0
Return of capital to shareholders (including costs)	(1.9)	(3.6)
(Decrease)/increase in bank loans	(98.9)	21.1
Repayment of loan notes	–	(1.2)
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from financing	(99.3)	17.3
Increase/(decrease) in cash in the year	130.1	(6.5)
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Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net cash/(debt)		
(Decrease)/increase in cash in the year	130.1	(6.5)
Cash outflow/(inflow) from debt	98.9	(19.9)
Cash inflow from decrease in liquid resources	(346.1)	(31.6)
Changes in net cash/(debt) resulting from cash flows	(117.1)	(58.0)
Other non-cash movements	(1.0)	(2.0)
Translation difference	2.8	13.0
Movement in net cash/(debt) in year	(115.3)	(47.0)
Opening net cash	46.5	93.5
Closing net (debt)/cash	(68.8)	46.5

Liquid resources include term deposits and government and corporate securities.