

Shareholder Information

GKN WEBSITE AND SHARE PRICE INFORMATION

Business and financial information on GKN, including this annual report, the latest interim report and share price information updated every 20 minutes, is available on GKN's website at www.gknplc.com. The latest GKN share price is also available on the Financial Times Cityline Service: telephone 0891 432696 (calls charged at 50p per minute).

Taxation: For capital gains tax purposes the market values of GKN shares at 6 April 1965 and 31 March 1982, adjusted for subsequent rights and capitalisation issues and the two for one share split on 18 May 1998, are 116.175p and 104.87p respectively.

DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT PLAN

GKN operates a dividend reinvestment plan (DRIP) under which shareholders can mandate to reinvest their cash dividends in GKN shares. Full details of the DRIP are sent to new shareholders before payment of their first dividend. Other shareholders who would like to receive details of the DRIP should contact GKN's Registrar (see inside back cover).

No final dividend is being paid for 1999, and shareholders should note that the DRIP will not operate in respect of the redemption proceeds that may be received instead under the proposed return of capital (see page 79).

GKN SINGLE COMPANY ISA

GKN has arranged for Lloyds TSB Registrars to operate a Single Company Individual Savings Account (ISA) in which GKN shares can be held in a tax efficient manner. Full details and an application form can be obtained by calling the Lloyds TSB Registrars ISA Helpline on 0870 24 24 244. Investors should note that the value of any tax benefit will vary according to individual circumstances and the tax rules relating to ISAs may change in the future. If you are in any doubt you should seek professional advice.

LOW COST SHARE DEALING SERVICE

A postal service for buying and selling GKN shares is provided by Cazenove & Co. Dealing forms containing detailed terms and conditions can be obtained from GKN's Corporate Centre (see inside back cover).

PROSHARE NOMINEE CODE

GKN supports the principles of the ProShare Nominee Code which is designed to reassure investors about the safety of their shares held in nominee accounts and to enable such investors to receive company information if they so wish. ProShare can be contacted at Library Chambers, 13-14 Basinghall Street, London EC2V 5HU (telephone 020 7600 0984).

UNSOLICITED MAIL

GKN is obliged by law to make its share register publicly available and as a consequence some shareholders may have received unsolicited mail. If you wish to limit the amount of such mail you should contact the Mailing Preference Service, FREEPOST 22, London W1E 7EZ (telephone 020 7766 4410).

FINANCIAL CALENDAR

Preliminary announcement of results for 1999	8 March 2000
Circular on proposed return of capital posted to shareholders	20 April 2000
Annual/extraordinary general meeting	26 May 2000
'B' shares issued/early redemption date*	30 May 2000
'B' shares redemption date*	30 June 2000
Announcement of half-year results for 2000	August 2000
2000 interim dividend paid	September 2000
Dividend on 'B' shares payable*	31 October 2000
Preliminary announcement of results for 2000	March 2001

* subject to approval of shareholders at the extraordinary general meeting to be held on 26 May 2000.

SHAREHOLDER ANALYSIS

Holdings of ordinary shares at 31 December 1999

Holdings	Shareholders		Shares	
	Number	%	Number ('000s)	%
1 - 500	15,009	32.5	4,225	0.6
501 - 1,000	12,073	26.1	8,919	1.2
1,001 - 5,000	15,942	34.5	33,616	4.7
5,001 - 50,000	2,366	5.1	30,196	4.2
50,001 - 100,000	227	0.5	16,313	2.3
100,001 - 500,000	351	0.8	78,591	10.9
500,001 - 1,000,000	71	0.2	50,650	7.1
above 1,000,000	121	0.3	495,781	69.0
	46,160	100.0	718,291	100.0