

Calendar of Financial Events

Announcement of interim results	20 August 1997
End of financial year	31 December 1997
Preliminary announcement of total year results	3 March 1998
Despatch of Summary Financial Report	8 May 1998
Despatch of Annual Report	*29 May 1998
Annual General Meeting	15 June 1998
1997 proposed final dividend	24 to 26 June 1998
Books closure dates	(Both dates inclusive)
Payment date	6 July 1998

End of financial year	31 December 1998
Announcement of interim results	August 1998
Preliminary announcement of full year results	March 1999
Annual General Meeting	June 1999
Proposed final dividend payout date	July 1999

* The Annual Report will be despatched only to those shareholders who have indicated previously that they wish to receive the Annual Report for as long as they are shareholders' or who return their Request Forms by 22 May 1998.