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DATA SYSTEMS TERMINALS LIMITED

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1996



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COMPANY INFORMATION AS AT 30 JUNE 1996

DIRECTORS

N D Roberts

S J Roberts

S D Roberts

T A Parkhouse (resigned 30/06/1996)

SECRETARY

S J Roberts

REGISTERED NUMBER

01367328

AUDITORS

Brooks Carling Addept House 34A Sydenham Road Croydon Surrey CR0 2EF

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their annual report with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 30 June 1996.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the company in the year under review continued to be that of suppliers of point of sale equipment and related stationery.

REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS

The net profit after providing for taxation amounted to £7,674.

DIVIDENDS

No dividends were paid during the year and no recommendation is made as to dividends.

POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

Since the year end, the company has purchased new premises which cost £200,000. This has been financed by a secured mortgage of £160,000 repayable in equal instalments over 20 years, and the sale of freehold properties which were held at 30/06/96. Some have already been sold at the date of signing these accounts and the remaining properties are under negotiation. It is expected that by 30th June 1997 all the sales will have been completed and all of the outstanding bank loan at 30/06/96 repaid.

DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS

The directors in office in the year and their beneficial interests in the company at the balance sheet date and the beginning of the year (or on appointment if later) were as follows:

		Number	of Shares
		1996	1995
N D Roberts	Ordinary shares of £1 each	5,000	5,000
S J Roberts	Ordinary shares of £1 each	1,000	1,000
S D Roberts	Ordinary shares of £1 each	-	-,
T A Parkhouse (resigned 30/06/1996)	Ordinary shares of £1 each	_	_

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 as at the end of the financial year and of the profit or loss of the company 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;
- 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 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.

POLITICAL AND CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

During the year the company did not make any political contributions nor any charitable contributions.

CLOSE COMPANY

The company is a close company, as defined by the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

AUDITORS

The auditors, Brooks Carling, will be proposed for re-appointment in accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985.

SMALL COMPANY EXEMPTIONS

The directors have taken advantage of the exemptions conferred by Part II of Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985.

By order of the board:

S J Roberts Secretary

Approved by the board: 15. H = 1997

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 15 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and on the basis of accounting policies set out on pages 8 and 9.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS

As described in the Directors' Report, 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 as to whether 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 affairs of the company as at 30 June 1996 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985, applicable to small companies.

Brooks Carling

Registered Auditors Addept House 34A Sydenham Road Croydon Surrey CR0 2EF

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1996

	Notes	1996 £	1995 £
TURNOVER		1,541,704	1,195,961
Cost of sales		973,180	705,096
GROSS PROFIT		568,524	490,865
Distribution costs		84,060	26,971
Administrative expenses		449,987	403,385
OPERATING PROFIT	2	34,477	60,509
Interest payable and similar charges	3	(18,386)	(23,060)
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION	_	16,091	37,449
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	6	(8,417)	(4,055)
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	_	7,674	33,394
Permanent diminution in freehold property	7	(22,420)	-
ACCUMULATED LOSS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		(14,746)	33,394
Retained profits brought forward	16	82,203	48,809
RETAINED PROFITS CARRIED FORWARD		67,457	82,203

Continuing operations

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

STATEMENT OF RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1996

	1996	1995
	£	£
Profit for the financial year after taxation	7,674	33,394
Unrealised movement on revaluation of properties	(39,761)	
TOTAL RECOGNISED LOSSES RELATING TO THE YEAR	(32,087)	33,394

Historical cost

The difference between the results as disclosed in the profit and loss account before tax, and retained loss for the year, on an unmodified historical cost basis is not material.

BALANCE SHEET AT 30 JUNE 1996

	Notes		1996	1	995
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	7		277,303		405,250
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	8	133,223		94,613	
Debtors	9	433,546		247,265	
Cash at bank and in hand		547		145	
		567,316		342,023	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due					
within one year	10	(765,796)		(552,739)	
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES	_		(198,480)		(210,716)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			78,823	-	194,534
CREDITORS: amounts falling due					
after more than one year	11		(5,366)	_	(88,990)
NET ASSETS			73,457	=	105,544
CAPITAL AND RESERVES		·			
Called up share capital	14		6,000		6,000
Revaluation reserve	15		-		17,341
Profit and loss account	16		67,457		82,203
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS'		•		_	
FUNDS	19		73,457		105,544

In preparing these financial statements the directors have taken advantage of special exemptions applicable to small companies on the grounds that, in their opinion, the company is entitled to those exemptions.

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 15: 4- 1997 and signed on its behalf by:

N D Roberts

S D Roberts

The notes on pages 8 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1996

1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

The financial statements have also been prepared on the basis of historical costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where stated, current valuations of non-current assets. Cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by the company in the preparation of the financial statements.

(a) Turnover

Turnover represents the total invoice value, excluding value added tax, of goods sold and services rendered during the year.

(b) Depreciation of tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its useful life:

Motor vehicles
Equipment, fixtures and tools

25% on written down value 15% on written down value

No depreciation is charged on freehold and long leasehold land.

Where zero depreciation of freehold buildings is appropriate

Freehold buildings are depreciated to write down the cost less estimated residual value over their remaining useful life by equal annual instalments. Where buildings are maintained to such a standard that their residual value is not less than their cost or valuation, no depreciation is charged as it is not material.

(c) Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Net realisable value is based on estimated selling price less further costs to completion and disposal.

(d) Deferred taxation

Provision is made at current rates for taxation deferred in respect of all material timing differences except to the extent that, in the opinion of the directors, there is reasonable probability that the liability will not arise in the forseeable future.

(e) Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Exchange differences are taken into the profit and loss account for the year.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1996

1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (continued)

(f) Leasing and hire purchase commitments

Assets held under finance leases and hire purchase contracts are capitalised in the balance sheet and are depreciated over their estimated useful lives. The interest element of the rental obligations is charged to the profit and loss account over the period of the lease.

Lease payments under operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses in the periods in which they are incurred.

(g) Pension costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to this scheme are charged to the profit and loss account in the period to which they relate. These contributions are invested separately from the company's assets.

2. OPERATING PROFIT

	Operating profit is stated:	1996	1995
		£	£
(a)	After charging:		
	Depreciation of fixed assets	22,881	27,889
	Auditors' remuneration	4,074	3,476
	Loss on foreign currencies	1,740	-
	Operating lease rentals		
	Land and buildings	-	20,559
	Plant and machinery	52,491	32,248
			

3. INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES

	1996 £	1995 £
On bank loans and overdrafts	15,100	19,240
On overdue tax	52	-
Lease finance charges and hire purchase interest	3,234	3,820
	18,386	23,060

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1996

	4.	INFORM	ATION ON DIRECTORS	AND EMPLOYEES
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	1996 £	1995 £
Staff costs	a-	æ.
Wages and salaries Social security costs Other pension costs	333,966 26,094 16,956	290,417 17,477 14,720
	377,016	322,614
Directors' emoluments	1996 £	1995 £
Remuneration for management services (including pension contributions)	94,551	100,487

5. PENSION COSTS

(a)

Defined contribution scheme

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the company to the fund and amounted to £16,956 (1995 £14,720).

6. TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

(a)	The taxation charge comprises:	,	1996 £	1995 £
	UK corporation tax at 25/24% (1995 - 25%)		8,417	4,055

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1996

Depreciation charge for the year:

Fixtures and equipment

Motor vehicles

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold Land and buildings	Fixtures and equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost or valuation:				
At 1 July 1995	281,825	124,270	155,636	561,731
Additions	80,000	6,133	14,250	100,383
Revaluations	(39,761)	-	-	(39,761)
Disposals	(142,063)	-	(74,912)	(216,975)
At 30 June 1996	180,001	130,403	94,974	405,378
Depreciation:				
At 1 July 1995	-	58,756	97,725	156,481
Charge for year	-	10,747	12,134	22,881
On disposals	-	-	(51,287)	(51,287)
At 30 June 1996	•	69,503	58,572	128,075
Net book value:				
At 30 June 1996	180,001	60,900	36,402	277,303
At 30 June 1995	281,825	65,515	57,910	405,250
			1996	1995
A			£	£
Analysis of net book value of lan	u and bundings:			
Freehold			180,001	281,825
Included above are assets held und	ler finance leases	or hire purchase of	contracts as follows	:-
			1996	1995
			£	£
Net book values:				
Fixtures and equipment			16,678	19,621
Motor vehicles			10,688	29,861

Net obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts are secured on the assets acquired.

27,366

2,943

3,563

6,506

49,482

3,462

9,954

13,416

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1996

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - (continued)

Revaluation

One of the freehold properties has been reduced in value at 30th June 1996 by £39,761. This consists of writing back the original revaluation reserve created on this property in 1986 of £17,341, and providing £22,420 based on the current property market and the disposal value expected to be realised in the next financial year.

8. STOCKS

	Raw materials and consumables	1996 £ 133,223	1995 £ 94,613
9.	DEBTORS	1996 £	1995 £
	Trade debtors Factored debts Other debtors Prepayments and accrued income	4,186 378,369 4,880 46,111	230,253 17,012
		433,546	247,265

⁽a) The nett amount of factored debts after amounts received on account (see note 10) at 30th June 1996 was £246,746 (1995: nil.)

10. CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year

	1996	1995
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	196,656	170,501
Net obligations under finance leases and hire purchase		
contracts	12,113	20,483
Payments received on account of factoring	131,623	-
Trade creditors	244,916	164,735
Corporation tax	9,794	19,537
Other taxes and social security costs	31,896	26,634
Directors' current accounts	14,279	26
Other creditors	•	32,325
Accruals and deferred income	124,519	118,498
	765,796	552,739

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1996

10. CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year - (continued)

(a) BANK SECURITY

As security for bank loans and overdrafts advanced, the company's bankers hold a legal charge over the freehold properties and a debenture dated 17 October 1983 over certain assets of the company.

11. CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year

1996	1995
.	76,699
5,366	12,291
5,366	88,990
	5,366

12. BORROWINGS

		1996 £	1995 £
(a)	The company's borrowings are repayable as follows	~	•
•	Up to one year and on demand	208,769	190,984
	Between one and two years	5,366	84,714
	Between two and five years	-	4,276
		214,135	279,974
	Wholly repayable within five years	214,135	279,974
	Included in current liabilities	208,769	190,984

13. OBLIGATIONS UNDER FINANCE LEASES AND HIRE PURCHASE CONTRACTS

	1996	1995
	£	£
Included in current liabilities	12,113	20,483
		

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1996

14.	SHARE CAPITAL		
		1996	1995
	Authorised:	£	£
	Equity interests:		
	10,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	10,000	10,000
	Allotted, called up and fully paid: Equity interests:		
	6,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	6,000	6,000
	, •	====	
15.	REVALUATION RESERVE		
		1996	1995
		£	£
	Balance at beginning of year	17,341	17,341
	Released during the year	(17,341)	-
	Balance at year end	-	17,341
16.	PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT		
		1996	1995
		£	£
	Retained Profit at 1 July 1995	82,203	48,809
	Profit for the year	7,674	33,394
	Permanent diminution in freehold property	(22,420)	-
	Retained profits at 30 June 1996	67,457	82,203
17.	CAPITAL COMMITMENTS		
	Operating leases		
	Commitments on operating leases on plant and machinery were as fol		
		1996	1995
	Leases expiring in:	£	£
	Up to one year	3,849	4,241
	Between one and two years	27,967	7,211
	Between two and five years	42,569	24,605

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1996

18. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Other than the bank security charge over the freehold properties, a debenture over certain assets of the company and the post balance sheet purchase of the freehold property stated in the directors report, there were no other commitments or contingent liabilities at the year end.

19. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

	1996	1995
	£	£
Profit for the financial year	7,674	33,394
Other recognised gains and losses relating to the year	(39,761)	
Net reduction to shareholders' funds	(32,087)	33,394
Opening shareholders' funds	105,544	72,150
Closing shareholders' funds	73,457	105,544
Represented by:-		
Equity interests	73,457	105,544