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KCS MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS LIMITED
DIRECTORS' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2003



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### **COMPANY INFORMATION**

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Secretary A D Snell

**Auditors** Spofforths

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#### **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2003

The directors present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2003.

#### **Principal activities**

The company's principal activity during the year continued to be that of the development, marketing, installation and support of computer software for accounting personnel and payroll systems.

#### Review of the business and future developments

The directors are pleased to announce a third very successful financial year since the management buy-out with results showing a 13% increase in revenues. Additionally, tight control on overheads has resulted in 92% growth in operating profit in the twelve-month period.

The company continued its principal activities during the year; those of the development, marketing, installation and support of computer software for Integrated HR, Payroll and Time & Attendance systems.

Our sister company, KCS Connect Limited, which was acquired at the beginning of this financial year to provide payroll bureau outsourcing, has exceeded our performance expectations, and has enabled us to provide a completely all round and flexible solution for our clients.

Substantial investment in research and development was made during the year to take full advantage of new technologies. This investment has not only substantially enhanced our Web based applications but also added several new modules to our portfolio of comprehensive software modules. We are confident that this will fully satisfy our clients strategic HR and Payroll's future visions.

Following last year's success in achieving 3 industry awards, we are pleased to announce that we yet again won the prestigious 'Payroll Software Provider of the Year' award, making KCS Management Systems Limited the only company ever to achieve this feat 2 years running.

In a year that presented difficult trading conditions for the IT industry and where many of our competitors were failing and downsizing, KCS Management Systems Limited has continued to grow.

With the enhanced range of products and services now offered, the directors are confident that the company remains well placed to now take full advantage of the improving market, and thus predicts another year of growth next year.

### Results and dividends

The profit for the year, after taxation, amounted to £144,649 (2002: £93,037). The directors do not recommend payment of a dividend.

### Research and development

The company continues an active programme of research and development, the costs of which during the year amounted to £198,655 (2002: £237,464).

### **Directors**

The directors who served during the year and their interests in the share capital of the parent company were as follows:

		£1 Ordinary shares	
		31	1
		March	April
		2003	2002
A D Snell		64,688	43,125
Ms C M Rogers		45,000	23,438
Ms P M Watson		7,000	·
C Rattigan	Resigned 16 August 2002	• -	43,125

The directors had no interest in the share capital of this company.

### **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2003

### Directors' responsibilities

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts 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 accounts, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the accounts 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 accounts comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

#### **Auditors**

A resolution to reappoint Spofforths as auditors will be put to the members at the Annual General Meeting.

16/9/03

This report was approved by the board on

A D Snell Secretary

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF

#### KCS MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS LIMITED

We have audited the accounts of KCS Management Systems Limited for the year ended 31 March 2003 on pages 4 to 15.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' 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 and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

## Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

Our responsibility is to audit the accounts in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and United Kingdom Auditing Standards.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the accounts give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Directors' Report is not consistent with the accounts, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transactions with the company is not disclosed.

We read the Directors' Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

### Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with United Kingdom 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 accounts. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the accounts, 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 accounts 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 accounts.

#### Opinion

In our opinion the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 March 2003 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

**Spofforths** 

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors 20 Old Mill Square Storrington

West Sussex RH20 4NQ

Date: 19 September 2003

# PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2003

		•	
	Notes	2003 £	2002 £
Turnover		3,852,025	3,408,255
Cost of sales		(405,947)	(329,332)
Gross profit		3,446,078	3,078,923
Administrative expenses		(3,269,377)	(2,986,957)
Operating profit	2	176,701	91,966
Interest payable	5	(3,129)	(4,632)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		173,572	87,334
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	6	(28,923)	<i>5,703</i>
Retained profit for the financial period	16	144,649	93,037

## Continuing operations

None of the company's activities were acquired or discontinued during the above two financial periods.

## Statement of total recognised gains and losses

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the profit for the above two financial periods.

## **BALANCE SHEET**

## **AS AT 31 MARCH 2003**

	Notes		2003		2002
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	7		3,704		6,806
Tangible assets	8	_	90,472	_	110,281
			94,176		117,087
Current assets					
Debtors	9	1,104,742		1,158,911	
Cash at bank and in hand		319,787		298	
		1,424,529		1,159,209	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(698,086)		(652,428)	
Net current assets			726,443		506,781
Total assets less current liabilities			820,619		623,868
Provisions for liabilities and charges	12		(29,064)		(4,548)
Deferred income	13		(383,981)		(356,395)
		:	407,574		262,925
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	14		85,000		85,000
Capital redemption reserve	15		134,000		134,000
Profit and loss account	16		188,574		43,925
Equity shareholders' funds	17		407,574		262,925

A D Snell

Director
Approved by the board on /// 1/3

Ms C M Rogers Director

## CASH FLOW STATEMENT

## **AS AT 31 MARCH 2003**

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	Notes	2003	2002
Reconciliation of operating profit to net cash (outflow) /		£	£
inflow from operating activities			
Operating profit		176,701	91,966
Depreciation		42,798	72,790
Amortisation of intangible assets		3,102	9,037
Loss on sale of fixed assets		-	1,134
Decrease/(increase) in debtors		54,169	(309,740)
Increase in creditors		219,161	112,337
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities		495,931	(22,476)
CASH FLOW STATEMENT			
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities		495,931	(22,476)
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	18	(3,129)	(4,632)
Taxation		(1,421)	(23,242)
Capital expenditure	18	(22,989)	(29,117)
		468,392	(79,467)
Financing	18	(6,980)	(15,790)
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Increase/(decrease) in cash		461,412	(95,257)
Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net debt			
Increase/(decrease) in cash		461,412	(95,257)
Decrease in debt and lease financing		6,980	15,790
Change in net debt	19	468,392	(79,467)
Net debt at beginning of year		(148,605)	(69,138)
Net funds/(net debt) at end of year		319,787	(148,605)

#### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2003

#### 1 Accounting policies

#### Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

#### Turnover

Turnover is the total amount receivable by the company in respect of the sale of licenses installed and accepted, and services provided, excluding VAT and trade discounts. Income arising in respect of maintenance contracts is recognised over a period based upon a proportion of the contract value being released to the profit and loss account when the invoice is raised with the balance being recognised on a straight line basis over the remainder of the contract period.

#### Software

The intangible fixed asset relates to computer software which is recorded at cost and amortised on a straight-line basis over its estimated useful economic life of 5 years.

#### Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset evenly over its expected useful life, as follows:

Furniture and equipment Fixtures and fittings Computer equipment over 5 to 10 years over 10 years over 5 years

#### Deferred taxation

Provision is made at appropriate rates for taxation deferred in respect of all material timing differences to the extent that there is reasonable probability that a liability or asset will crystallise in the foreseeable future.

### Leasing and hire purchase commitments

Assets held under finance leases and hire purchase contracts, which are those where substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset have passed to the company, are capitalised in the balance sheet and depreciated over their useful lives.

The interest element of the rental obligations is charged to the profit and loss account over the period of the lease and represents a constant proportion of the balance of capital repayments outstanding.

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to income on a straight line basis over the lease term.

### Research and development

Research and deviopment expenditure is charged to the profit and loss account in the period in which it is incurred.

#### Pensions

Contributions in respect of the company's defined contribution pension scheme are charged to the profit and loss account for the year in which they are payable to the scheme. Differences between contributions payable and contributions actually paid in the year are shown as either accruals or prepayments at the year end.

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2003

2 Operating profit  2003  £  This is stated after charging:	2002 £ 50,469 2,321
£	£ 50,469
<del>-</del>	50,469
This is stated after charging:	•
	•
Depreciation of owned fixed assets 29,317	2,321
Depreciation of assets held under finance leases and hire purchase contracts 13,481	
Amortisation of intangible fixed assets 3,102	9,037
Loss on sale of fixed assets -	1,134
Operating lease rentals - plant and machinery 18,994	18,994
Operating lease rentals - land and buildings 91,125	91,125
Operating leases - motor vehicles 106,797 1.	52,296
Auditors' remuneration8,000	12,000
3 Directors' emoluments 2003 £	2002 £
Emoluments 236,691 2	55,408
•	15,330
Compensation to past directors for loss of office 33,233	-
	70,738
Highest paid director:  Emoluments 85,800  Company contributions to money purchase pension schemes 6,000	84,240 6,000
91,800	90,240

During the period the company paid £56,628 (2001: £47,303) to T R Executive Services Limited, a company in which Ms C M Rogers is a director and shareholder, in respect of the services of Ms C M Rogers, a director of the company. All transactions were carried out under normal commercial terms.

Number of directors in company pension schemes:	2003 Number	2002 Number
Money purchase schemes	2	3

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

4	Staff costs		
		2003	2002
		£	£
	Wages and salaries	1,598,036	1,317,296
	Social security costs	142,316	145,773
	Other pension costs	67,637	70,380
		1,807,989	1,533,449
	Average number of employees during the year	Number	Number
	Administration	3	3
	Development	9	9
	Customer services	27	28
	Sales and marketing	10	7
	Management	3_	3
		52	50
5	Interest payable		
		2003	2002
		£	£
	Bank loans and overdrafts	1,911	2,354
	Other loans	1,218	234
	Finance charges payable under finance leases and hire purchase		2,044
		3,129	4,632

## **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2003

6	Taxation		
	Analysis of charge in year		
		2003	2002
		ŧ	£
	Current tax:		
	UK corporation tax on profits of the year	23,207	1,421
	Adjustments in respect of previous years 5,200		<u> </u>
		5,200	
	Total current tax	28,407	1,421
	Deferred tax:		
	Origination and reversal of timing differences (Note 13)	516_	(7,124)
	Tax on profit on ordinary activities	28,923	(5,703)

## Factors affecting tax charge for year

The tax assessed for the year is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK (30 per cent). The differences are explained below:

	2003	2002
	£	£
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	173,572	<i>87,334</i>
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by standard		
rate of corporation tax in the UK of 30% (2002:		
20%)	52,073	<i>17,467</i>
Effects of:		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	7,037	5,252
Capital allowances for year in excess of depreciation	3,722	5,818
Research and development tax credit	(28,978)	(23,746)
Utilisation of tax losses	•	(2,972)
Marginal relief adjustment	(10,647)	(398)
Adjustments in respect of previous years	5,200	
Current tax charge for year as above	28,407	1,421

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

7	Intangible fixed assets				Software
	Cost				£
	At beginning of year				45,885
	At end of year			_	45,885
	•			=	<del></del>
	Amortisation				
	At beginning of year				39,079
	Provided during the year				3,102
	At end of year			=	42,181
	Net book value				
	At 31 March 2003			_	3,704
	At 31 March 2002			=	6,806
8	Tangible fixed assets				
•				•	
		Furniture			
		and equipment	Fixtures and fittings	Computer equipment	Total
		equipment £	£	£	£
	Cost	-	-	-	•
	At beginning of year	58,872	60,779	343,507	463,158
	Additions		7,943	8,611	22,989
	At end of year	65,307	68,722	352,118	486,147
	Depreciation				
	At beginning of year	29,791	36,997	286,089	352,877
	Charge for the year	6,542	9,612	26,644	42,798
	At end of year	36,333	46,609	312,733	395,675
	Net book value				
	At 31 March 2003	28,974	22,113	39,385	90,472
	At 31 March 2002	29,081	23,782	57,418	110,281
				2003	2002
	Net book value of assets included abov	e held under finance leases	and hire	£	£
	purchase contracts				17,816

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

9	Debtors		2003	2002
			£	£
	Trade debtors		697,944	866,960
	Amounts owed by group undertakings		200,647	133,441
	Other debtors		· <u>-</u>	6,744
	Prepayments and accrued income		206,151	151,766
		_	1,104,742	1,158,911
10	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		2003	2002
	•		£	£
	Bank loans and overdrafts		_	141,923
	Obligations under finance lease and hire purchase contracts		_	6,980
	Trade creditors		235,623	170,129
	Corporation tax		28,407	1,421
	Other taxes and social security costs		215,782	190,827
	Other creditors		13,598	250
	Accruals and deferred income		204,676	140,898
•			698,086	652,428
11	Obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts		2003 £	2002 £
	Amounts payable:			
	Within one year		<del></del> :	6,980
12	Provisions for liabilities and charges	Deferred tax	Othor	Tatal
		£	Other £	Total
		£	£	£
	At beginning of year	4,548	-	4,548
	Charged to the profit and loss account	516	24,000	24,516
	At end of year	5,064	24,000	29,064
	Deferred taxation provided in the accounts is as follows:			
	Provided	Potential	Provided	Potential
	2003	2003	2002	2002
	£	£	£	£
	Capital allowances in advance of depreciation	-	4,548_	-

## **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

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13	Deferred income			2003 £	2002 £
	At beginning of year			356,395	258,506
	Received during the period			27,586	97,889_
	At end of year		•	383,981	356,395
	Deferred income arises from maintenance confecognised as revenue over the remaining periods.		balance sheet da	te. The income de	ferred is
14	Share capital			2003	2002
				£	£
	Authorised:			05.000	05.000
	Ordinary shares of £1 each			85,000	<u>85,000</u>
		2003	2002	2003	2002
		2005 No	2002 No	2003 £	2002 · £
	Allotted, called up and fully paid:	No	NO	£	£
	Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>85,000</u>	85,000	85,000	<u>85,000</u>
	At beginning of year At end of year  Profit and loss account  At beginning of year				Capital redemption reserve £ 134,000 134,000 £ 43,925
	Retained profit		•		144,649
	At end of year	•			188,574
1	7 Reconciliation of movement in shareho	lders' funds		2003	2002
				£	£
	Profit for the financial period			144,649	93,037
	Net movement in shareholders' funds			144,649	93,037
	At beginning of year  At end of year			<u>262,925</u> 407,574	<u>169,888</u> 262,925

## **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2003

18	Gross cash flows		Year to	18 mths to
		31	March 2003	31 March 2002
			£	£
	Returns on investments and servicing of finance		_	~
	Interest paid		(3,129)	(2,588)
	Interest element of finance lease rental payments		-	(2,044)
	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	-	(3,129)	(4,632)
	Capital expenditure			
	Payments to acquire intangible fixed assets		_	(1,408)
	Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets		(22,989)	(31,954)
	Receipts from sales of tangible fixed assets		(=2,505)	4,245
		,	(22,989)	(29,117)
		•	<del></del>	=======================================
	Financing			
	Capital element of finance lease rental payments		(6,980)	(15,790)
19	Analysis of changes in net debt			
13	Analysis of changes in her debt	At beginning		At end
		of year	Cash flows	of year
		£	£	£
	Cash at bank and in hand	298	319,489	319,787
	Overdrafts	(141,923)	141,923	225/202
	u · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	(141,625)	461,412	319,787
	Finance leases	(6,980)	6.980	,. 0,
	Total	(148,605)	468,392	319,787

### 20 Pension commitments

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for the benefit of the employees including directors. The assets of the scheme are administered by trustees in a fund independent from those of the company.

The total contributions paid in the year amounted to £85,710 (2002: £170,098).

#### **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2003

### 21 Other financial commitments

At the year end the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below:

<b>js</b> buildings	Other 2003	<i>Other</i> 2002
£ £	£	£
	39,659	9,092
91,925	170,077	162,000
91,925	209,736	171,092
9	gs         buildings           3         2002           £         £           4         -           91,925	3 2002 2003 £ £ £ 4 - 39,659 - 91,925 170,077

### 22 Contingent liabilities

A cross guarantee exists between the company and its parent, RJT 260 Limited, in respect of bank loans held by RJT 260 Limited and for the overdraft of KCS Management Systems Limited.

At the balance sheet date, this contingent liability amounts to £737,500 (2002: £787,500).

### 23 Transactions with directors

During the year the company provided a loan to Ms P M Watson, a director. The loan was interest free and repayable on demand. The outstanding amounts were as follows:

Beginning of the year £ 4,350 End of year £ - Maximum during the year £ 4,350

### 24 Related parties

Parent company

The company's ultimate parent undertaking is RJT 260 Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales.

During the year, RJT 260 Limited charged £81,487 (2002: £38,000) for management services provided. All transactions were carried out under normal commercial terms.

At the period end a balance of £194,938 (2002: £133,441) was due from RJT 260 Limited.

KCS Connect Limited is a 100% owned subsidiary of RJT 260 Limited, KCS Management Services Limited's ultimate parent. At the period end a balance was due from KCS Connect Limited of £5,708.

Ms C M Rogers, a director of KCS Management Services Limited, is also a director of Convergent Network Solutions Limited. During the year, KCS Management Services Limited purchased from Convergent Network Solutions Limited services to the value of £23,662. All transactions were carried out under normal commercial terms.

## MANAGEMENT PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

	£	2003 £	£	2002 £
Turnover		3,852,025		3,408,255
Cost of sales Direct costs	405,947		329,332	
	405,947	_	329,332	
		(405,947)		(329,332)
Gross profit	•	3,446,078	<u>-</u> -	3,078,923
Less expenses Administrative expenses	3,269,377	·	2,986,957	
		(3,269,377)	_	(2,986,957)
Profit before interest		176,701		91,966
Interest payable On bank loans and overdrafts On HP and finance leases Other interest	1,911 - 1,218		2,354 2,044 234	
Interest receivable		(3,129)		(4,632)
Profit for the year before taxation		173,572		87,334

# MANAGEMENT PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

	2003	2002
Analysis of expenses	£	£
Administrative expenses		
Employment costs:		
Directors' remuneration	180,063	197,700
Director's fees	56,628	<i>37,294</i>
Directors' national insurance	30,543	21,755
Directors' pension costs	11,100	15,330
Wages and salaries	1,741,617	1,463,069
Staff training and welfare	44,175	49,853
Staff pension costs	<u>67,637_</u>	70,380
·	2,131,763	1,855,381
Establishment costs:	<del></del>	
Rent and rates	154,114	154,589
Repairs and maintenance	16,359	1,235
Insurance	24,682	15,857
Hire of equipment	24,550	18,994
	219,705	190,675
Other costs:		
Printing, postage and stationery	28,069	34,498
Telecommunication costs	26,227	<i>29,827</i>
Legal and professional fees	57 <i>,</i> 729	<i>58,860</i>
Management fees	81,487	38,000
Audit fees	12,850	12,000
Bank charges	13,301	<i>12,739</i>
Motor expenses	163,171	182,335
Travel and subsistence	180,844	166,524
Advertising	178,473	<i>174,770</i>
Sub-contracted services	91,374	90,142
Computer running costs	18,587	23,533
Computer consumables	7,095	<i>6,636</i>
Bad debts	2,574	10,872
Subscriptions and donations	4,323	1,404
Sundry expenses	5,905	15,800
Loss on sale of fixed assets	-	1,134
Amortisation	3,102	9,037
Depreciation	42,798	72,790
	917,909	940,901
	3,269,377	2,986,957