

Condensed Consolidated Income Statement

Six months ended 30 September 2008

	Note	Six months ended 30 Sept 2008 (unaudited) £'000	Six months ended 30 Sept 2007 (unaudited) Restated £'000	Year ended 31 March 2008 (audited) Restated £'000
Revenue	2	30,080	28,635	56,870
Cost of sales		(11,248)	(11,114)	(20,792)
Gross profit		18,832	17,521	36,078
Administrative expenses		(3,073)	(3,024)	(6,736)
Operating profit before gains and losses on property assets		15,759	14,497	29,342
(Loss)/gain on the revaluation of investment properties		(53,396)	39,826	92,777
(Losses)/gains on non-current assets		(7,219)	60	(463)
Operating (loss)/profit		(44,856)	54,383	121,656
Share of loss of associate	9e	(622)	–	(249)
Investment income	3	1,588	218	289
Finance costs	4	(10,393)	(7,755)	(19,078)
(Loss)/profit before taxation		(54,283)	46,846	102,618
Taxation	5	(546)	(327)	770
(Loss)/profit for the period (attributable to equity shareholders)		(54,829)	46,519	103,388
Basic (loss)/earnings per share	8	(47.46p)	40.57p	89.88p
Diluted (loss)/earnings per share	8	(47.21p)	40.18p	89.20p

Adjusted (loss)/earnings per share are shown in note 8.

All items in the income statement relate to continuing operations.

Please see note 1 for details of the restatement.

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet

30 September 2008

	Note	30 Sept 2008 (unaudited) £'000	30 Sept 2007 (unaudited) Restated £'000	31 March 2008 (audited) Restated £'000
Non-current assets				
Investment property	9a	717,700	649,420	750,910
Development property	9a	83,610	131,959	104,139
Interest in leasehold properties	9a	21,982	24,027	22,274
Plant, equipment and owner-occupied property	9b	3,119	3,070	3,256
Goodwill	9c	1,433	1,433	1,433
Investment in associate	9e	9,637	–	5,454
Deferred tax asset	12	768	530	1,535
		838,249	810,439	889,001
Current assets				
Inventories		344	362	331
Trade and other receivables	10	6,307	7,743	7,465
Derivative financial instruments		–	151	–
Cash and cash equivalents		1,264	919	1,671
Assets classified as held for sale	9d	11,975	7,891	16,336
		19,890	17,066	25,803
Total assets		858,139	827,505	914,804
Current liabilities				
Trade and other payables	11	(17,205)	(20,138)	(21,898)
Obligations under finance leases		(1,958)	(2,094)	(1,958)
Current tax liabilities		(90)	(175)	(90)
Derivative financial instruments		(1,057)	–	(2,870)
		(20,310)	(22,407)	(26,816)
Non-current liabilities				
Bank borrowings	13	(294,051)	(250,015)	(282,897)
Obligations under finance leases		(20,024)	(21,933)	(20,316)
Other payables	11	(3,889)	(5,116)	(3,889)
		(317,964)	(277,064)	(307,102)
Total liabilities		(338,274)	(299,471)	(333,918)
Net assets		519,865	528,034	580,886
Equity				
Called up share capital	16	11,555	11,525	11,551
Share premium account	16	41,676	41,393	41,645
Reserves	16	466,634	475,116	527,690
Equity shareholders' funds		519,865	528,034	580,886

Please see note 1 for details of the restatement.

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Recognised Income and Expense

Six months ended 30 September 2008

	Six months ended 30 Sept 2008 (unaudited) £'000	Six months ended 30 Sept 2007 (unaudited) Restated £'000	Year ended 31 March 2008 (audited) Restated £'000
Current and deferred tax recognised in equity	(222)	103	96
Net (expense)/income recognised directly in equity for the period	(222)	103	96
(Loss)/profit for the year	(54,829)	46,519	103,338
Total recognised income and expense for the period attributable to equity shareholders	(55,051)	46,622	103,434

Please see note 1 for details of the restatement.

Condensed Consolidated Cash Flow Statement

Six months ended 30 September 2008

	Six months ended 30 Sept 2008 (unaudited) £'000	Six months ended 30 Sept 2007 (unaudited) £'000	Year ended 31 March 2008 (audited) Restated £'000
	<i>Note</i>		
Operating (loss)/profit	(44,856)	54,383	121,656
Loss/(gain) on the revaluation of investment properties	53,396	(39,826)	(92,777)
Loss/(gain) on non-current assets	7,219	(60)	463
Depreciation	716	702	1,369
Employee share options	304	196	491
(Increase)/decrease in inventories	(13)	75	106
Decrease/(increase) in receivables	1,274	(647)	(433)
(Decrease)/increase in payables	(1,518)	1,137	(123)
Cash generated from operations	16,522	15,960	30,752
Interest paid	(14,280)	(8,127)	(16,604)
Interest received	53	104	240
REIT conversion charge paid	–	(11,997)	(11,997)
Cash flows from operating activities	2,295	(4,060)	2,391
Investing activities			
Sale of non-current assets	–	10,500	10,500
Purchase of non-current assets	(19,720)	(61,868)	(110,886)
Sale of assets to associate	15,097	–	20,327
Investment in associate	(4,805)	–	(5,703)
Cash flows from investing activities	(9,428)	(51,368)	(85,762)
Financing activities			
Issue of share capital	35	598	876
Purchase of own shares	–	(1,084)	(1,084)
Equity dividends paid	(6,309)	(6,277)	(10,860)
Increase in borrowings – RBS facility	7,000	61,000	94,000
Repayment of RBS loan	(291,000)	–	–
Increase in borrowings – drawing of HSH facility	297,000	–	–
Cash flows from financing activities	6,726	54,237	82,932
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(407)	(1,191)	(439)
Opening cash and cash equivalents	1,671	2,110	2,110
Closing cash and cash equivalents	1,264	919	1,671

See note 1 for details of the restatement.

A. Reconciliation of Net Cash Flow to Movement in Net Debt

Six months ended 30 September 2008

	Six months ended 30 Sept 2008 (unaudited) £'000	Six months ended 30 Sept 2007 (unaudited) £'000	Year ended 31 March 2008 (audited) £'000
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents in the period	(407)	(1,191)	(439)
Cash inflow from increase in debt financing	(13,000)	(61,000)	(94,000)
Movement in net debt in the period	(13,407)	(62,191)	(94,439)
Net debt at start of period	(282,329)	(187,890)	(187,890)
Net debt at end of period	(295,736)	(250,081)	(282,329)

Notes to the Half Year Report

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The results for the period ended 30 September 2008 are unaudited and were approved by the Board on 17 November 2008. The financial information contained in this report does not constitute statutory accounts within the meaning of section 240 of the Companies Act 1985. The full accounts for the year ended 31 March 2008, which received an unqualified report from the auditors, and did not contain a statement under section 237(2) or (3) of the Companies Act 1985, have been filed with the Registrar of Companies.

The annual financial statements of Big Yellow Group PLC are prepared in accordance with the IFRSs as adopted by the European Union. The condensed set of financial statements included in this half yearly financial report has been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standards 34 "Interim Financial Reporting", as adopted by the European Union. The same accounting policies, presentation methods of computation are followed in the condensed set of financial statements as applied in the Group's latest annual audited financial statements, except for a change in accounting policy in respect of IAS 23 "Borrowing Costs".

The Group's revised finance costs accounting policy is as follows:

All borrowing costs are recognised in the income statement in the period in which they are incurred, unless the costs are incurred as part of the development of a qualifying asset, when they will be capitalised. Commencement of capitalisation is the date when the group incurs expenditure for the qualifying asset, incurs borrowing costs and undertakes activities that are necessary to prepare the assets for their intended use. In the case of suspension of activities during extended periods, the group suspends capitalisation. The group ceases capitalisation of borrowing costs when substantially all of the activities necessary to prepare the asset for use are complete.

The Group's date of adoption was 1 April 2007. The prior year comparatives have been restated to reflect this change in accounting policy. The impact on the current and prior periods is shown in the table below:

	Six months ended 30 Sept 2008 (unaudited) £'000	Six months ended 30 Sept 2007 (unaudited) £'000	Year ended 31 March 2008 (audited) £'000
Income statement			
Decrease in interest payable	968	531	1,691
Increase/decrease in revaluation deficit/surplus	(1,240)	–	(910)
Increase in (loss)/profit after tax	(272)	531	781
Balance sheet			
(Decrease)/increase in development assets	(272)	531	781
(Decrease)/increase in net assets	(272)	531	781
Impact on earnings per share			
Increase in (loss)/earnings per share – basic	(0.24p)	0.46p	0.68p
Increase in (loss)/earnings per share – diluted	(0.23p)	0.46p	0.67p

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2. SEGMENTAL INFORMATION

Revenue represents amounts derived from the provision of self storage accommodation and related services which fall within the Group's ordinary activities after deduction of trade discounts and value added tax. The Group's net assets, revenue and profit before tax are attributable to one activity, the provision of self storage accommodation and related services. These all arise in the United Kingdom with the exception of £150,000 of income which arose in the Emirate of Dubai.

	Six months ended 30 Sept 2008 (unaudited) £'000	Six months ended 30 Sept 2007 (unaudited) £'000	Year ended 31 March 2008 (audited) £'000
Open stores			
Self storage income	24,296	23,156	46,486
Other storage related income	4,107	4,128	7,869
Ancillary store rental income	55	48	114
Income from stores transferred to associate or closed for redevelopment	–	551	690
	28,458	27,883	55,159
Stores under development			
Non-storage income	822	652	1,473
Fee income			
Fees earned from Big Yellow Limited Partnership	650	–	138
Franchise income			
Franchise fee received	150	100	100
Total revenue	30,080	28,635	56,870

Further analysis of the Group's operating revenue and costs can be found in the Portfolio Summary.

The seasonality of our business is discussed in the risk and uncertainties section of the Chairman's Statement.

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Six months ended 30 Sept 2008 (unaudited) £'000	Six months ended 30 Sept 2007 (unaudited) £'000	Year ended 31 March 2008 (audited) £'000
Interest receivable on bank deposit	170	218	289
Change in fair value of interest rate swaps	1,418	–	–
	1,588	218	289

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4. FINANCE COSTS

	Six months ended 30 Sept 2008 (unaudited) £'000	Six months ended 30 Sept 2007 (unaudited) Restated £'000	Year ended 31 March 2008 (audited) Restated £'000
Interest on bank borrowings	9,344	7,133	15,846
Capitalised interest	(968)	(531)	(1,691)
Other interest payable	1	3	33
Interest on finance lease obligations	669	789	1,508
Change in fair value of interest rate swaps	–	361	3,382
Refinancing costs	1,347	–	–
	10,393	7,755	19,078

Please see note 1 for details of the restatement.

5. TAX

	Six months ended 30 Sept 2008 (unaudited) £'000	Six months ended 30 Sept 2007 (unaudited) £'000	Year ended 31 March 2008 (audited) £'000
Current tax – UK corporation tax at 28%	–	237	231
Current tax – REIT conversion charge	–	90	90
Deferred tax movement	546	327	321
Total tax charge	546	–	(1,091)
		327	(770)

In addition to the current period income statement tax charge of £546,000 there is an overall debit to reserves of £222,000 in respect of the reduction in the deferred tax asset arising on potential future deductions from the exercise of share options.

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6. ADJUSTED PROFIT BEFORE TAX

	Six months ended 30 Sept 2008 (unaudited) £'000	Six months ended 30 Sept 2007 (unaudited) Restated £'000	Year ended 31 March 2008 (audited) Restated £'000
(Loss)/profit before tax	(54,283)	46,846	102,618
Adjusted for:			
Losses/(gains) on revaluation of investment properties – wholly owned	53,396	(39,826)	(92,777)
Loss on revaluation of investment properties – associate	602	–	187
Change in fair value of interest rate swaps – group	(1,418)	361	3,382
Change in fair value of interest rate swaps – associate	39	–	55
Loss/(gain) on non-current assets	7,219	(60)	463
Loan refinancing costs	1,347	–	–
REIT conversion costs	–	153	208
Non-recurring indirect tax cost	–	304	304
Set up costs for Big Yellow Limited Partnership	–	–	566
Adjusted profit before tax	6,902	7,778	15,006
Net bank and other interest	8,207	6,387	13,899
Depreciation	374	333	650
EBITDA pre non-recurring items and valuation movements	15,483	14,498	29,555

Please see note 1 for details of the restatement.

Adjusted profit before tax, excluding gains on revaluation of investment properties, changes in fair value of interest rate swaps, non-recurring items of income and expenditure, and gains or losses on non-current assets, has been disclosed to give a clearer understanding of the Group's underlying trading performance.

7. DIVIDENDS

No interim ordinary dividend has been declared (2007: 4.0 pence). The 2008 final dividend of £6,309,000 representing 5.5 pence per ordinary share was paid on 16 July 2008 and is included in Note 16, Movement in Equity.

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8. EARNINGS PER ORDINARY SHARE

	Six months ended 30 Sept 2008 (unaudited)			Six months ended 30 Sept 2007 (unaudited) Restated			Year ended 31 March 2008 (audited) Restated		
	Earnings £m	Shares million	Pence per share	Earnings £m	Shares million	Pence per share	Earnings £m	Shares million	Pence per share
Basic	(54.83)	115.53	(47.46)	46.52	114.68	40.57	103.39	115.03	89.88
<i>Adjustments:</i>									
Dilutive share options	–	0.62	0.25	–	1.09	(0.39)	–	0.87	(0.68)
Diluted	(54.83)	116.15	(47.21)	46.52	115.77	40.18	103.39	115.90	89.20
<i>Adjustments:</i>									
Loss/(gain) on investment properties	53.40	–	45.98	(39.83)	–	(34.40)	(92.78)	–	(80.05)
Change in fair value of interest rate swaps	(1.42)	–	(1.22)	0.36	–	0.31	3.38	–	2.92
Loss/(gain) on sale of non-current assets	7.22	–	6.22	(0.06)	–	(0.05)	0.46	–	0.40
Share of associate non-recurring costs	0.64	–	0.55	–	–	–	0.24	–	0.21
Loan refinancing costs	1.35	–	1.16	–	–	–	–	–	–
REIT conversion costs	–	–	–	0.15	–	0.13	0.21	–	0.18
Non-recurring indirect tax cost	–	–	–	0.30	–	0.26	0.30	–	0.26
Set-up costs of Big Yellow Partnership	–	–	–	–	–	–	0.57	–	0.49
REIT conversion charge	–	–	–	–	–	–	0.09	–	0.08
Tax effect of non-recurring items*	0.33	–	0.28	(0.09)	–	(0.08)	(1.19)	–	(1.03)
Adjusted	6.69	116.15	5.76	7.35	115.77	6.35	14.67	115.90	12.66

Please see note 1 for details of the restatement.

The adjustment for gains and losses on sale of non-current assets has been included for consistency with the calculation of adjusted profit before tax (see note 6).

* This takes into account the tax effect of the change in fair value of derivatives, the losses/(gain) on non-current assets and the other non-recurring costs to the extent that they fall outside the exempt business.

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9. NON-CURRENT ASSETS

a) Investment property, Development property and Interests in leasehold properties

	Investment property £'000	Development property £'000	Interest in leasehold properties £'000
At 1 April 2008 as previously reported	750,910	103,358	22,274
Prior year adjustment (see note 1)	–	781	–
At 1 April 2008 (restated)	750,910	104,139	22,274
Additions	5,747	12,615	–
Adjustment to present value	–	–	50
Reclassifications to investment property	14,439	(14,439)	–
Reclassification from land held for resale	–	2,929	–
Revaluation and impairment	(53,396)	(6,585)	–
Depreciation	–	–	(342)
Disposal to associate	–	(15,049)	–
At 30 September 2008	717,700	83,610	21,982

Capital commitments at 30 September 2008 were £18.6 million.

b) Plant equipment and owner occupied property

	Freehold property £'000	Leasehold improvements £000	Plant and machinery £'000	Fixtures, fittings and office equipment £'000	Total £'000
Cost					
At 1 April 2008	1,858	44	607	4,613	7,122
Additions	1	–	15	221	237
At 30 September 2008	1,859	44	622	4,834	7,359
Accumulated depreciation					
At 1 April 2008	(90)	(32)	(276)	(3,468)	(3,866)
Charge for the period	(17)	(1)	(57)	(299)	(374)
At 30 September 2008	(107)	(33)	(333)	(3,767)	(4,240)
Net book value					
At 30 September 2008	1,752	11	289	1,067	3,119
At 31 March 2008	1,768	12	331	1,145	3,256

c) Goodwill

Goodwill relates to the purchase of Big Yellow Self Storage Company Limited in 1999. The asset is tested bi-annually for impairment. The carrying value of £1.4 million remains unchanged from the prior year as there is considered to be no impairment in the value of the asset.

d) Assets classified as held for sale

The Group has land at five sites with a total book value of £12.0 million (2007: land at one site with a book value of £7.9 million). Land at these sites is surplus to requirements and the Group intends to sell the land to third parties within the next 12 months. A provision has been made against these sites of £1 million in the current period. This is shown in the income statement in (losses)/gains on non-current assets. We have reclassified one site, with a net book value of £3.4 million from assets held for sale to development property as the Group is not intending to sell the site within the next 12 months.

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9. NON-CURRENT ASSETS (continued)

e) Investment in associate

The Group has a 33.3% interest in Big Yellow Limited Partnership. This interest is accounted for as an associate, using the equity method of consolidation. The Partnership commenced trading on 1 December 2007.

	30 Sept 2008 (unaudited) £'000	30 Sept 2007 (unaudited) £'000	31 March 2008 (audited) £'000
At the beginning of the year	5,454	–	–
Subscription for partnership capital and advances	4,805	–	5,703
Share of results (see below)	(622)	–	(249)
	9,637	–	5,454

The figures below show the trading results of Big Yellow Limited Partnership, and the Group's share of the results and the net assets.

	30 Sept 2008 (unaudited) £'000	30 Sept 2007 (unaudited) £'000	31 March 2008 (audited) £'000
Big Yellow Limited Partnership			
Income statement (100%)			
Revenue	426	–	252
Cost of sales	(259)	–	(190)
Administrative expenses	(87)	–	(24)
Operating profit	80	–	38
Loss on the revaluation of investment properties	(1,806)	–	(562)
Interest payable	(22)	–	(59)
Fair value movement of interest rate derivatives	(117)	–	(165)
Loss before and after tax	(1,865)	–	(748)
Balance sheet (100%)			
Investment property	10,060	–	11,830
Development property (including land held for resale)	36,243	–	10,909
Other fixed assets	59	–	50
Current assets	160	–	3,531
Current liabilities	(2,334)	–	(1,317)
Non-current liabilities	(15,278)	–	(8,642)
Net assets (100%)	28,910	–	16,361
Group share of (33.3%)			
Operating profit	26	–	13
Interest payable	(7)	–	(20)
Loss on the revaluation of investment properties	(602)	–	(187)
Fair value movement of interest rate derivatives	(39)	–	(55)
Loss for the period	(622)	–	(249)
Associate net assets	9,637	–	5,454

The Partnership has in place a loan of £75 million, secured from Royal Bank of Scotland plc, HSH Nordbank AG and HSBC Bank plc. The loan has a five year term and expires in 2013. The loan drawn down to date has been swapped to 30 June 2013, and has a weighted average interest cost of 6.65%, including margin.

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10. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	30 Sept 2008 (unaudited) £'000	30 Sept 2007 (unaudited) £'000	31 March 2008 (audited) £'000
Trade receivables	1,545	1,839	1,604
Other receivables	52	1,456	483
Amounts owed by associate	262	–	–
Prepayments and accrued income	4,448	4,448	5,378
	6,307	7,743	7,465

11. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	30 Sept 2008 (unaudited) £'000	30 Sept 2007 (unaudited) £'000	31 March 2008 (audited) £'000
Current			
Trade payables	4,827	5,743	8,738
Other payables	3,278	3,966	2,241
Accruals and deferred income	7,872	7,872	9,614
Amounts owed to associate	–	–	77
VAT repayable under Capital Goods Scheme	1,228	2,557	1,228
	17,205	20,138	21,898
Non-current			
VAT repayable under Capital Goods Scheme	3,889	5,116	3,889

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12. DEFERRED TAX

	30 Sept 2008 (unaudited) £'000	30 Sept 2007 (unaudited) £'000	31 March 2008 (audited) £'000
The amounts provided in the accounts are:			
Deduction for share options	(222)	(530)	(444)
Other items	(546)	–	(1,091)
	(768)	(530)	(1,535)

13. BANK BORROWINGS

	30 Sept 2008 (unaudited) £'000	30 Sept 2007 (unaudited) £'000	31 March 2008 (audited) £'000
Bank borrowings	297,000	251,000	284,000
Unamortised loan arrangement costs	(2,949)	(985)	(1,103)
	294,051	250,015	282,897

During the period, the Group completed a refinancing of its core debt facilities, replacing the existing £325 million loan provided by a syndicate led by Royal Bank of Scotland plc, with a new £325 million facility provided by HSH Nordbank AG. The bank loan is secured on 47 of the Group's properties. The loan is due to expire on 15 September 2013.

The new facility is divided into two tranches, Tranche A, up to a maximum of £50 million is used to finance non-stabilised properties within the Group and carries a margin of 150 bps. Tranche B is used to finance stabilised group properties, and bears interest between 112.5 bps and 150 bps dependent on the Tranche B income cover. The group is currently paying a margin of 112.5 bps on this Tranche. As the properties within Tranche A stabilise, they can be transferred to Tranche B, reducing the margin payable.

At 30 September 2008 the Group was comfortably in compliance with its banking covenants.

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14. ADJUSTED NET ASSETS PER SHARE

Analysis of net asset value	30 Sept 2008 (unaudited) £'000	30 Sept 2007 (unaudited) Restated £'000	31 March 2008 (audited) Restated £'000
Basic net asset value	519,865	528,034	580,886
Exercise of share options	2,653	2,943	2,692
Diluted net asset value	522,518	530,977	583,578
Adjustments:			
Tax on fair value of interest rate swaps	–	(7)	–
Adjusted net asset value	522,518	530,970	583,578
Basic net assets per share (pence)	453.1	461.4	506.4
Diluted net assets per share (pence)	439.4	448.1	492.4
Balance sheet adjusted net assets per share (pence)	439.4	448.1	492.4
Balance sheet adjusted net asset value	522,518	530,970	583,578
Valuation methodology assumption (see note 15)	31,540	28,750	33,640
Adjusted net asset value (£'000)	554,058	559,720	617,218
Adjusted net assets per share (pence)	465.9	472.4	520.8
Shares in issue	115,553,818	115,251,181	115,514,119
Own shares held	(815,000)	(815,000)	(815,000)
Basic shares in issue used for calculation	114,738,818	114,436,181	114,699,119
Exercise of share options	4,179,020	4,053,196	3,808,591
Diluted shares used for calculation	118,917,838	118,489,377	118,507,710

Please see note 1 for details of the restatement.

Net assets per share are shareholders' funds divided by the number of shares at the period end. The shares currently held in the Group's employee benefits trust and treasury shares (own shares held) are excluded from both net assets and the number of shares.

Adjusted net assets per share include:

- > the effect of those shares issuable under employee share option schemes;
- > tax on the fair value adjustment on interest rate swaps; and
- > the effect of the revised valuation methodology assumptions (see note 15).

Notes to the Half Year Report (continued)

15. VALUATIONS

£'000	Deemed Cost	Revaluation on deemed cost	Valuation
Freehold Stores*			
As at 1 April 2008 previously reported	269,548	422,722	692,270
Prior year adjustment (see note 1)	910	(910)	–
As at 1 April 2008 restated	270,458	421,812	692,270
Movement in period	20,013	(48,773)	(28,760)
As at 30 September 2008	290,471	373,039	663,510
Leasehold Stores			
As at 1 April 2008	15,162	43,478	58,640
Movement in period	173	(4,623)	(4,450)
As at 30 September 2008	15,335	38,855	54,190
All Stores			
As at 1 April 2008	285,620	465,290	750,910
Movement in period	20,186	(53,396)	(33,210)
As at 30 September 2008	305,806	411,894	717,700

* Includes one long leasehold property.

The freehold and leasehold investment properties have been valued at 30 September 2008 by external valuers, Cushman & Wakefield LLP (“C&W”). The valuation has been carried out in accordance with the RICS Appraisal and Valuation Standards published by The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (“the Red Book”). The valuation of each of the investment properties has been prepared on the basis of Market Value as a fully equipped operational entity, having regard to trading potential. The valuation has been provided for accounts purposes and as such, is a Regulated Purpose Valuation as defined in the Red Book. In compliance with the disclosure requirements of the Red Book, C&W have confirmed that:

- > The members of the RICS who have been the signatories to the valuations provided to the Group for the same purposes as this valuation have done so since September 2004.
- > C&W have been carrying out biannual valuations for accounts purposes on behalf of the Group since September 2004.
- > C&W do not provide other significant professional or agency services to the Group.
- > In relation to the preceding financial year of C&W, the proportion of the total fees payable by the Group to the total fee income of the firm is less than 5%.

Market uncertainty

C&W's valuation report comments on valuation uncertainty resulting from exceptional volatility in the financial markets and a lack of transactions in the property investment market. C&W note that although there were a number of self storage transactions in 2007, the only significant transaction so far in 2008 was the sale of a 51% share in Shurgard Europe which was announced in January and completed on 31 March 2008. C&W observe that in order to provide a rational opinion of value at the present time it is necessary to assume that the property market will continue to trade in an orderly fashion. Accordingly, they have assumed that the self storage sector will continue to perform in a way not greatly different from that being anticipated prior to the “credit crunch”, however they have reflected negative sentiment in their capitalisation rates and they have reflected current trading conditions in their cash flow projections for each property. C&W state that there is therefore greater uncertainty attached to their opinion of value than would be anticipated during more normal market conditions.

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15. VALUATIONS (continued)

Methodology

C&W have adopted different approaches for the valuation of the leasehold and freehold assets as follows:

Freehold

The valuation is based on a discounted cash flow of the net operating income over a ten year period and notional sale of the asset at the end of the tenth year.

Assumptions

- A. Net operating income is based on projected revenue received less projected operating costs together with a central administration charge representing 6% of the estimated annual revenue. The initial net operating income is calculated by estimating the net operating income in the first 12 months following the valuation date.
- B. The net operating income in future years is calculated assuming straight-line absorption from day one actual occupancy to an estimated stabilised/mature occupancy level. In the valuation the assumed stabilised occupancy level for the 48 trading stores (both freeholds and leaseholds) open at 30 September 2008 averages 85.43% (March 2008: 85.80%; September 2007: 86.07%). The projected revenues and costs have been adjusted for estimated cost inflation and revenue growth. The average time assumed for the stores to trade at their maturity levels across the portfolio is 32 months; for the 32 same stores, the period to maturity is 25.5 months (March 2008: 14.9 months).
- C. The capitalisation rates applied to existing and future net cash flow have been estimated by reference to underlying yields for prime industrial and retail warehouse property, bank base rates, ten year money rates, inflation and the available evidence of transactions in the sector. On average, for all 48 trading stores, the yield (net of purchaser's costs) arising from the first year of the projected cash flow is 4.65% (March 2008: 4.21%; September 2007: 5.39%). This rises to 7.58% (March 2008: 7.02%; September 2007: 6.75%) based on the projected cash flow for the first year following estimated stabilisation in respect of each property.
- D. The future net cash flow projections (including revenue growth and cost inflation) have been discounted at a rate that reflects the risk associated with each asset. The weighted average annual discount rate adopted (for both freeholds and leaseholds) is 10.89% (March 2008: 10.36%; September 2007: 10.22%).
- E. Purchaser's costs of 5.75% have been assumed initially and sale plus purchaser's costs totalling 6.75% are assumed on the notional sales in the tenth year in relation to the freehold stores.

Leasehold

The same methodology has been used as for freeholds, except that no sale of the assets in the tenth year is assumed but the discounted cash flow is extended to the expiry of the lease. The average unexpired term of the Group's leaseholds is 17.3 years (March 2008: 17.7 years; September 2007: 18.0 years).

Valuation assumption for purchaser's costs

The Group's investment property assets have been valued for the purposes of the financial statements after deducting notional purchaser's cost of 5.75% of gross value, as if they were sold directly as property assets. The valuation is an asset valuation which is entirely linked to the operating performance of the business. The assets would have to be sold with the benefit of operational contracts, employment contracts and customer contracts, which would be very difficult to achieve except in a corporate structure. We believe therefore that the valuation assumptions should be adjusted to reflect the reality.

This approach follows the logic of the valuation methodology in that the valuation is based on a capitalisation of the net operating income after allowing a deduction for operational cost and an allowance for central administration costs. Sale in a corporate structure would result in a reduction in the assumed Stamp Duty Land Tax but an increase in other transaction costs reflecting additional due diligence resulting in a reduced notional purchaser's cost of 2.75% of gross value. All the significant sized transactions that have been concluded in the UK in recent years were completed in a corporate structure. We therefore instructed C&W to carry out a Red Book valuation on the above basis, and this results in a higher property valuation at 30 September 2008 of £749,240,000 (£31,540,000 higher than the value recorded in the financial statements or 26.5 pence per share). We have included this revised valuation in the adjusted diluted net asset calculation (see note 14).

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16. MOVEMENT IN EQUITY

	Share capital £'000	Share premium account £'000	Capital redemption reserve £'000	Retained earnings £'000	Own Shares £'000	Total £'000
At 1 April 2008 as previously reported	11,551	41,645	1,653	527,152	(1,896)	580,105
Restatement (see note 1)	–	–	–	781	–	781
At 1 April 2008 restated	11,551	41,645	1,653	527,933	(1,896)	580,886
Loss for the period	–	–	–	(54,829)	–	(54,829)
Current/deferred tax	–	–	–	(222)	–	(222)
Dividend	–	–	–	(6,309)	–	(6,309)
Issue of shares	4	31	–	–	–	35
Equity share options	–	–	–	304	–	304
At 30 September 2008	11,555	41,676	1,653	466,877	(1,896)	519,865

	Share capital £'000	Share premium account £'000	Capital redemption reserve £'000	Retained earnings Restated £'000	Own Shares £'000	Total Restated £'000
At 1 April 2007	11,456	40,864	1,653	434,818	(812)	487,979
Profit for the period	–	–	–	46,519	–	46,519
Current/deferred tax	–	–	–	103	–	103
Dividend	–	–	–	(6,277)	–	(6,277)
Issue of shares	69	529	–	–	–	598
Equity share options	–	–	–	196	–	196
Purchase of own shares	–	–	–	–	(1,084)	(1,084)
At 30 September 2007	11,525	41,393	1,653	475,359	(1,896)	528,034

See note 1 for details of the restatement.

17. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Transactions between the Company and its subsidiaries, which are related parties, have been eliminated on consolidation and are not disclosed in this note.

Transactions with Big Yellow Limited Partnership

As described in note 9e, the Group has a 33% interest in Big Yellow Limited Partnership, and entered into transactions with the Partnership during the year on normal commercial terms as shown in the table below.

	30 Sept 2008 £'000	30 Sept 2007 £'000	31 March 2008 £'000
Fees earned from Big Yellow Limited Partnership	650	–	138
Book value of assets sold to the Partnership	15,048	–	19,796
Profit on disposal of assets sold to the Partnership	49	–	531
Balance due from/(owing to) the Partnership	262	–	(77)

No other related party transactions took place during the year ended 31 March 2008 and the periods ended 30 September 2008 and 30 September 2007.

Independent Review Report to Big Yellow Group PLC

We have been engaged by the Company to review the condensed set of financial statements in the half-yearly financial report for the six months ended 30 September 2008 which comprises the consolidated income statement, the consolidated balance sheet, the consolidated statement of recognised income and expense, the consolidated cash flow statement and related notes 1 to 17. We have read the other information contained in the half-yearly financial report and considered whether it contains any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the information in the condensed set of financial statements.

This report is made solely to the Company in accordance with International Standard on Review Engagements (UK and Ireland) 2410 "Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity" issued by the Auditing Practices Board for use in the United Kingdom. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company those matters we are required to state to them in an independent review report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company, for our review work, for this report, or for the conclusions we have formed.

Directors' responsibilities

The half-yearly financial report is the responsibility of, and has been approved by, the directors. The directors are responsible for preparing the half-yearly financial report in accordance with the Disclosure and Transparency Rules of the United Kingdom's Financial Services Authority.

As disclosed in note 1, the annual financial statements of the group are prepared in accordance with IFRSs as adopted by the European Union. The condensed set of financial statements included in this half-yearly financial report has been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34, "Interim Financial Reporting," as adopted by the European Union.

Our responsibility

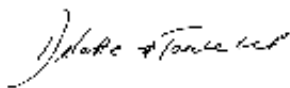
Our responsibility is to express to the Company a conclusion on the condensed set of financial statements in the half-yearly financial report based on our review.

Scope of Review

We conducted our review in accordance with International Standard on Review Engagements (UK and Ireland) 2410, "Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity" issued by the Auditing Practices Board for use in the United Kingdom. A review of interim financial information consists of making inquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the condensed set of financial statements in the half-yearly financial report for the six months ended 30 September 2008 is not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34 as adopted by the European Union and the Disclosure and Transparency Rules of the United Kingdom's Financial Services Authority.



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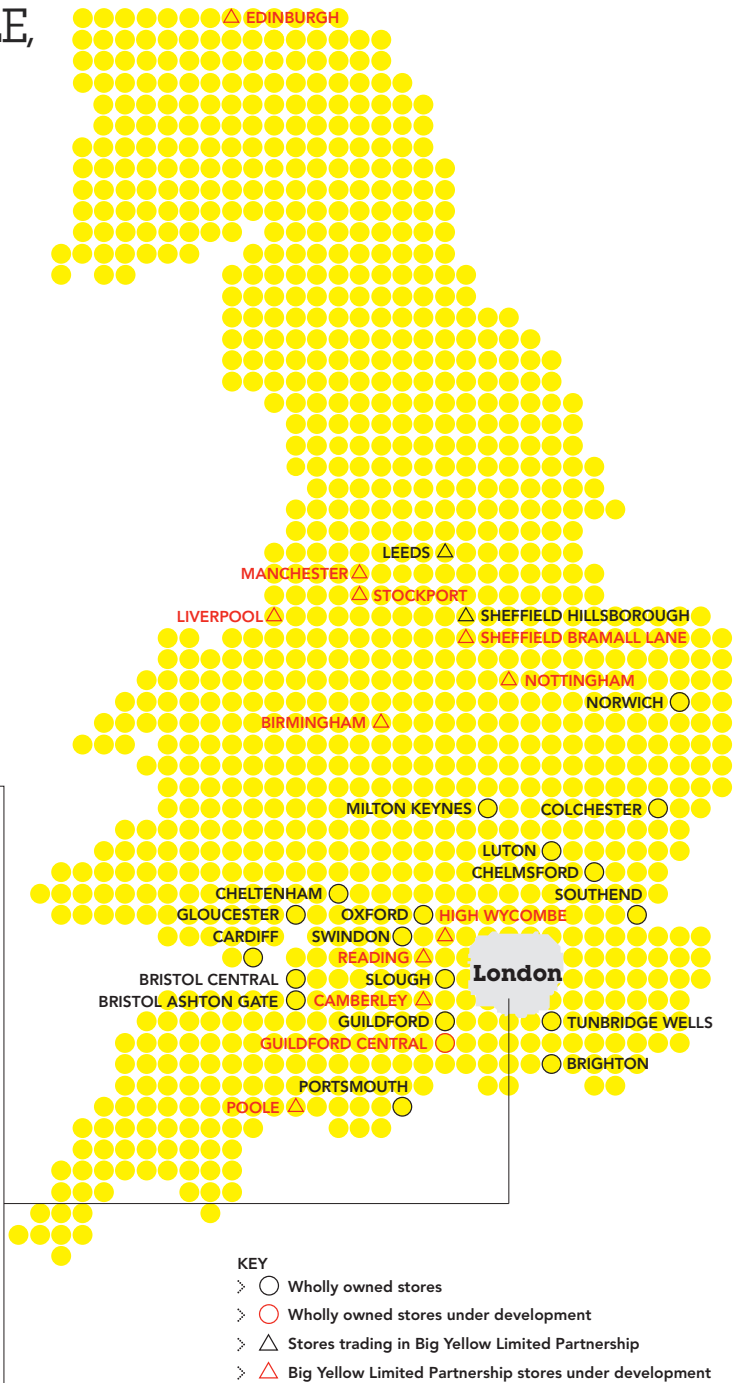
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