

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 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 95 for contact details). Shareholders can view information on their shareholdings and recent dividends and find practical help (including downloadable documents) on transferring shares, receiving shareholder documents electronically and updating their personal details by viewing the Lloyds TSB Registrar's website at www.shareview.co.uk.

Demerger and corporate restructuring

In August 2001, the Industrial Services businesses of GKN plc were demerged into a separate listed company, Brambles Industries plc, and shareholders in GKN plc at the demerger record date received shares in Brambles Industries plc. Brambles Industries plc entered into a dual listed companies structure with Brambles Industries Limited of Australia and, at the demerger date, GKN plc shareholders collectively held a 43% economic and voting interest in the combined Brambles group. Accordingly, the market price of GKN plc shares reduced to reflect the value of the businesses demerged into the Brambles group.

Electronic communications

Shareholders can elect to receive certain shareholder documents (including annual and interim reports and notices of shareholder meetings) electronically via the GKN plc website rather than by post. If shareholders elect for the electronic option, they will receive a notification by e-mail each time a document is published advising them that it is available for viewing on GKN's website. The e-mail will contain a link to the relevant page on the website, providing shareholders with easy access to the document which can then be read or printed. By electing for this electronic option, shareholders will receive shareholder documents more speedily, avoid the possibility of delays in the postal system, save postage costs and help conserve natural resources. Please visit the GKN or Lloyds TSB Registrars websites (see page 95). When registering for this service, shareholders will need to provide their 8-digit shareholder reference number which can be found on GKN plc share certificates.

Financial calendar

Preliminary announcement of results for 2002	3 March 2003
Ordinary Shares quoted ex-dividend	12 March 2003
2002 final dividend record date	14 March 2003
Final date for receipt of DRIP mandate forms (see below)	1 May 2003
Annual General Meeting	15 May 2003
2002 final dividend on Ordinary Shares payable	16 May 2003
DRIP share certificates and share purchase statements despatched	29 May 2003
CREST participant accounts credited with DRIP shares	30 May 2003
Announcement of half-year results for 2003	August 2003
2003 interim dividend on Ordinary Shares payable	September 2003
Preliminary announcement of results for 2003	February 2004

Dividend reinvestment plan

Under the dividend reinvestment plan (DRIP), shareholders can mandate to reinvest cash dividends paid on their Ordinary Shares in further GKN plc Ordinary Shares. Shareholders who would like to receive details of the DRIP should contact the Share Dividend Team at Lloyds TSB Registrars (see page 95). New DRIP mandates and any withdrawals of existing mandates must be received by Lloyds TSB Registrars by 1 May 2003 to be valid for the 2002 final dividend. Other key dates are given in the financial calendar above.

GKN single company ISA

Lloyds TSB Registrars operate a Single Company Individual Savings Account (ISA) in which GKN plc 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 or visit the shareview website (see page 95). 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.

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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 95).

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

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) or via their website at www.adrbny.com.

Postal share dealing service

A postal service for buying and selling GKN plc Ordinary Shares is provided by Cazenove & Co. Ltd. Dealing forms and terms and conditions are available from GKN's Corporate Centre (see page 95).

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 or visit their website at www.mpsonline.org.uk).

Shareholder analysis

Holdings of Ordinary Shares at 31 December 2002:

	Shareholders		Shares	
	Number	%	Number (million)	%
Holdings				
1–500	13,110	33.0	3.3	0.5
501–1,000	8,935	22.5	6.7	0.9
1,001–5,000	14,805	37.2	32.6	4.4
5,001–50,000	2,257	5.7	26.2	3.6
50,001–100,000	179	0.4	12.9	1.8
100,001–500,000	295	0.7	70.1	9.6
500,001–1,000,000	76	0.2	55.9	7.6
above 1,000,000	117	0.3	525.2	71.6
	39,774	100	732.9	100
Shareholder type				
Individuals	30,283	76.2	44.8	6.1
Institutions	7,119	17.9	676.1	92.2
Other corporates	2,372	5.9	12.0	1.7
	39,774	100	732.9	100

(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.