

Lancaster University Ventures Ltd

Directors' report and financial statements

for the year ended 31 July 1999

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Directors' report for the year ended 31 July 1999

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 July 1999.

Principal activities

The profit and loss account is set out on page 5.

During the year the company's activities have been the provision of engineering research services and technology exploitation.

Business review

The company acts as the trading arm of the Engineering Department for consultancy and testing activity. Turnover for this is unpredictable. The company is also handling technology exploitation for the University of Lancaster, costs incurred on this should be recouped in future periods.

Proposed dividend and transfer to reserves

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend.

The company made a loss for the year of £8,726 (1998: £10,484).

Significant changes in fixed assets

Changes in fixed assets during the year are set out in note 7 to the financial statements.

Directors and directors' interests

The directors who held office during the year were as follows:

Mr D C Martin	(resigned 20 August 1998)
Professor J R Urry	(resigned 1 August 1999)
Mr J R Newton	

Professor N Abercrombie	(appointed 26 July 1999)
Mr E T McGregor	
Professor I Sommerville	
Dr J Nielsen	

None of the directors who held office at the end of the financial year had any disclosable interest in the shares of the company.

According to the register of directors' interests, no rights to subscribe for shares in the company or any other group company were granted to any of the directors or their immediate families, or exercised by them, during the financial year.

Post Balance Sheet

On 16 September 1998 Lancaster University Ventures Ltd changed its name to Lancaster University Business Enterprises Ltd.

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Political and charitable contributions

The Company made no political or charitable contributions during the year.

Year 2000

This matter is being addressed for the company by the University.

Auditors

In accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution for the re-appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers as auditors for the Company, is to be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

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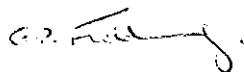
Statement of directors' responsibilities

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

By order of the board



G. P. Fielding
Secretary

9 December 1999

Auditors' report to the members of Lancaster University Ventures Limited

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 9 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 7.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 3 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 July 1999 and of its loss for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.



PricewaterhouseCoopers
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors
Manchester

9 December 1999

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Profit and loss account for the year ended 31 July 1999

	Note	1999 £	1998 £
Turnover		126	12,106
Cost of sales		<u>(2,495)</u>	<u>(12,281)</u>
Gross profit		(2,369)	(175)
Administrative expenses		<u>(6,357)</u>	<u>(10,309)</u>
Operating (loss)	2	(8,726)	(10,484)
Covenant to the University of Lancaster	5	-	-
(Loss) on ordinary activities before taxation		<u>(8,726)</u>	<u>(10,484)</u>
Taxation	6	-	-
Retained (loss) for financial year		<u><u>(8,726)</u></u>	<u><u>(10,484)</u></u>

All amounts relate to continuing operations.

Movements in reserves are set out in note 11 to the accounts.

The profit and loss account contains the only gains and losses of the company for the current and prior year.


There is no difference between the surplus on ordinary activities before taxation and the retained surplus for the year stated above, and their historical cost equivalents.

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Balance sheet at 31 July 1999

	Note	1999		1998	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	7		158		211
Current assets					
Debtors	8	4,345		3,777	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>(50,357)</u>		<u>(41,169)</u>	
Net current liabilities			(46,012)		(37,339)
Net liabilities			<u>(45,854)</u>		<u>(37,128)</u>
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	10		56		56
Profit and loss account	11		<u>(45,910)</u>		<u>(37,184)</u>
			<u>(45,854)</u>		<u>(37,128)</u>

The financial statements on pages 5 to 9 were approved by the board of directors on 9 December 1999 and were signed on its behalf by:


Director

Lancaster University Ventures Limited

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 July 1999

1 Accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the company's financial statements.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards in the United Kingdom and under the historical cost convention.

They have been prepared on a going concern basis, which assumes that the company will continue to trade.

The company is exempt from the requirement of Financial Reporting Standard number 1, to prepare a cash flow statement, as it is a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking of the University of Lancaster and its cash flows are included within the consolidated cash flow statement of that entity.

Fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided by the company to write off the cost as follows:

Computer equipment - 25% on reducing balance

Turnover

Turnover represents the amounts (excluding value added tax) derived from the provision of goods and services to customers during the year.

2 Operating (loss)

	1999	1998
<i>Operating (loss) is stated after charging:</i>	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	400	400
Depreciation	<u>53</u>	<u>70</u>

3 Remuneration of directors

The emoluments of the directors were £Nil (1998: £Nil).

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Notes (continued)

4 Staff numbers and costs

The company has no employees other than its directors who did not receive any remuneration for their services as directors of this company, and no payments were made for services rendered to the company in other capacities (1998: £Nil).

5 Covenant to the University of Lancaster

The operating loss for the year amounted to £8,726(1998: £10,484) of which £Nil (1998: £Nil) has been paid to the University of Lancaster under a Deed of Covenant dated 26 September 1990.

6 Taxation

The charge for taxation is based on the profit for the year and takes into account taxation deferred because of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes. Provision is made for deferred tax only to the extent that it is probable that an actual liability will crystallise.

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Computer equipment £
Cost	
At beginning and end of year	3,495
Depreciation	
As at 1 August 1998	3,284
Charge for year	53
As at 31 July 1999	3,337
Net book value	
At 31 July 1999	158
At 31 July 1998	211

8 Debtors

	1999 £	1998 £
Other debtors	4,345	3,777
	4,345	3,777

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Notes (continued)

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	1999 £	1998 £
Amounts owed to the University of Lancaster	50,080	41,169
Accruals	277	-
	<u>50,357</u>	<u>41,169</u>

10 Called up share capital

	£
<i>Authorised</i>	
Ordinary shares of £1 each at 1 August 1998 and 31 July 1999	100
<i>Allotted, called up and fully paid</i>	<u>56</u>
Ordinary shares of £1 each at 1 August 1998 and 31 July 1999	<u>56</u>

11 Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds

	Share capital £	Profit and loss account £	Total shareholders' funds £
As at 1 August 1998	56	(37,184)	(37,128)
Loss for the financial year	-	(8,726)	(8,726)
As at 31 July 1999	<u>56</u>	<u>(45,910)</u>	<u>(45,854)</u>

12 Related party transactions

The directors have taken advantage of the exemption in FRS8 and have not disclosed related party transactions with parent and fellow subsidiary undertakings. There are no other related party transactions which require specific disclosure.

13 Ultimate parent undertaking and parent undertaking of larger group of which the company is a member

The company is a subsidiary undertaking of Lancaster University Enterprises Ltd which is in turn a subsidiary of the University of Lancaster.

The largest and smallest group in which the results of the company are consolidated is that headed by the University of Lancaster. Copies of the consolidated accounts may be obtained from:

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