

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).

GKN's registrar, Lloyds TSB Registrars, has a website at www.shareview.co.uk where shareholders can view information on their shareholdings and recent dividends and find practical help on transferring shares or updating their details.

Return of capital to shareholders

A return of capital to Ordinary Shareholders by way of a bonus issue of redeemable 'B' Shares of 11.7p each was approved at an EGM on 26 May 2000. The majority of shareholders elected to have their 'B' Shares redeemed in May or June. Holders of 'B' Shares at 16 October 2000 were paid a dividend of 0.188p per share on 31 October 2000 in respect of the four month period ended on that date. On 1 November 2000 GKN redeemed all outstanding 'B' Shares at their nominal value of 11.7p each.

Taxation

A guide to the general tax position of United Kingdom shareholders under the return of capital described above is given in Part IV of the circular to shareholders dated 20 April 2000, copies of which are available on request from GKN's Corporate Centre (see inside back cover), or visit GKN's website at www.gknplc.com.

Market values of GKN Ordinary Shares and 'B' Shares for Capital Gains Tax (CGT) purposes are as follows:

First day of trading market values¹

	Ordinary Shares	'B' Shares
30 May 2000 ²	914.5p (98.736774%)	11.7p (1.263226%)

1 The market values stated above are used to allocate the base cost of Ordinary Shares, on the basis of the relative percentages specified, between Ordinary Shares and 'B' Shares in calculating any CGT liability. A worked example is set out on page 14 of the circular dated 20 April 2000.

2 Being the first day of trading of the 'B' Shares.

1965/1982 market values

	Ordinary shares unadjusted for 'B' Shares ³	Ordinary shares adjusted for 'B' Shares ⁴	'B' Shares ⁴
6 April 1965	116.175p	114.707p	1.468p
31 March 1982	104.870p	103.545p	1.325p

3 Adjusted for subsequent rights and capitalisation issues (prior to the issue of 'B' Shares on 30 May 2000) and the two for one Ordinary Share split in May 1998.

4 If the Ordinary Shares in respect of which the 'B' Shares were issued were held by you on 6 April 1965 or 31 March 1982, you will be deemed to have also held the 'B' Shares on such date. In such cases, the 1965/1982 market values (adjusted as described in note 3) are apportioned between Ordinary Shares and 'B' Shares using the relative percentages specified above in respect of the first day of trading market values. The apportioned market values are shown in the box.

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Financial calendar

Preliminary announcement of results for 2000	8 March 2001
Ordinary Shares quoted ex-dividend	14 March 2001
Dividend record date	16 March 2001
Final date for receipt of DRIP mandate forms (see below)	3 May 2001
Annual General Meeting	17 May 2001
2000 final dividend on Ordinary Shares payable	18 May 2001
DRIP share certificates and share purchase statements despatched	31 May 2001
CREST participant accounts credited with DRIP shares	1 June 2001
Announcement of half-year results for 2001	August 2001
2001 interim dividend on Ordinary Shares payable	September 2001
Preliminary announcement of results for 2001	March 2002

Dividend reinvestment plan ('DRIP')

GKN operates a DRIP under which shareholders can mandate to reinvest cash dividends paid on their Ordinary Shares in further GKN Ordinary Shares. **Shareholders who would like to receive details of the DRIP should contact the Share Dividend Team at Lloyds TSB Registrars (see inside back cover) or visit GKN's website at www.gknplc.com.** New DRIP mandates and any withdrawals of existing mandates must be received by Lloyds TSB Registrars by 3 May 2001 to be valid for the 2000 final dividend. Other key dates are given above.

GKN single company ISA

Lloyds TSB Registrars operate a Single Company Individual Savings Account (ISA) in which GKN Ordinary 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.

GKN American Depositary Receipts

GKN has a sponsored Level 1 American Depositary Receipt (ADR) programme for which The Bank of New York acts as Depositary. Each ADR represents one GKN plc Ordinary Share. The ADRs trade in the US over-the-counter (OTC) market under the symbol GKNLY. When dividends are paid to shareholders, the Depositary converts such dividends into US dollars, net of fees and expenses, and distributes the net amount to ADR holders. For enquiries, The Bank of New York can be contacted on +1-908-769-9835 or +1-888-BNY-ADRS (toll-free for US residents only).

Postal 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 Centurian House, 24 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AQ (telephone 020 7220 1730).

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).

Shareholder analysis

Holdings of Ordinary Shares at 31 December 2000:

	Shareholders		Shares	
	Number	%	Number (million)	%
Holdings				
1-500	14,321	33.5	3.9	0.5
501-1,000	10,690	25.0	7.9	1.1
1,001-5,000	14,748	34.5	31.1	4.3
5,001-50,000	2,231	5.2	28.9	4.0
50,001-100,000	209	0.5	15.0	2.1
100,001-500,000	356	0.8	80.5	11.1
500,001-1,000,000	62	0.2	45.2	6.3
above 1,000,000	110	0.3	509.5	70.6
	42,727	100.0	722.0	100.0
Shareholder type				
Individuals	29,792	69.7	41.0	5.7
Institutions	9,915	23.2	668.9	92.6
Other corporates	3,020	7.1	12.1	1.7
	42,727	100.0	722.0	100.0