

Techniquet (Limited by Guarantee)

Council of Management's report and financial statements

31 July 1995

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Council of Management's report

The Council of Management present their annual report and audited financial statements for the 16 month period ended 31 July 1995.

The Company is a registered charity and is limited by guarantee.

Business review

The principal activity of the Company is to promote the advancement of education and improve the public perception of science and technology by establishing an exhibition in which visitors can interact with the exhibits.

Techniquet Enterprises Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Techniquet was formed in 1988 to generate supportive income through trading.

During the year, the construction of the new building for Techniquet in the Inner Harbour area of Cardiff Bay, by the Cardiff Bay Development Corporation, was completed. It provides a purpose built 35,000 sq.ft building and the largest hands-on science centre in Britain. It opened to the public on 1 May 1995.

The results for the period are shown in the attached financial statements.

Council of Management

The members of the Council of Management hold the powers of directors of the Company for the purposes of the Companies Act 1985. The liability of each member is limited to £1.

Those who held office during the period were:

R T F Plaut

R G Thomas

D P L Davies

Professor R Williams FRS

- appointed 11 July 1995

Professor Sir John Meurig Thomas FRS

- resigned 13 July 1994

Mr R G Thomas retires in accordance with the Articles of Association and, being eligible offer himself for re-election.

No members of the Council were in receipt of remuneration from the Company during the year covered by these financial statements.

Fixed assets

Information relating to changes in fixed assets is given in note 6 to the financial statements.

Dividend

The payment of a dividend or any other distribution to members is not permitted under the terms of the Company's Memorandum of Association.

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Council of Management's report *(continued)*

Tax status

As the Company is a registered charity no provision has been made for taxation.

Statement of members of the Council of Management's responsibilities

Company law requires the members of the Council of Management 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 surplus or deficit of the company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the members of the Council of Management 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 members of the Council of Management are responsible for keeping 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 a 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.

Auditors

On 6 February 1995 our auditors changed the name under which they practise to KPMG and, accordingly, have signed their report in their new name. A resolution for the reappointment of KPMG as auditors of the company will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

By order of the Council of Management



R G Thomas
Council of Management Member

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1st February

1996



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Auditors' report to the members of Techniquet (Limited by Guarantee)

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 11.

Respective responsibilities of members of the Council of Management and auditors

As described on page 2 the company's members of the Council of Management 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.

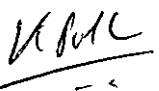
Basis of opinion

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 members of the Council of Management 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 1995 and of its surplus for the period then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.


Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditors

15 April 1996

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Income and expenditure account for the 16 months ended 31 July 1995

	Note	Operating costs	Development costs	Total 1995	Total 12 months ended 31 March 1994
		£	£	£	£
Income:					
Admission fees		269,466		269,466	140,632
Deed of covenant from Techniquet Enterprises Limited		19,500		19,500	28,400
Grants for operating expenses and development costs		1,057,232	1,352,581	2,409,813	587,463
Grants for specific projects		113,695		113,695	102,466
Sundry income		112,001		112,001	35,246
Total income		1,571,894	1,352,581	2,924,475	894,207
Operating and development expenses		(1,580,230)	(1,352,581)	(2,932,811)	(907,034)
Surplus/(deficit) on operations		(8,336)	-	(8,336)	(12,827)
Donations and grants received		-	-	-	7,074
Interest receivable	3	43,384	-	43,384	18,803
Surplus for the financial year transferred to general funds	4	35,048	-	35,048	13,050

Statement of reserves

	General £	Designated £	Total £
Balance at 1 April 1994	52,584	300,000	352,584
Surplus for the year	35,048		35,048
Balance at 31 July 1995	87,632	300,000	387,632

There are no recognised gains or losses in the year other than those passing through the income and expenditure account.

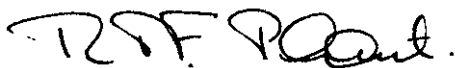
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Balance sheet at 31 July 1995

	Note	1995	31 March 1994
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	6	1,905,554	562,561
Investment	7	2	2
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		1,905,556	562,563
Current assets			
Debtors	8	638,953	36,861
Cash at bank and in hand		478,692	748,679
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		1,117,645	785,540
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(681,248)	(442,790)
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Net current assets		436,397	342,750
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Total assets less current liabilities		2,341,953	905,313
Deferred income	10	(1,954,321)	(552,729)
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Net assets		387,632	352,584
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Reserves			
General funds		87,632	52,584
Designated funds		300,000	300,000
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		387,632	352,584
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These financial statements were approved by the Council of Management on and were signed on its behalf by:

1st February 1996



R T F Plaut
Council member

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Reconciliations of movements in reserves *for the 16 months ended 31 July 1995*

	1995	12 months ended 31 March 1994
	£	£
Surplus for the financial period	35,048	13,050
Opening reserves	352,584	339,534
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Closing reserves	387,632	352,584
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Notes

(forming part of the financial statements)

1 Principal accounting policies

The following 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 standards under the historical cost convention modified to include the Council of Management's estimated valuation of certain exhibits of machinery and equipment, which have been donated by supporters of Techniquest.

Under Financial Reporting Standard 1, the company is exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement on the grounds of its size.

The company has taken advantage of the exemption under Section 248 of the Companies Act 1985, not to prepare group financial statements for the period ended 31 July 1995, as it together with Techniquest Enterprises Limited qualifies as an eligible medium sized group.

Depreciation and amortisation

The cost or valuation of tangible fixed assets is written off by equal instalments over their estimated useful economic lives as follows:

Leasehold improvements	to 31 March 1995
Exhibition machinery and equipment	20% per annum
Fixtures and fittings	to 31 March 1995
Motor vehicles	25% per annum
Phase III assets - computer equipment	33% per annum

No depreciation is provided on assets in the course of construction.

No depreciation is provided on any other phase III assets as they had not been brought fully into use at 31 July 1995.

Grants and donations

General grants and donations are credited to income during the accounting year in which they are received. Grants and donations for specific projects are credited to income in the period that the expenses are incurred.

General funds

The surplus or deficit on the income and expenditure account for the year is transferred to general funds. Where such funds have been set aside for specific purposes, or to meet future commitments, these are classified as designated funds as a separate category of general funds.

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Notes (continued)

1 Principal accounting policies (continued)

Deferred income

Non-capital grants and donations are taken to the income and expenditure account when the related expenditure has been incurred.

Capital grants are taken to the income and expenditure account to correspond with the related capital assets' depreciation charge.

2 Staff numbers and costs

The average number of persons employed by the company (including members of the Council of Management) during the period was as follows:

	1995	31 March 1994
Management	5	6
Administration	8	9
Support	77	57
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	90	72
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The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were as follows:

	1995	31 March 1994
	£	£
Wages and salaries	1,040,324	626,174
Social security costs	86,646	54,450
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	1,126,970	680,624
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3 Interest receivable

	1995	31 March 1994
	£	£
Income from short term deposits	43,384	18,803
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Notes (continued)

4 Surplus for the financial year

Surplus for the financial year is stated after charging

	1995 £	31 March 1994 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	10,931	36,424
Hire of equipment	577	1,004
Auditors' remuneration	4,350	2,750

5 Emoluments of the Council of Management

Members of the Council of Management did not receive any remuneration during the year under review (1994 - £Nil).

6 Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold improvements £	Phase III assets £	Motor vehicles cost £	Fixtures and fittings cost £	Exhibition machinery and equipment £	Assets in the course of construction £	Total £
Cost or valuation							
At 1 April 1994	4,571	72,983	20,379	55,628	256,824	437,522	847,907
Additions - cost	-	132,991		1,298	24,484	1,195,151	1,353,924
Disposals - cost	(4,571)	-	-	(55,628)	-	-	(60,199)
At 31 July 1995	-	205,974	20,379	1,298	281,308	1,632,673	2,141,632
Depreciation							
At 1 April 1994	4,571	11,119	9,602	48,641	211,413	-	285,346
Charge for year				6,987	3,944	-	10,931
Disposals	(4,571)	-	-	(55,628)	-	-	(60,199)
At end of period	-	11,119	9,602	-	215,357	-	236,078
Net book value							
At 31 July 1995	-	194,855	10,777	1,298	65,951	1,632,673	1,905,554
At 31 March 1994	-	61,864	10,777	6,987	45,411	437,522	562,561

Fixed assets have been funded by a capital grant received from the Cardiff Bay Development Corporation (see note 10). The future depreciation charge will be offset by the amortisation of this grant.

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Notes (continued)

7 Fixed asset investment

The investment comprises the whole share capital of Techniquet Enterprises Limited, a company incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales whose principal activity is the marketing and retailing of goods and services at Techniquet's scientific exhibitions.

In the opinion of the members of the Council of Management, the investment in the company's subsidiary is worth at least the amount at which it is stated in the financial statements as at 31 July 1995.

Summarised financial information for Techniquet Enterprises Limited is as follows:-

	£
Share capital	2
Profit and loss account	55
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Net assets	57
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8 Debtors

	1995	31 March 1994
	£	£
Trade debtors	4,469	1,204
Amounts owed by subsidiary company	29,637	7,008
Interest receivable	1,060	1,060
Other debtors	55,153	22,526
Prepayments	14,219	5,063
Accrued grants	534,415	-
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	638,953	36,861
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9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	1995	31 March 1994
	£	£
Bank overdraft	41,093	6,252
Trade creditors	151,226	72,283
Taxation and social security other than corporation tax	20,954	17,859
Other creditors	226,803	156,774
Accruals	171,544	97,433
Deferred income	69,628	92,189
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	681,248	442,790
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10 Deferred income

	Capital grants £	Maintenance provision £	1995 Total £	31 March 1994 £
At beginning of year	552,729	-	552,729	88,626
Receivable during year	1,351,592	-	1,351,592	478,815
Provision	-	50,000	50,000	-
Released to income and expenditure account	-	-	-	(14,712)
At end of year	<u>1,904,321</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>1,954,321</u>	<u>552,729</u>

11 Capital commitments

At 31 July 1995 the company had no capital commitments (31 March 1994: £Nil).




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Report of the auditors to the Council of Management of Techniquet (Limited by Guarantee)

We have examined the financial statements of Techniquet on pages 4 to 11 and its subsidiary undertaking listed in note 7 for the period ended 31 July 1995. The scope of our work for the purpose of this report was limited to confirming that Techniquet is entitled to the exemption from the requirement to prepare group accounts.

In our opinion, the group consisting of Techniquet and its subsidiary undertaking is a medium group in respect of the period ended 31 July 1995 and Techniquet is therefore entitled to the exemption from the requirement to prepare group accounts under section 248 of the Companies Act 1985.


*Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditors*

18 April 1996