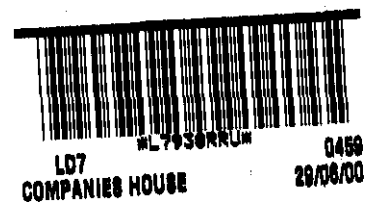


**Grand Metropolitan Public Limited Company**

**Interim Accounts for the period  
1 July 1999 to 31 March 2000**

**Company Registration Number 291848**

**(Produced for the purposes of sections 270 and 272  
of the Companies Act 1985)**



**GRAND METROPOLITAN PLC**

**INTERIM ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 1999 TO 31 MARCH 2000**

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT**

	Notes	Nine months ended 31 March 2000 £m
Operating costs		(30)
Interest income		196
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		166
Taxation on profit of ordinary activities		-
<b>Profit for the period</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>166</b>


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**INTERIM ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 1999 TO 31 MARCH 2000**

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2000**

	<u>Notes</u>	31 March 2000	
		<u>£m</u>	<u>£m</u>
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets			3
Investments			7,114
			<u>7,117</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	2	6,020	
Cash at bank and in hand		69	
		<u>6,089</u>	
<b>Creditors - due within one year</b>			
Borrowings		(1)	
Other creditors	3	(1,331)	
		<u>(1,332)</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>4,757</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>11,874</u>
<b>Provision for liabilities and charges</b>	4		<u>(33)</u>
			<u>11,841</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>	5, 6		
Called up share capital			690
Share premium		8,695	
Other reserves		530	
Profit and loss account		1,926	
		<u>11,151</u>	
Reserves attributable to equity shareholders			<u>11,151</u>
<b>Equity shareholders' funds</b>			<u>11,841</u>

Approved on behalf of the board by:

  
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P.S. Binning  
Director

29 June 2000

**GRAND METROPOLITAN PLC**

**INTERIM ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 1999 TO 31 MARCH 2000**

**STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES**

	£m
Profit for the period attributable to shareholders	166
<b>Total recognised gains and losses</b>	<u>166</u>

**Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds**

	£m
Profit/(loss)for the period	166
Issue of new shares	628
<b>Net increase in shareholders' funds</b>	<u>794</u>
Shareholders' funds at 1 July 1999	11,047
Shareholders' funds at 31 March 2000	<u>11,841</u>

# GRAND METROPOLITAN PLC

## INTERIM ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 1999 TO 31 MARCH 2000

### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

#### 1. Interim accounts

These accounts have been prepared for the purposes of Section 270 and are in accordance with the requirements of Section 272 of the Companies Act 1985.

#### 2. Debtors

	£m
Amounts owed by subsidiary undertakings	5,896
Other debtors	111
Prepayments and accrued income	13
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	6,020
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#### 3. Other creditors - due within one year

	£m
Amounts owed to group undertakings	1,295
Accruals and deferred income	13
Other creditors	23
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	1,331
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#### 4. Provision for liabilities and charges

	£m
Post employment	3
Disposal provisions	15
Other provisions	15
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	33
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**GRAND METROPOLITAN PLC**

**INTERIM ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 1999 TO 31 MARCH 2000**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)**

**5. Called up share capital**

	£m
(a) Authorised share capital	
3,000,000,000 Ordinary shares of 25p each	750
	750
(b) Issued and fully paid	
2,759,143,946 Ordinary shares of 25p each	690
	690

**6. Reserves**

	Share premium account £m	Other reserves £m	Profit and loss account £m	Total shareholders' funds £m
<b>At 1 July 1999</b>	<b>8,067</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>1,760</b>	<b>10,357</b>
Profit for year	-	-	166	166
Issue of new shares	628	-	-	628
<b>At 31 March 2000</b>	<b>8,695</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>1,926</b>	<b>11,151</b>

- (a) Other reserves comprise a merger reserve of £62m, a special reserve of £426m, a preference share redemption reserve of £12m, and an other reserve of £30m. The merger reserve of £62m arose in 1992 on the issue of shares at a premium in connection with an acquisition. The special reserve was created, with shareholder and court approval, in 1998 by a transfer from the share premium account. The other reserve of £30m was created in 1998, with shareholder and court approval, following the cancellation and reissue of the company's shares to Diageo plc. This reserve is distributable on agreement from all the creditors of the company, which were existing at the date of the scheme of agreement, or until such time that these creditors cease to exist.