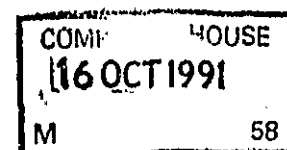


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GDS INSTRUMENTS LIMITED  
ABBREVIATED ANNUAL REPORT  
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1990



SS INSTRUMENTS LIMITED  
(company number 1459108)  
ABBREVIATED ANNUAL REPORT  
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1990

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AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS OF  
GDS INSTRUMENTS LIMITED PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 8 OF  
SCHEDULE 8 TO THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

We have examined the abbreviated accounts on pages 2 to 5 together with the full financial statements of GDS Instruments Limited for the year ended 31st December 1990. The scope of our work for the purpose of this report was limited to confirming that the company is entitled to the exemptions claimed in the balance sheet on page 2 and that the abbreviated accounts have been properly prepared from the full financial statements. In our opinion the company is entitled under section 246 and 247 of the Companies Act 1985 to the exemptions conferred by Part I of schedule 8 to that Act in respect of the year ended 31st December 1990 and the abbreviated accounts on pages 2 to 5 have been properly prepared in accordance with that schedule.

On 19 August 1991 we reported, as auditors of GDS Instruments Limited, to the members on the full financial statements prepared under section 227 of the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 31st December 1990 and our audit report was as follows:

"We have audited the financial statements set out on pages 3 to 10 in accordance with Auditing Standards.

"In our opinion the financial statements, which have been prepared under the historical cost convention, give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs at 31 December 1990 and of its profit and source and application of funds for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

"In our opinion the company is entitled for the year ended 31 December 1990 to the exemption conferred by section 248 of the Companies Act 1985 from the requirement to prepare group accounts".

Howard Lee & Co,  
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...19 August 1991

*Howard Lee & Co*

Chartered Accountants

GDS INSTRUMENTS LIMITED  
ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET

31 DECEMBER 1990

		<u>1990</u>	<u>1989</u>
	<u>Notes</u>	£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	2	44,789	55,884
Investments	3	8,436	8,436
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		53,225	64,320
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks		53,832	39,075
Debtors		70,674	114,421
Cash at bank and in hand		15,734	123
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		140,240	153,619
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	4	115,240	134,132
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NET CURRENT ASSETS		25,000	19,487
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TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		78,225	83,807
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due after more than one year	4	25,411	35,268
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		£ 52,814	£ 48,539
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	5	5,000	5,000
Profit and loss account		47,814	43,539
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		£ 52,814	£ 48,539

Advantage has been taken of the exemptions conferred by Part I of schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985 on the grounds that the company is, in the opinion of the directors, entitled to do so as a small company.

Approved by the board on... 15 August 1991

..... P. Hooker ..... Director

GDS INSTRUMENTS LIMITED

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1990

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

(b) Turnover

Turnover represents invoiced sales, excluding value added tax.

(c) Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Computer equipment	- 33 1/3%
Office equipment	- 15%
Testing and research equipment	- 15% to 33 1/3%
Motor vehicles	- 25%

(d) Translation of foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Normal fluctuations on trading items are dealt with as part of the results for the year.

(e) Research and development

All revenue expenditure on research and development is charged to profit and loss account in the year in which it is incurred.

(f) Stocks

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

(g) Hire purchase agreements

Assets purchased under hire purchase agreements are capitalised at a value equal to the cash purchase price, and depreciated over their estimated useful lives.

Finance charges payable under such agreements are charged to profit loss account evenly over the term of agreement.

GDS INSTRUMENTS LIMITED

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1990

2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	£
Cost	
At 1 January 1990	134,386
Additions	12,759
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At 31 December 1990	147,145
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Depreciation	
At 1 January 1990	78,502
Charge for year	23,854
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At 31 December 1990	102,356
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Net book amounts	
At 31 December 1990	£ 44,789
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At 31 December 1989	£ 55,884
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3. INVESTMENTS

Shares in subsidiary company

	<u>1990</u> £	<u>1989</u> £
100 ordinary shares of £1 each at cost	8,436	8,436
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The subsidiary company, Geotechnical Digital Systems Limited, is a wholly owned subsidiary. It has not traded during the year and therefore has no movement on reserves to report.

4. CREDITORS

Amounts falling due within one year include £- (1989 £15,238) in respect of a bank overdraft which is secured by a debenture over the company's assets.

Amounts falling due after more than one year include directors' loan accounts of £12,000 (1989:£12,000) which are interest free and technically repayable on demand but it is not anticipated that they shall be repaid in the foreseeable future.

GDS INSTRUMENTS LIMITED  
 NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
 YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1990

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1989</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
5. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL		
	<u>Authorised, allotted</u> <u>and fully paid</u>	
	<u>1990</u>	<u>1989</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Ordinary shares of £1 each	5,000	5,000
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>