Preliminary Results

30 June 2004



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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Turnover at £2,516m *Up* 16%

Operating Profit at £375.6m Up 26%

Pre-tax Profit at £367.7m Up 27%

Earnings per share at 111.4p Up 25%

Final dividend of 14.68p per share Up 19%

Total of 21.58p per share Up 25%



Colin Dearlove





UK LEGAL COMPLETIONS



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	YEAR E	ENDED		
	30.06.04	30.06.03	INCREA	ASE
			No.	%
Private	12713	12165	548	4.5
Housing				
Assoc.	1308	1139	169	14.8
	14021	13304	717	5.4

USA LEGAL COMPLETIONS

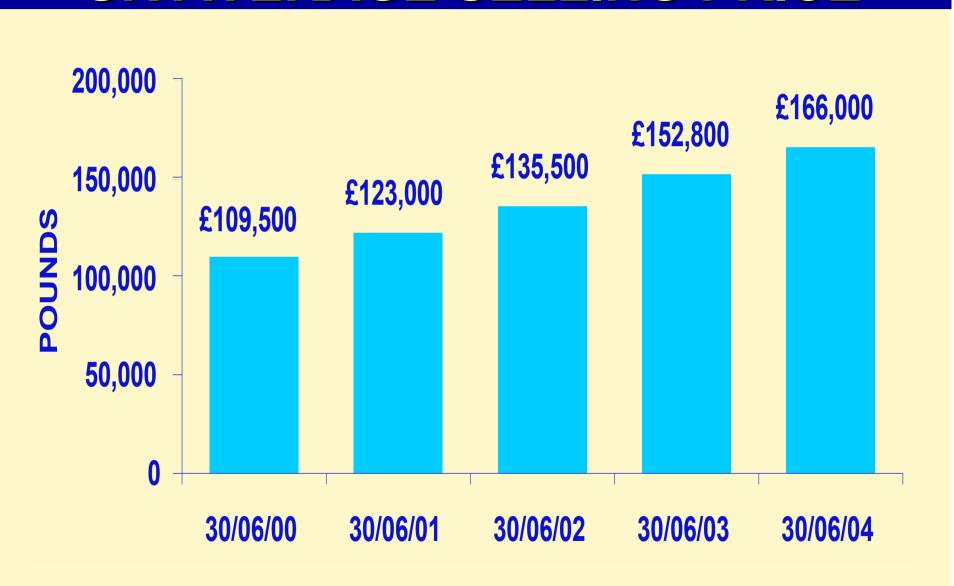
YEAR ENDED

30.06.04 30.06.03 INCREASE

No. No. No. %

702 598 104 17.4

UK AVERAGE SELLING PRICE



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	YEAR I	ENDED	INCREASE/		
	30.06.04 30.06.03		(DECREASE)		
	£	£	£	%	
Private	173,900	158,600	15,300	9.7	
H.A.	89,400	90,600	(1,200)	(1.3)	
	166,000 152,800		13,200	8.6	

USA AVERAGE SELLING PRICE

EXCHANGE

RATE

YEAR I	ENDED		
30.06.04	30.06.03	INCRE	ASE
			%
246,300	211,200	£35,100	16.6
431,000	335,800	\$95,200	28.4
1.75	1.59		

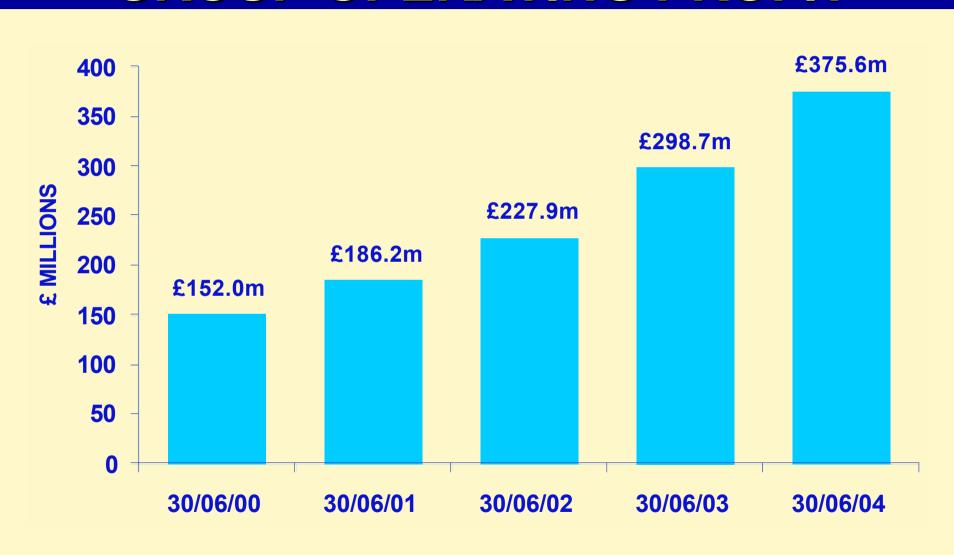
TOTAL TURNOVER



GROUP TURNOVER

	YEAR ENDED					
	30.06.04 30.06.03 INCREASE					
	£M	£M	£M	%		
UK HOUSEBUILD	2327.6	2032.8	294.8	14.5		
UK NON-CORE	15.5	11.9	3.6	30.3		
UK	2343.1	2044.7	298.4	14.6		
USA	172.9	126.3	46.6	36.9		
TOTAL	2516.0	2171.0	345.0	15.9		

GROUP OPERATING PROFIT



OPERATING PROFIT / MARGIN

	YEAR ENDED				
	30.06.04	30.06.03	INCRE	EASE	
	£M	£M	£M	%	
UK HOUSEBUILD	366.4	290.5	75.9	26.1	
USA	18.9	10.7	8.2	76.6	
IMPAIRMENT PROVISION	(7.5)	-	(7.5)	-	
NON-CORE/ CENTRAL O/H	(2.2)	(2.5)	0.3	12.0	
TOTAL	375.6	298.7	76.9	25.7	
UK HOUSEBUILD	15.7%	14.3%		1.4%	
USA	10.9%	8.5%		2.4%	
TOTAL	14.9%	13.8%		1.1%	

FINANCE

YEAR ENDED

30.06.04 30.06.03 (DECREASE)

£M £M £M

CHARGE 7.9 10.0 (2.1)

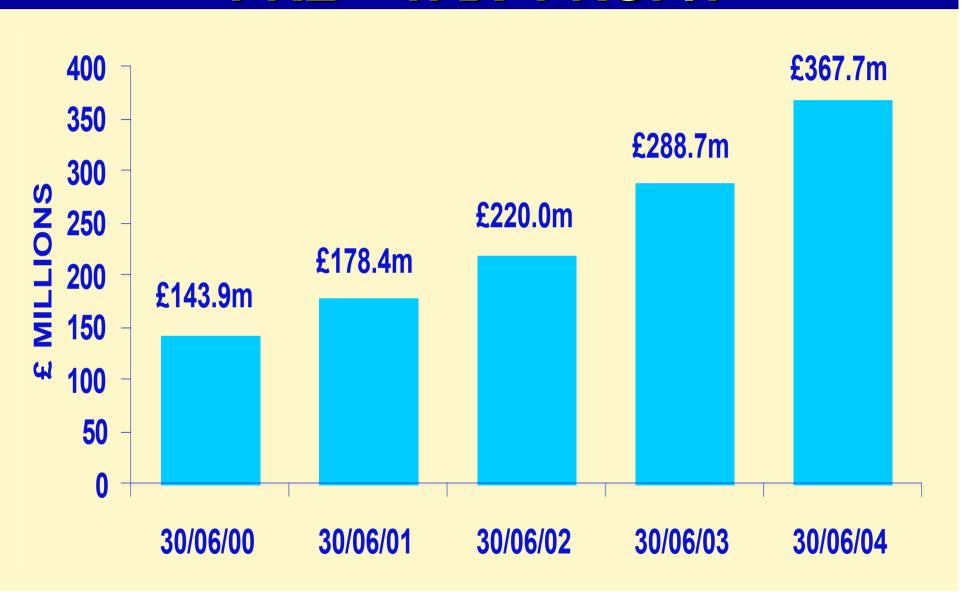
AVERAGE

FUNDING 144.0 204.0 (60.0)

AVERAGE

GEARING 14% 24%

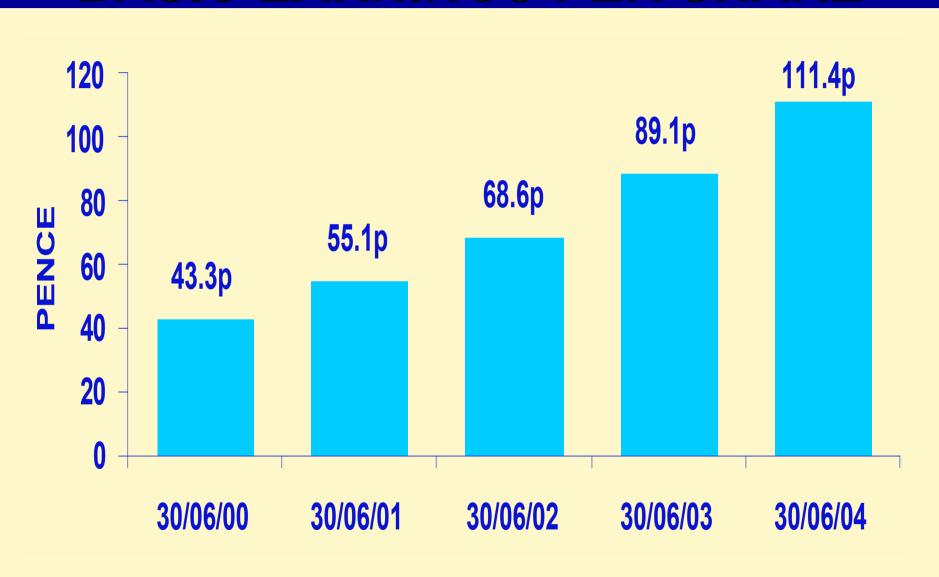
PRE – TAX PROFIT



EARNINGS

YEAR ENDED							
30.06.04 30.06.03 INCREASE							
	£M	£M	£M	%			
PRE TAX PROFIT	367.7	288.7	79.0	27.4			
TAX	107.2	82.3	24.9	30.3			
EARNINGS	260.5	206.4	54.1	26.2			
EPS - BASIC	111.4p	89.1p	22.3 p	25.0			

BASIC EARNINGS PER SHARE



USA: DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS

UK CONTINUING	IMPAIRMENT PROVISION	USA	TOTAL	
£M	£M	£M	£M	
				TURNOVER
2343.1	-	_	2343.1	CONTINUING OPERATIONS
-	-	(172.9)	172.9	DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS
2343.1	-	(172.9)	2516.0	- -
				OPERATING PROFIT
364.2	-	_	364.2	CONTINUING OPERATIONS
-	7.5	(18.9)	11.4	DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS
364.2	7.5	(18.9)	375.6	- -
5.9	_	(2.0)	7.9	FINANCE
358.3	7.5	(16.9)	367.7	PRE TAX PROFIT

BALANCE SHEET

	30.06.04 £M	30.06.03 £M	INC/(DEC)
FIXED ASSETS	11.9	11.0	0.9
CURRENT ASSETS	2260.0	1897.3	362.7
CREDITORS < 1 YEAR	(1066.0)	(922.4)	(143.6)
NET CURRENT ASSETS	1194.0	974.9	219.1
CREDITORS > 1 YEAR	(89.8)	(77.0)	(12.8)
NET ASSETS	1116.1	908.9	207.2
NET ASSETS PER SHARE	465p	381p	

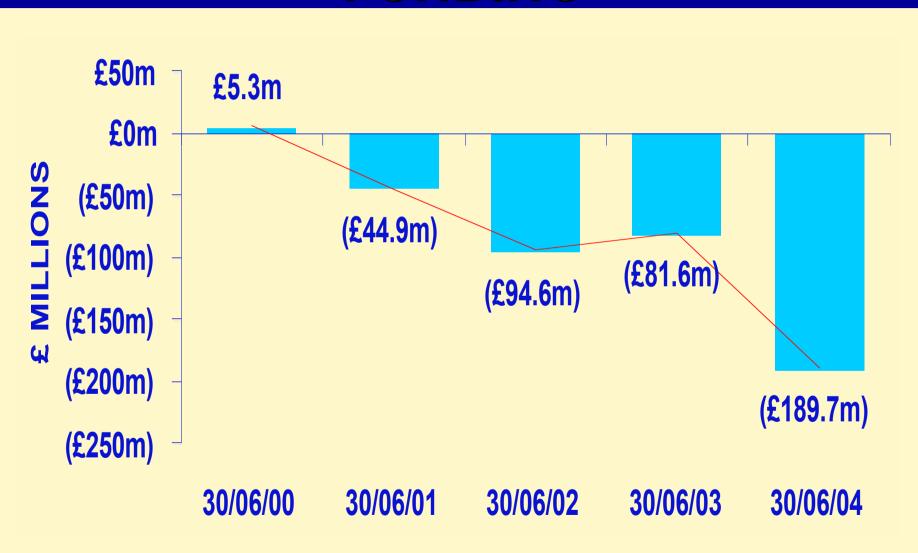
STOCKS

		30.06.04	30.06.03	INC/(DEC)
		£M	£M	£M
LAND	UK	1355	1238	117
	USA	57	64	(7)
		1412	1302	110
WIP	UK	515	374	141
	USA	34	27	7
		549	401	148
PX	UK	16	28	(12)
	USA	_	-	-
		16	28	(12)
		1977	1731	246

LAND CREDITORS

	30.06.04	30.06.03	INC/(DEC)
	£M	£M	£M
UK	391.1	387.3	3.8
USA	5.4	0.4	5.0
	396.5	387.7	8.8
DUE WITHIN 1 YEAR	321.8	346.7	(24.9)
DUE AFTER 1 YEAR	74.7	41.0	33.7
	396.5	387.7	8.8

FUNDING



CASH FLOW

YEAR ENDED 30.06.04	£M	£M
OPERATING PROFIT		375.6
INCREASE IN LAND	(110.3)	
INCREASE IN WIP	(147.6)	
GROSS INVESTMENT IN LAND & WIP		(257.9)
INCREASE IN LAND CREDITORS	9.2	
DECREASE IN PART EXCHANGE	11.6	
INCREASE IN DEBTORS/ INCREASE IN CREDITORS	(123.4)	
OTHER NON CASH MOVEMENTS	8.0	
INVESTMENT IN WORKING CAPITAL		(112.9)
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	_	262.7
INTEREST, TAX, DIVIDENDS ETC		(160.6)
CASH INFLOW BEFORE FINANCING	_	102.1
FINANCING		(15.4)
INCREASE IN CASH	_	86.7
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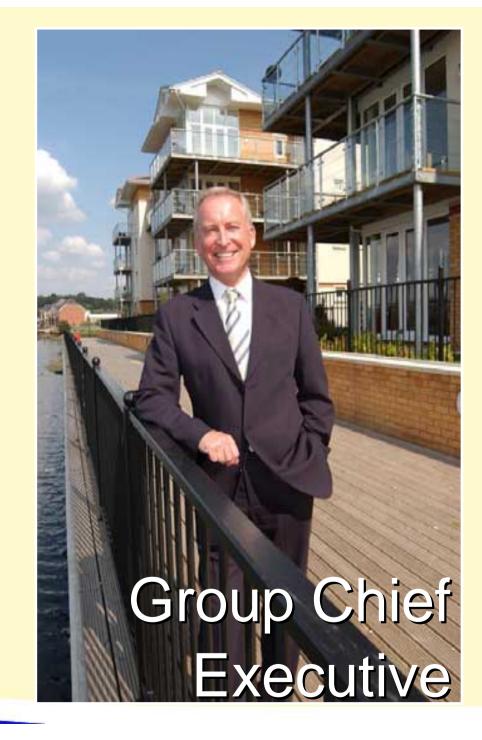
RETURN ON AVERAGE CAPITAL EMPLOYED

ROACE

37%



David Pretty





UK completions 14,021

11,000⁺ brownfield



1992 - 2004

tripled production & market share all from organic growth



2003 - 2004

more homes in total

MOre homes on brownfields

than any other housebuilder



HOUSING MARKET

Market moderated

Welcome stability

More sustainable market

Sufficient to achieve objectives

Prices to rise about 4% in 04/05



HOUSING MARKET DEMAND

Supported by **IOW** interest rates

Good employment levels

LOW stock & availability

Serious planning delays



HOUSING MARKET - P.X. USEAGE

Demand remains OW

Only 5% of buyers

30/6/04: 110 units & £16m stock

Now: 84 units & £13m stock



MARKET IS SOUND

We also have COre strengths

Boost our performance

Give added protection



GEOGRAPHIC & PRODUCT DIVERSITY

£80k to £1.7m

Affordable av. price: £166k



GEOGRAPHIC & PRODUCT DIVERSITY

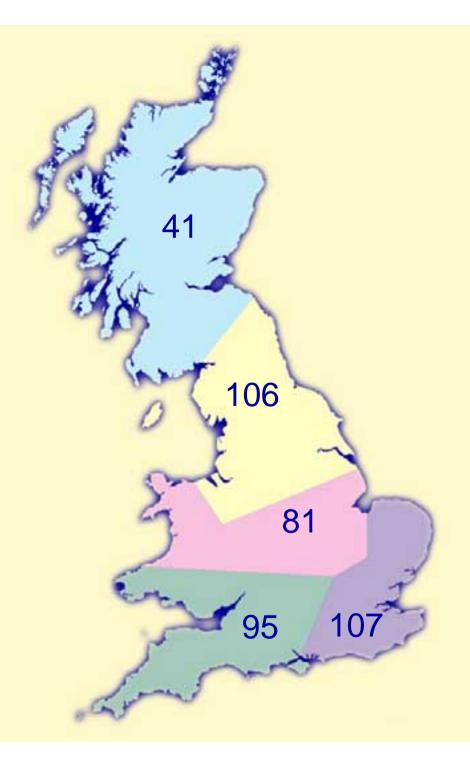
South East: 4% over £400k

...falling to 2% nationally



TOTAL GEOGRAPHIC SPREAD

430 SITES NATIONWIDE



GEOGRAPHIC & PRODUCT DIVERSITY

Central London: 2 sites



URBAN REGENERATION

Remain industry leaders

25 year track record

82% brownfield - Nationally

95% brownfield – South East



URBAN REGENERATION

(Homes on Brownfield sites)

220 each week

11,500 in the year



SOCIAL HOUSING PARTNERSHIPS

1,308 units

9% of total

250% up in 6 years

79 partnerships underway

77 in the pipeline



LAND & PLANNING

Prudence in the land market

Acquired 18,076 plots

UK land stocks of 49,335

7,000 further plots agreed

Total UK land bank of 56,335

Equivalent to 4 yrs supply



LAND & PLANNING

High quality land bank

Won approval for 15,500 plots

All in place for 04/05

90% owned/contracted for 05/06

60% for 06/07





Excellent analysis

We're very well placed to build more

No improvements in short term





FURTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW

Strengthening land & planning functions

Brownfield emphasis in all divisions

Controlled expansion of 10 super divisions (700+ each pa)

4 new divisions in growth areas (over 2 years)





































MAJOR INITIATIVE





IMPROVED SATISFACTION LEVELS







BEST LARGE HOUSEBUILDER



THE YEAR AHEAD & LOOKING FORWARD



THE YEAR AHEAD & LOOKING FORWARD

Record results

Record forward sales

Housing market stable

Financially strong

Spread & diversity

Urban regeneration skills



2004/2005

Confident of 3th year of progress



THE YEARS AHEAD

Housing market fundamentally sound

Pent up demand will increase



THE YEARS AHEAD

We have the... capacity

expertise

resources

...for further growth Controlled & steady



Strengthening teams at all levels

Plan £5 billion for urban regeneration over next 3 yrs

Inc. £500m for social



THE YEARS AHEAD

Capacity to increase production towards 20,000 homes p.a. by 2010

