# IVY HOUSE FOUNDRY, HANLEY, STOKE-ON-TRENT

INTERIM REPORT
31st OCTOBER 2006

### **UNAUDITED INTERIM RESULTS**

#### INTERIM STATEMENT FOR THE HALF YEAR TO 31ST OCTOBER 2006

#### CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

The Group pre-tax profit was £2.8 million for the half year ending 31st October 2006, which represents a 34.2% increase over the same period last year. The half year turnover increased to £30.5 million from £26.9 million.

The weakness of the US dollar versus the strength of sterling continues to be an obstacle to winning business from the USA and the Pacific Basin countries, but it is pleasing to report that the Group still had as at 31st October 2006 a very healthy forward work load for its products at respectable margins and most of this business has been won from the Pacific Basin countries and the USA.

Tight control of cash flow remains a priority because of the Group's increasing levels of activity. The company had as at 31st October 2006 committed to completing the first of two purchases. This purchase will result in a doubling of our vermiculite manufacturing and sales output of insulation products.

J.W.GOODWIN, Chairman 26th January 2007

# GROUP INCOME STATEMENT for the half year ended 31st OCTOBER 2006

	Half year ended 31st October 2006 £'000	Half year ended 31st October 2005 £'000	Year ended 30th April 2006 £'000
TURNOVER - CONTINUING	30,509	26,977	58,180
OPERATING PROFIT BEFORE FINANCIAL EXPENSES	3,108	2,278	5,533
FINANCIAL EXPENSES	(280)	(171)	(401)
PROFIT BEFORE TAX	2,828	2,107	5,132
TAX EXPENSE	(874)	(638)	(1,629)
PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD	1,954	1,469	3,503
ATTRIBUTABLE TO:			
EQUITY HOLDERS OF THE PARENT MINORITY INTEREST	1,901 53 1,954	1,434 35 1,469	3,361 142 3,503
<b>EARNINGS PER ORDINARY SHARE</b> Basic and diluted	26.40p	19.91p	46.68p

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# GROUP BALANCE SHEET at 31st OCTOBER 2006

	year ended	Half year ended	Year ended
	st October	31st October	30th April
	2006	2005	2006
	£'000	£'000	£'000
ASSETS Intangible Assets Property, Plant and Equipment TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS	327	227	354
	12,097	10,948	11,118
	12,424	11,175	11,472
Inventories Trade and Other Receivables Cash TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	12,512	11,716	10,270
	15,216	11,367	13,609
	<u>514</u>	<u>462</u>	545
	28,242	23,545	24,424
TOTAL ASSETS	40,666	34,720	35,896
LIABILITIES Bank Overdrafts Other Interest Bearing Loans and Borrowings Trade and Other Current Payables Tax Payable TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	6,564	4,486	3,569
	396	260	291
	12,532	13,038	12,520
	707	590	842
	20,199	18,374	17,222
NET CURRENT ASSETS	8,043	5,171	7,202
Other Interest Bearing Loans and Borrowings	677	456	520
Deferred Tax	1,429	1,060	1,427
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES	2,106	1,516	1,947
TOTAL LIABILITIES	22,305	19,890	19,169
NET ASSETS	18,361	14,830	16,727
EQUITY Share Capital Retained Earnings Cash Flow Hedge Reserve Overseas Subsidiaries Translation Reserve EQUITY ATTRIBUTABLE TO EQUITY HOLDERS OF PARENT Minority Interests	720	720	720
	16,524	13,696	14,623
	653	158	926
	(23)	(8)	24
	17,874	14,566	16,293
	487	264	434
TOTAL EQUITY	18,361	14,830	16,727

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# GROUP CASH FLOW STATEMENT for the half year ended 31st OCTOBER 2006

	Half year ended 31st October 2006 £'000	Half year ended 31st October 2005 £'000	Year ended 30th April 2006 £'000
CASH FLOWS FROM			
OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Profit for the period	1,954	1,469	3,503
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation	767	732	1,590
Amortisation	26	20	54
Financial Expense	280	171	401
Loss on Sale of Plant & Equipment	8	4	29
Tax Expense	874	638	1,629
OPERATING PROFIT BEFORE CHANGES			
IN WORKING CAPITAL AND PROVISION	,	3,034	7,206
Increase in Trade and Other Receivables	(1,966)	(1,379)	(2,543)
Increase in Inventories	(2,242)	(1,681)	(222)
Increase/(Decrease) in Payments on Accoun (Decrease)/Increase in Trade and Other Paya		(180)	(2,850) 769
		(1,322)	
CASH GENERATED FROM OPERATIONS	()	(1,528)	2,360
Interest Paid	(280)	(171)	(401)
Corporation Tax Paid	(920)	(642)	(1,295)
NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVIT	IES (1,579)	(2,341)	664
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIV	UTIES		
Proceeds from Sale of Plant and Equipment	7	5	31
Acquisition of Plant and Equipment	(1,287)	(739)	(1,595)
Acquisition of Subsidiary Interest	0	(116)	(136)
NET CASH FROM INVESTING ACTIVITI		(850)	(1,700)
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CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIV	/ITIES		
Payment of Capital Element of Finance Lease	Obligations (156)	(175)	(325)
Dividents Paid	-		(1,000)
NET CASH FROM FINANCING ACTIVIT	IES (156)	(175)	(1,325)
	(110)	(***5)	(175=57
NET DECREASE IN CASH AND			
CASH EQUIVALENTS	(3,015)	(3,366)	(2,361)
Opening Cash and Cash Equivalents	(3,024)	(670)	(670)
Effect of Exchange Rate Fluctuations on Cas	h Held <b>(11)</b>	12	7
CLOSING CASH AND CASH EQUIVALE	NTS (6,050)	(4,024)	(3,024)

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# GROUP STATEMENT OF RECOGNISED INCOME & EXPENSE for the half year ended 31st OCTOBER 2006

	Half year ended 31st October 2006 £'000	Half year ended 31st October 2005 £'000	Year ended 30th April 2006 £'000
Foreign Exchange Translation Differences Effective Portion of Changes in Fair Value of Cash Flow Hedges Change in Fair Value of Cash Flow Hedges Transferred to Profit and Loss Tax Recognised on Income and Expenses Recognised Directly in Equity	390	12 (3,854)	(398)
	ecognised (780)	1,156	(2,359) 827
Net Income and Expense Recognised Directin Equity	(320)	(2,686)	(1,886)
Profit for the Period	1,954	1,469	3,503
Total Recognised Income and Expense	1,634	(1,217)	1,617
Total Recognised Income and Expense for t Period is attributable to:	he		
Equity Holders of the Parent Minority Interests	1,581 53	(1,252) 35	1,475 142
	1,634	(1,217)	1,617
Effect of Change in Accounting Policy			
Effect of Adoption of IAS32 and IAS39 Net of Tax on 1st May 2005 on: Cash Flow Hedge Reserve	_	2,856	2,856

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#### NOTES

### 1. Basis of preparation

The income statement for the six months to 31st October 2006 and the balance sheet at that date are reported under IFRS as adopted for use in the European Union and in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. The financial information in these interim financial statements has been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies expected to be used in preparing the annual financial statements for the year ended 30th April 2007, which do not differ significantly from those used for the most recent financial statements.

#### 2. Dividends

The directors do not propose the payment of an interim dividend.

	Half Year	Half Year	Year
	Ended	Ended	Ended
	31st	31st	30th
	October	October	April
	2006	2005	2006
	£′000	£′000	£'000
Equity Dividends:			
Paid Dividend (April 2005 - 13.889p per share)	0	0	(1,000)
Proposed Dividend (April 2006 - 15.278p per share)	0	0	(1,100)

#### 3. Earnings per share

The calculation of the earnings per ordinary share is based on the number of ordinary shares in issue during all periods of 7,200,000 and on the profit for the period attributable to ordinary shareholders of £1,901,000 (31st October 2005 £1,434,000). The company has no share options or diluted earnings per share.

#### 4. Financial Information

The financial information for the six months ended 31st October 2006 and the comparative figures for the six months ended 31st October 2005 have not been audited or reviewed. The summarised financial information in respect of the year ended 30th April 2006 is not the company's statutory accounts for that financial year. Those accounts, which were prepared under IFRS, have been delivered to the Registrar of Companies. The report of the auditors was (i) unqualified; (ii) did not include a reference to any matters to which the auditors drew attention by way of emphasis without qualifying their report, and (iii) did not contain a statement under section 237(2) or section 237(3) of the Companies Act 1985.