# CYGNUS INSTRUMENTS LIMITED ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000



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# AUDITORS' REPORT TO CYGNUS INSTRUMENTS LIMITED UNDER SECTION 247B OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

We have examined the abbreviated accounts set out on pages 2 to 4, together with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2000 prepared under section 226 of the Companies Act 1985.

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated accounts in accordance with section 246 of the Companies Act 1985. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to whether the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with sections 246(5) and (6) of the Act to the registrar of companies and whether the accounts to be delivered are properly prepared in accordance with those provisions and to report our opinion to you.

#### Basis of opinion

We have carried out the procedures we considered necessary to confirm, by reference to the financial statements, that the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts and that the abbreviated accounts to be delivered are properly prepared. The scope of our work for the purpose of this report did not include examining or dealing with events after the date of our report on the financial statements.

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with sections 246(5) and (6) of the Companies Act 1985, and the abbreviated accounts on pages 2 to 4 are properly prepared in accordance with those provisions.

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Kennedy Legg

**Accountants and Registered Auditors** 

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22 October 2001

# ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2000

		200	10	199	9
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	2		73,936		85,397
Current assets					
Stocks		116,107		87,150	
Debtors		368,178		309,185	
Cash at bank and in hand		315		41,015	
		484,600		437,350	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	3	(188,934)		(189,188)	
Net current assets			295,666		248,162
Total assets less current liabilities			369,602		333,559
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year			(2,500)		(8,500)
			367,102		325,059
Capital and reserves					
Capital and reserves  Called up share capital	4		80,000		80,000
Profit and loss account	•		287,102		245,059
Shareholders† funds			367,102		325,059

These abbreviated accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the board on 22 October 2001

P J Meech Director

# NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000

#### 1 Accounting policies

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective March 2000).

#### 1.2 Turnover

Turnover represents amounts receivable for goods and services net of VAT and trade discounts.

#### 1.3 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Machinery, small tools & equipment 20% on reducing balance Office equipment, fixtures & fittings 20% on reducing balance Motor vehicles 25% on reducing balance

#### 1.4 Leasing and hire purchase commitments

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised as tangible assets and depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. Obligations under such agreements are included in creditors net of the finance charge allocated to future periods. The finance element of the rental payment is charged to the profit and loss account so as to produce a constant periodic rate of charge on the net obligation outstanding in each period.

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

#### 1.5 Stock and work in progress

Stock and work in progress are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

#### 1.6 Pensions

The pension costs charged in the financial statements represent the contributions payable by the company during the year in accordance with SSAP 24.

#### 1.7 Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided at appropriate rates on all timing differences using the liability method only to the extent that, in the opinion of the directors, there is a reasonable probability that a liability or asset will crystallise in the foreseeable future.

#### 1.8 Foreign currency translation

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. All differences are taken to profit and loss account.

# NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000

#### 2 Fixed assets

	Tangible assets	
,	£	
Cost		
At 1 January 2000	277,206	
Additions	8,765	
At 31 December 2000	285,971	
Depreciation		
At 1 January 2000	191,809	
Charge for the year	20,226	
At 31 December 2000	212,035	
Net book value		
At 31 December 2000	73,936	
At 31 December 1999	85,397	
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#### 3 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

The company is party to an agreement with the bank which, if circumstances require, provides a reciprocal right of set off between itself, Surtest Limited and Surtest Marine Limited. In addition, there are unlimited cross guarantees in force between the company and Surtest Marine Limited.

The bank also holds mortagages secured on life insurance policies written on the lives of the directors.

4	Share capital	2000	1999
		£	£
	Authorised		
	250,000 Ordinary shares of £ 1 each	250,000	250,000
			= <del>======</del> =
	Allotted, called up and fully paid		
	80,000 Ordinary shares of £ 1 each	80,000	80,000
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