

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 Ceefax and Teletext, and on the Financial Times Cityline Service: telephone 0906 843 2696 (BT) or 0906 003 2696 (Vodafone). Calls are charged at 60p per minute.

Shareholding enquiries

Queries on shareholdings should be addressed to GKN's Registrar, Lloyds TSB Registrars (see page 87 for contact details). Lloyds TSB Registrars also have a website at www.shareview.co.uk where shareholders can view information on their shareholdings and recent dividends and find practical help (including downloadable documents) on transferring shares or updating their details.

Financial calendar

Preliminary announcement of results for 2001	7 March 2002
Ordinary Shares quoted ex-dividend	13 March 2002
2001 final dividend record date	15 March 2002
Final date for receipt of DRIP mandate forms (see right)	2 May 2002
Annual General Meeting	16 May 2002
2001 final dividend on Ordinary Shares payable	17 May 2002
DRIP share certificates and share purchase statements despatched	30 May 2002
CREST participant accounts credited with DRIP shares	31 May 2002
Announcement of half-year results for 2002	August 2002
2002 interim dividend on Ordinary Shares payable	September 2002
Preliminary announcement of results for 2002	March 2003

Taxation

Guides to the general tax position of United Kingdom shareholders under the return of capital to Ordinary Shareholders by way of a bonus issue of redeemable 'B' Shares in May 2000 and under the Industrial Services businesses demerger arrangements in August 2001 were given in the circulars to shareholders dated 20 April 2000 and 22 June 2001 respectively, copies of which are available on request from GKN's Corporate Centre (see page 87) and on GKN's website at www.gknplc.com.

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

First day of trading market values^(a)

	GKN Ordinary Shares	'B' Shares	Brambles Ordinary Shares
30 May 2000 ^(b)	914.5p (98.736774%)	11.7p (1.263226%)	–
7 August 2001 ^(c)	282.5p (43.943224%)	–	360.375p (56.056776%)

1965/1982 market values

	GKN Ordinary Shares unadjusted for 'B' Shares or demerger ^(d)	GKN Ordinary Shares adjusted for 'B' Shares but not demerger ^(e)	GKN Ordinary Shares adjusted for 'B' Shares and demerger ^(e)	'B' Shares ^(e)	Brambles Ordinary Shares ^(e)
6 April 1965	116.175p	114.707p	50.406p	1.468p	64.301p
31 March 1982	104.870p	103.545p	45.501p	1.325p	58.044p

Dividend reinvestment plan

Under the dividend reinvestment plan (DRIP), 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 page 87) or view Lloyds TSB Registrars' website at www.shareview.co.uk. New DRIP mandates and any withdrawals of existing mandates must be received by Lloyds TSB Registrars by 2 May 2002 to be valid for the 2001 final dividend. Other key dates are given opposite.

Participants in the DRIP are advised that the terms and conditions of the DRIP have been revised following the introduction of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000. Copies of the revised terms and conditions are available upon request from Lloyds TSB Registrars and will be posted to participants with the DRIP share purchase statements on 30 May 2002. Current charges remain unchanged at a total of 1% of the value of shares purchased.

(a) The stated market values are used to allocate the base cost of GKN Ordinary Shares, on the basis of the relative percentages specified, between GKN Ordinary Shares and 'B' Shares and between GKN Ordinary Shares and Brambles Ordinary Shares in calculating any CGT liability. Worked examples are set out on pages 14 and 43 respectively of the circulars dated 20 April 2000 and 22 June 2001.

(b) Being the first day of trading of the 'B' Shares.

(c) Being the first day of trading of the Brambles Ordinary Shares.

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

(e) If the GKN Ordinary Shares in respect of which the 'B' Shares/Brambles Ordinary 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/Brambles Ordinary Shares on such date. In such cases, the 1965/1982 market values (adjusted as described in note (d)) are apportioned between GKN Ordinary Shares and 'B' Shares and, if you also received Brambles Ordinary Shares, between GKN Ordinary Shares and Brambles Ordinary 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 table.

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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 Depository Receipts

GKN has a sponsored Level 1 American Depository 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. Ltd. Dealing forms containing detailed terms and conditions can be obtained from GKN's Corporate Centre (see page 87).

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 7291 3310).

Shareholder analysis

Holdings of Ordinary Shares at 31 December 2001:

	Shareholders		Shares	
	Number	%	Number (million)	%
Holdings				
1-500	14,153	34.4	3.7	0.5
501-1,000	9,665	23.4	7.2	1.0
1,001-5,000	14,526	35.3	30.9	4.3
5,001-50,000	2,136	5.2	25.3	3.5
50,001-100,000	165	0.4	12.0	1.6
100,001-500,000	320	0.8	75.4	10.4
500,001-1,000,000	73	0.2	53.8	7.4
above 1,000,000	110	0.3	518.8	71.3
	41,148	100	727.1	100
Shareholder type				
Individuals	30,896	75.1	43.6	6.0
Institutions	7,600	18.5	676.6	93.0
Other corporates	2,652	6.4	6.9	1.0
	41,148	100	727.1	100