

## Shareholder information

### › Financial calendar

Preliminary announcement of results for 2005	28 February 2006
Ordinary Shares quoted ex-dividend	19 April 2006
2005 final dividend record date	21 April 2006
Final date for receipt of DRIP mandate forms (see below)	3 May 2006
Annual General Meeting	12 May 2006
2005 final dividend on Ordinary Shares payable	17 May 2006
DRIP share certificates and share purchase statements despatched	31 May 2006
CREST participant accounts credited with DRIP shares	1 June 2006
Announcement of half-year results for 2006	August 2006
2006 interim dividend on Ordinary Shares payable	September 2006

### › Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting on Friday 12 May 2006 will be held at the Institution of Electrical Engineers, Savoy Place, London WC2R 0BL, commencing at 11.00 a.m. The Notice of Meeting, together with an explanation of the resolutions to be considered at the meeting, is contained in the AGM circular enclosed with this annual report.

### › 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 inside back cover for contact details) or visit the Shareview website ([www.shareview.co.uk](http://www.shareview.co.uk)). New DRIP mandates and any withdrawals of existing mandates must be received by Lloyds TSB Registrars by 3 May 2006 to be valid for the 2005 final dividend. Other key dates are given in the financial calendar above.

### › GKN website and share price information

Information on GKN, including this and prior years' annual reports, interim reports, results announcements and presentations together with the GKN plc share price updated every 20 minutes, is available on GKN's website at [www.gkn.com](http://www.gkn.com). The latest GKN share price is also available within the UK from the Financial Times' Cityline service by telephoning 0906 843 2696. Calls are charged at 60p per minute.

### › Shareholding enquiries and information

Administrative enquiries relating to shareholdings should be addressed to GKN's registrar, Lloyds TSB Registrars (see inside back cover). Correspondence should refer to GKN plc and include the shareholder's full name, address and, if available, 8-digit reference number which can be found on GKN plc share certificates.

By visiting Lloyds TSB Registrars' Shareview website at [www.shareview.co.uk](http://www.shareview.co.uk), shareholders can view information on their shareholdings and recent dividends, obtain guidance on transferring shares and receiving shareholder documents electronically (see 'Electronic receipt of documents' opposite), update their personal details (including changing address details) and set up a new dividend mandate or change their existing mandate.

### › Share dealing service

A telephone dealing service has been arranged with Stocktrade which provides a simple way of buying or selling GKN plc Ordinary Shares. Full details can be obtained by telephoning 0845 601 0995 (+44 131 240 0414 from outside the UK) and quoting reference Low Co139.

Also, Lloyds TSB Registrars offers Shareview Dealing, a service for UK residents to buy or sell GKN plc Ordinary Shares on the internet or by phone. Further details can be obtained from [www.shareview.co.uk/dealing](http://www.shareview.co.uk/dealing) or by telephoning 0870 850 0852. Lloyds TSB Registrars is a division of Lloyds TSB Bank plc, authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority and a signatory to the Banking Codes.

Please note that the value of shares can fall and you may get back less than you invest. If you are in any doubt about the suitability of an investment, please consult a professional adviser.

### › GKN single company ISA

Lloyds TSB Registrars operates a Single Company 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 telephoning Lloyds TSB Registrars' ISA Helpline on 0870 24 24 244 or by visiting the Shareview website (see inside back cover). 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 by telephone on +1-888-BNY-ADRS (toll-free for US residents) or +1-212-815-3700 (for international residents), via their website at [www.adrbny.com](http://www.adrbny.com) or by e-mail enquiry to [shareowners@bankofny.com](mailto:shareowners@bankofny.com).

### › Electronic receipt of documents

Shareholders can elect via the GKN or Shareview websites (see inside back cover) to receive certain shareholder documents (including annual and interim reports and notices of shareholder meetings) electronically 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 documents more speedily, avoid the possibility of delays in the postal system, save postage costs and help conserve natural resources. When registering for this service, shareholders will need to provide their 8-digit reference number which can be found on GKN plc share certificates.

### › 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 whose address is FREEPOST 29 LON20771, London W1E 0ZT. Alternatively they may be contacted by telephone on 0845 703 4599, via their website at [www.mpsonline.org.uk](http://www.mpsonline.org.uk) or by e-mail addressed to [mps@dma.org.uk](mailto:mps@dma.org.uk).

### › Taxation

Market values of GKN plc Ordinary Shares, 'B' Shares (issued and redeemed under the return of capital in 2000) and Brambles Industries plc Ordinary Shares (issued in connection with the demerger of GKN's Industrial Services businesses in 2001) for Capital Gains Tax (CGT) purposes are as follows:

#### First day of trading market values<sup>(a)</sup>

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

#### 1965/1982 market values

	GKN Ordinary Shares unadjusted for 'B' Shares or demerger <sup>(d)</sup>	GKN Ordinary Shares adjusted for 'B' Shares but not demerger <sup>(e)</sup>	GKN Ordinary Shares adjusted for 'B' Shares and demerger <sup>(e)</sup>	'B' Shares <sup>(e)</sup>	Brambles Ordinary Shares <sup>(e)</sup>
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

(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 under the 'B' Share return of capital and the Industrial Services businesses demerger arrangements. Worked examples and guides to the general tax position of United Kingdom shareholders under these arrangements are given in the circulars dated 20 April 2000 and 22 June 2001 respectively (copies of which are available on request from GKN's Corporate Centre) and are available on GKN's website at [www.gkn.com](http://www.gkn.com).

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

(c) Being the first day of trading of the Brambles Ordinary Shares. From this date, the market price of GKN Ordinary Shares reduced to reflect the value of the businesses demerged into the Brambles group.

(d) Adjusted for subsequent rights and capitalisation issues (prior to the issue of the '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.

### › Shareholder analysis

Holdings of Ordinary Shares at 31 December 2005:

	Shareholders		Shares	
	Number	%	Number (million)	%
<b>Holdings</b>				
1–500	9,795	30.6	2.3	0.3
501–1,000	6,565	20.5	5.0	0.7
1,001–5,000	12,735	39.9	29.1	4.1
5,001–50,000	2,318	7.3	26.1	3.7
50,001–100,000	133	0.4	9.6	1.3
100,001–500,000	239	0.8	56.5	7.9
500,001–1,000,000	69	0.2	49.1	6.9
above 1,000,000	109	0.3	537.5	75.1
	<b>31,963</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>715.2</b>	<b>100</b>

#### Shareholder type

Individuals	27,151	85.0	44.0	6.2
Institutions	4,320	13.5	662.1	92.6
Other corporates	492	1.5	9.1	1.2
	<b>31,963</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>715.2</b>	<b>100</b>

In addition, GKN plc held 25.2 million of its own Ordinary Shares in treasury as at 31 December 2005.