FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 31ST MARCH 1998

Company Registration Number 2095011



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YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1998

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OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

The board of directors W H N Pearce (Chairman - Non Executive)

D B Linton (Managing Director) S O Onerhime (Technical Director) D I Rose (Non Executive Director)

Company secretary K Lassman

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Auditors Liles Morris

Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors

Park House

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THE DIRECTORS' REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1998

The directors present their report and the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31st March 1998.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND BUSINESS REVIEW

The principal activity of the company during the year was software development and marketing of the Updata range of products. The company is registered under the Inland Revenue Enterprise Investment Scheme (EIS).

On 24 August 1997 the Ordinary shares of £1 each were subdivided into 10 Ordinary shares of 10 pence each. On 18 February 1998 a bonus issue was made of 370 shares for one.

The company re-registered as a public limited company on 19 February 1998. A prospectus to raise further capital through the issue of shares was issued on 2 March 1998. After the 31 March 1998, 100,213 Ordinary shares of 10p were issued at £6.74 per share raising £675,436.

RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The trading results for the year, and the company's financial position at the end of the year are shown in the attached financial statements.

The directors have not recommended a dividend.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The company will continue to invest strongly in the development and marketing of existing and new products, and to seek profitable strategic alliances.

THE DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS IN SHARES OF THE COMPANY

The directors who served the company during the year together with their beneficial interests in the shares of the company were as follows: (The Ordinary £1 shares held at 1 April 1997 are restated as 10p shares)

Shares of £0.10 each	Ordinary
At 1 April 1997	At 31 March 1998
or later date	
of appointment	

D B Linton		260,071	700
S O Onerhime		371	_
W H N Pearce	(Appointed 3 October 1997)	2,597	5
D I Rose	(Appointed 3 October 1997)	2,226	5
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S O Onerhime has an option to subscribe for 18,550 ordinary shares at £4.04, exercisable between 31 March 2000 and 31 March 2002.

THE DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)

YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1998

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 at the end of the year and of the profit or loss for the year then ended.

In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

select suitable accounting policies, as described on page 9, 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; and

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 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. The directors 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 re-appoint Liles Morris as auditors for the ensuing year will be proposed at the annual general meeting in accordance with section 385 of the Companies Act 1985.

Registered office:

Park House

233 Roehampton Lane

London

SW15 4LB

Signed by order of the directors

K Lassman

Company Secretary

Approved by the directors on 17th September 1998

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS

YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1998

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 14 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 9.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTORS AND THE AUDITORS

As described on pages 2 to 3, the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the 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 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 company's state of affairs as at 31st March 1998 and of its loss for the year then ended, and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Park House 233 Roehampton Lane Roehampton London SW15 4LB

17th September 1998

LILES MORRIS
Chartered Accountants
& Registered Auditors

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1998

	Note	1998 £	1997 £
TURNOVER	2	381,711	359,666
Cost of sales		138,890	107,596
GROSS PROFIT		242,821	252,070
Administrative expenses		526,062	313,471
OPERATING LOSS	3	(283,241)	(61,401)
Interest receivable Interest payable	6	514 (477)	(267)
LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE	E	(283,204)	(61,668)
Tax on loss on ordinary activities		-	-
LOSS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		(283,204)	(61,668)
Balance brought forward Share premium account reduction		(132,075) 335,587	(70,407)
Balance carried forward		(79,692)	(132,075)

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above.

All of the activities of the company are classed as continuing.

BALANCE SHEET

31ST MARCH 1998

		1998		1997	
	Note	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Intangible assets	7		131,394		150,561
Tangible assets	8		19,865		13,380
			151,259		163,941
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	9	1,416		7,850	
Debtors	10	41,745		23,231	
Cash at bank and in hand		14,929		80,190	
		58,090		111,271	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due					
within one year	11	(237,557)		(180,291)	
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES			(179,467)		(69,020)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURREN	ΓLIA	BILITIES	(28,208)		94,921
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due					
after more than one year	12		-		(425)
			(28,208)		94,496
CAPITAL AND RESERVES	4.4		70 700		100
Called-up equity share capital	14		50,308		129
Share premium account	15		1,176		226,442
Profit and loss account			(79,692)		(132,075)
(DEFICIENCY)/SHAREHOLDER S' FUNDS	16		(28,208)		94,496
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These financial statements were approved by the directors on the 17th August 1998 and are signed on their behalf by:

DB LINTON Swit

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1998

	1998		1997	
	£	£	£	£
NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		(209,662)		(41,518)
RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS AND SERVICING OF FINANCE	514			
Interest received Interest paid	514 (477)		(267)	
Net cash outflow from returns on investments and servicing of finance		37		(267)
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE				
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets	(14,565)		(14,814)	
NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM CAPITAL EXPENDITURE		(14,565)		(14,814)
CASH OUTFLOW BEFORE FINANCING		(224,190)		(56,599)
FINANCING Issue of equity share capital Share premium on issue of equity share capital	7 160,493		9 134,991	
Net outflow from bank loans	(1,571)		(1,019)	
NET CASH INFLOW FROM FINANCING		158,929		133,981
(DECREASE)/INCREASE IN CASH		(65,261)		77,382

This cash flow statement has been prepared in accordance with the revised Statement of Standard Accounting Practice set out in Financial Reporting Standard 1 (Revised 1996) issued in October 1996 by the Accounting Standards Board. All comparatives have been restated to comply with the new Standard.

CASH FLOW STATEMENT (continued)

YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1998

RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS TO NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	1998 £		1997 £
Operating loss	(283,241)		(61,401)
Deferred development	19,167		4,747
Depreciation	8,080		5,100
Decrease/(Increase) in stocks	6,434		(6,190)
Increase in debtors	(18,514)		(16,568)
Increase in creditors	58,412		32,794
Net cash outflow from operating activities	(209,662)		(41,518)
RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH FLOW	TO MOVEMENT IN	NET FUNDS	
	1998		1997
	£		£
(Decrease)/Increase in cash in the period	(65,261)	1.010	77,382
Cash outflow from bank loans Net funds at 1st April 1997	1,571 78,619	1,019	218
<u>-</u>			78,619
Net funds at 31st March 1998	14,929		76,019
ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS			
	At 1 Apr	Cash flows	At 31 Mar
	1997	£	1998
Net cash:	£	L	£
Cash in hand and at bank	80,190	(65,261)	14,929
Debt:			
Debt due within 1 year	(1,146)	1,146	-
Debt due after 1 year	(425)	425	-
	${(1,571)}$	1,571	
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Net funds	78,619	(63,690)	14,929
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1998

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The balance sheet shows that its liabilities exceed assets. After year end further share capital was received as noted in the Director's Report. The financial statements have therefore been prepared under the historical costs convention, on a going concern basis and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

Turnover

The turnover shown in the profit and loss account represents amounts invoiced during the year, exclusive of Value Added Tax. Support service income is deferred over the period to which it applies.

Development

Research expenditure is written off in the year in which it is incurred. Development expenditure for clearly defined projects is deferred. It is written off over three years or to the date at which sales are conservatively expected to cease, whichever is the shorter.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Computer Hardware - 25% straight line Fixtures & Fittings - 25% straight line Office Equipment - 25% straight line

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

2. TURNOVER

The turnover and loss before tax are attributable to the one principal activity of the company.

An analysis of turnover is given below:

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United Kingdom	381,711	359,666
Invoiced income Deferred income adjustment	396,090 (14,379)	360,760 (1,094)
•	381,711	359,666

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3. OPERATING LOSS

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operating toss is stated after charging.	1998 £	1997 £
Depreciation	8,080	5,100
Auditors' remuneration - as auditors	1,950	1,400
Operating lease costs:	*,,,,	2,.00
Plant and equipment	127	483

4. PARTICULARS OF EMPLOYEES

The average number of staff employed by the company during the financial year amounted to:

	1998 No.	1997 No.
Average number of employees	13	9
The aggregate payroll costs of the above were:	1998 £	1997 £
Wages and salaries Social security costs	195,167 17,396 212,563	126,326 10,606 136,932

5. DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS

The directors' aggregate emoluments in respect of qualifying services were:

	1998 £	1997 £
Emoluments receivable	51,205	29,791

6. INTEREST PAYABLE

	1998	1997	
	£	£	
Interest payable on bank borrowing	477	267	

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7. INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Development £
COST	
At 1st April 1997	150,561
Additions	72,002
Transfer	(91,169)
At 31st March 1998	131,394

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Computer Hardware	Fixtures & Fittings	Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
COST				
At 1st April 1997	16,794	247	9,549	26,590
Additions	10,904		3,661	14,565
At 31st March 1998	27,698	247	13,210	41,155
DEPRECIATION				
At 1st April 1997	9,295	246	3,669	13,210
Charge for the year	5,321		2,759	8,080
At 31st March 1998	14,616	246	6,428	21,290
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31st March 1998	13,082	1	6,782	19,865
At 31st March 1997	7,499	1	5,880	13,380
STOCKS				
		1998		1997
		£		£
Stock		1,416		7,850
	At 1st April 1997 Additions At 31st March 1998 DEPRECIATION At 1st April 1997 Charge for the year At 31st March 1998 NET BOOK VALUE At 31st March 1998 At 31st March 1997 STOCKS	COST At 1st April 1997 Additions 10,904 At 31st March 1998 DEPRECIATION At 1st April 1997 Charge for the year At 31st March 1998 NET BOOK VALUE At 31st March 1998 At 31st March 1998 STOCKS Hardware £ 16,794 10,904 27,698 27,698 19,295 5,321 4,616 NET BOOK VALUE At 31st March 1998 13,082 7,499	COST At 1st April 1997	## Fittings & £ £ £ COST At 1st April 1997

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Trade creditors

10.	DEBTORS		
		1998	1997
		£	£
	Trade debtors	1,039	22,231
	VAT recoverable	788	-
	Other debtors	1,000	1,000
	Prepayments and accrued income	38,918	
		41,745	23,231
11.	CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within	one year	
		1998	1997
		£	£
	Bank loans and overdrafts	-	1,146

158,653

Other creditors including taxation and social security:	·	
PAYE and social security	39,529	25,210
VAT		14,481

5,777 Provision for returns 7,500 26,573 Deferred income 12,194 2,238 2,238 Other creditors

74,117 61,623 4,787 4,025 Accruals 180,291 237,557

12. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	1998 £	1997 £
Bank loans and overdrafts	_	425

13. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The company as at 31 March 1998 was under the control of the Managing Director, D B Linton. Internet services of £20,000 were purchased from The Web Internet Services Limited, a business controlled by the non-executive Director W H N Pearce. Marketing services of £2,066 were received from Innovation Associates, a business controlled by the non-executive Director D Rose.

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Closing shareholders' equity funds

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14.	SHARE CAPITAL				
	Authorised share capital:		1998 £		1997 £
	1,000,000 Ordinary shares of £0.10 each 10,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each		100,000		10,000
			100,000		10,000
	Allotted, called up and fully paid:				
		199		1997	
		No.	£	No.	£
	Ordinary shares 10p Ordinary shares £1	503,076 -	50,308 -	129	129
		503,076	50,308	129	129

15.	SHARE PREMIUM ACCOUNT				
			1998		1997
			£		£
	Balance brought forward		226,442		91,451
	Premium on shares issued in the year		160,493		134,991
	Issue of bonus shares		(50,172)		-
	Reduction to profit and loss account		(335,587)		
			1,176		226,442
16.	RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMEN	TS IN SHAF	REHOLDERS'	FUNDS	
			1998		1997
			£		£
	Loss for the financial year		(283,204)		(61,668)
	New equity share capital subscribed Net premium on new share capital subscribed	7 160,493		9 134,991	
			160,500		135,000
	Net (reduction)/addition to funds		(122,704)		73,332
	Opening shareholders' equity funds		94,496		21,164
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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17. PENSIONS

The company has not operated, or contributed to any pension scheme on behalf of its employees.

18. CONTINGENCIES

The directors have confirmed that there were no contingent liabilities which should be disclosed at 31st March 1998.

19. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

The directors have confirmed that there were no capital commitments at the 31st March 1998.