

I came across a strip from an envelope with perfin RA (R0020.01M) on two 1d Wilding stamps, postmark Halifax, Yorkshire, dated IX-JULY-57 and identity of MULLARD LIMITED, SERVICE DEPOT, BERRY LANE, HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.

Looking in Tomkins I see five different identities for this die, none having the initials RA, four having electrical connections!!

1. London Carriers Limited, Weddon, Surrey.
2. Stella Radio & TV Co, Shaftesbury Avenue, London.
3. Combined Electronic Services Limited. Also known as Amalgamated Electrical Services.
4. Mitcham Works Limited, Philips Electrical.
5. Phillips Lamps Limited.

R0020.03M RA is identified as Phillips Electrical Limited.

R0060.01p R/A provisionally identified as Philips Lamps Limited.

R0060.02p R/A identified as Philips Lamps Ltd, Mitcham Junction.

R0060.03 R/A identified as Philips Lamps Ltd, Shaftesbury Ave.

(Note different spellings of "Philips")

All the stamps are KGVI dark colours through to QEII sterling Machins

It would seem logical that these are all subsidiaries of Philips but can anyone confirm this? The main questions being:-

- a) To what do the letters "RA" refer?
- b) The name of the parent company?
- c) The names of all the subsidiaries

