ASTRAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS LIMITED

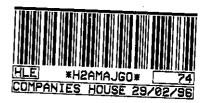
FOR THE YEAR ENDED

ABBREVIATED STATUTORY ACCOUNTS

31 OCTOBER 1994

COMPANY NO. 2144620 (ENGLAND & WALES)

DIX VOGAN LIMITED
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS



ASTRAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS LIMITED

REGISTERED OFFICE

Units 3 & 4
Park Street
Wakefield
West Yorkshire
WF1 4ET

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER

2144620

DIRECTORS

S Atherton P Atherton

SECRETARY

J Taylor

AUDITORS

Dix Vogan Limited Holdsworth House 11a Wood Street Wakefield WF1 2EL

BANKERS

National Westminster Bank plc 56 Westgate Wakefield WF1 1XF We have examined the abbreviated accounts on pages 4 to 6 together with the financial statements of Astral Communications and Electronics Limited prepared under section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 31 October 1994.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated accounts in accordance with Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to the company's entitlement to the exemptions claimed in the directors' statement on page 4 and whether the abbreviated accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with that Schedule.

Basis of opinion

We have carried out the procedures we considered necessary to confirm, by reference to the audited financial statements, that the company is entitled to the exemptions and that the abbreviated accounts have been properly prepared from those financial statements. The scope of our work for the purposes of this report does not include examining or dealing with events after the date of our report on the full financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the company is entitled under sections 246 and 247 of the Companies Act 1985 to the exemptions conferred by Section A of Part III of Schedule 8 to that Act, in respect of the year ended 31 October 1994, and the abbreviated accounts on pages 4 to 6 have been properly prepared in accordance with that Schedule.

Other information

On 29 February 1996 we reported, as auditors of Astral Communications and Electronics Limited, to the members on the financial statements prepared under Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 31 October 1994 and our audit report is reproduced on pages 2 to 3 of these abbreviated accounts.

Dix Vogan Limited

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

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Holdsworth House 11a Wood Street Wakefield WF1 2EL

29 February 1996

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF ASTRAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS LIMITED

(reproduced from the full financial statements)

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 11 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 7.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 1 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 that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. However, the evidence available to us was limited because the directors have been unable to provide us with documentation to support the figure for stock included in the balance sheet at £20,000. Any adjustment to this figure would have a consequential significant effect on the profit for the year.

In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion: disclaimer on view given by financial statements

Because of the possible effects of the limitation of evidence available to us, we are unable to form an opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 October 1994, or of its profit for the year then ended. In all other respects, in our opinion the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 1985 applicable to small companies.

ASTRAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS LIMITED AUDITORS, REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF ASTRAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS LIMITED (continued)

Opinion: disclaimer on view given by financial statements (continued)

In respect alone of the limitation on our work relating to stock:

- * we have not obtained all the information and explanations that we considered necessary for the purpose of our audit; and
- * we were unable to determine whether proper accounting records have been maintained.

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Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

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29 February 1996

ASTRAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS LIMITED ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET AT 31 OCTOBER 1994

		1994		1993	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets Tangible assets	2		56,638		47,973
Current assets Stocks Debtors Cash in hand	3	20,000 491,669 - 511,669		21,050 337,859 190 359,099	
Creditors: amounts fall due within one year	Lling 4	412,645		261,121	
Net current assets			99,024		97,978
			155,662		145,951
Capital and reserves Called up share capit Profit and loss account			100 155,562		100 145,851
Shareholders' funds			155,662		145,951

In preparing these abbreviated accounts the directors have taken advantage of the exemptions conferred by Part III of Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985, and have done so on the grounds that, in their opinion, the company is entitled to the exemptions as a small company.

In preparing the company's annual financial statements the directors have taken advantage of special exemptions applicable to small companies conferred by Part I of Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985, and have done so on the grounds that, in their opinion, the company is entitled to the exemptions as a small company.

The abbreviated accounts were approved by the board on 28 February 1996 and signed on its behalf.

P Atherton Director

1) Atherton

The notes on pages 5 to 6 form part of these financial statements.

ASTRAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS LIMITED NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED STATUTORY ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 1994

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a. These financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and include the results of the company's operations which are described in the Directors' Report and all of which are continuing.

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No. 1 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a small company.

b. Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their estimated useful lives on the following bases:

Equipment 25% per annum on net book value Fixtures and fittings 15% per annum on net book value Motor vehicles 25% per annum on net book value

- c. Assets being acquired under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised at their fair value and written down to their estimated residual value over their estimated useful life in accordance with the company's policy for tangible fixed assets. The interest portions of the instalments are charged to the profit and loss account in the periods in which they fall due.
- d. Rentals on operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account in the periods in which they fall due.
- e. Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for slow moving and obsolete items.
- f. Provision is made at current rates for taxation deferred in respect of material timing differences, except to the extent that, in the opinion of the directors, there is reasonable probability that the liability will not crystalise in the foreseeable future.
- g. The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the company to the fund in respect of the year.

ASTRAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS LIMITED NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED STATUTORY ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 1994

2. FIXED ASSETS

	Tangible assets £
Cost:	
At 1 November 1993 Additions	88,307 27,000
At 31 October 1994	115,307
Accumulated depreciation:	
At 1 November 1993 Charge for year	40,334 18,335
At 31 October 1994	58,669
Net book value: At 31 October 1994	56,638 ======
At 31 October 1993	47,973 ======

3. DEBTORS

Debtors include amounts of £299,268 (1993: fnil) recoverable after more than one year.

Included within debtors is an amount of £185,370 (1993: £103,683) due from S Atherton, a director of the company. The maximum amount due from S Atherton during the year was £185,370. No interest is charged on the outstanding balance.

4. CREDITORS

Creditors at 31 October 1994 include hire purchase creditors of fnil (1993: f7,830) which are secured on the assets being acquired under the agreements.

5. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

	1994	1993
	£	£
Authorised: 5,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	5,000 =====	5,000 ======
Allotted, issued and fully paid: 100 ordinary shares of fl each	100	100
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