

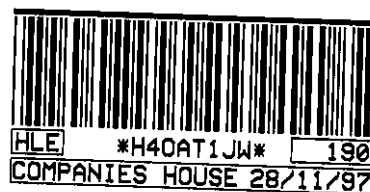
ASTRAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS LIMITED

ABBREVIATED STATUTORY ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 JANUARY 1997

COMPANY NUMBER 2144620 (ENGLAND & WALES)



DIX VOGAN LIMITED

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

**ASTRAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS LIMITED**

1.

**AUDITORS' REPORT TO ASTRAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS LIMITED**

**UNDER SECTION 247B OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985**

We have examined the abbreviated accounts set out on pages 3 to 6, together with the financial statements of the company for the period ended 31 January 1997 prepared under section 226 of the Companies Act 1985.

**Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors**

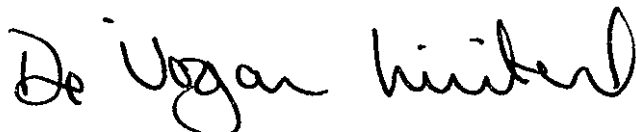
The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated accounts in accordance with section 246 of the Companies Act 1985. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to whether the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with sections 246(5) and (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 consider 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 3 to 6 are properly prepared in accordance with those provisions.



Dix Vogan Limited

**Chartered Accountants and  
Registered Auditors**

Holdsworth House  
11a Wood Street  
Wakefield  
WF1 2EL

27 November 1997

**ASTRAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS LIMITED**  
**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 3 to 9 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 5.

**Respective responsibilities of directors and the 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 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 were unable to provide any documentation to support the figure of £35,546 for stock included in the balance sheet as at 31 October 1995. Any adjustment to this figure would have a consequential significant effect on the profit for both the period ended 31 January 1997 and the year ended 31 October 1995.

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

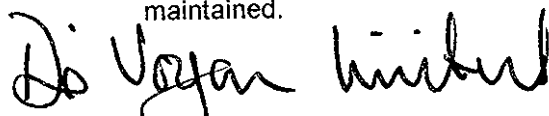
**Opinion: Disclaimer on view given by financial statements**

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 1995 or of its profit for either the period ended 31 January 1997 or the year ended 31 October 1995. 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.

In respect alone of the limitation on our work relating to stock in the balance sheet as at 31 October 1995:

\* we have not obtained all the information and explanations that we considered necessary for the purposes of our audit; and

\* we were unable to determine whether proper accounting records have been maintained.



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27 November 1997

**ASTRAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS LIMITED**

3.

**ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT**

**31 JANUARY 1997**

	Note	31.1.97		31.10.95	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	2		343,551		99,548
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stocks		27,184		35,546	
Debtors	3	87,321		602,068	
Cash in hand		374,419		44,617	
		<u>488,924</u>		<u>682,231</u>	
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	4	<u>240,359</u>		<u>560,084</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			248,565		122,147
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>592,116</u>		<u>221,695</u>
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	4		-		-816
<b>Provisions for liabilities and charges</b>					
Deferred tax			-953		-953
			<u>591,163</u>		<u>219,926</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>					
Called up share capital	5		100		100
Profit and loss account			591,063		219,826
<b>Shareholders' funds</b>			<u>591,163</u>		<u>219,926</u>

The financial statements which have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 applicable to small companies were approved by the board on 27 November 1997 and signed on its behalf.

*P Atherton*

**Pauline Atherton**  
**Director**

The notes on pages 4 to 6 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS

FOR THE FIFTEEN MONTHS ENDED 31 JANUARY 1997

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 Number 1 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a small company.

- b. The directors reviewed the company's accounting reference date and decided that in view of the company's trading patterns it should be changed to 31 January from 31 October. Accordingly the figures for the current period represent trading for fifteen months, the comparatives are for a twelve month period.

- c. Investment properties are included in the balance sheet at their open market value. Other 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 reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	15% per annum on reducing balance
Motor vehicles	25% per annum on reducing balance

- d. 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 period in which they fall due.
- e. Rentals on operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account in the period in which they fall due.
- f. Stock and work in progress are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.
- g. 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 crystallise in the foreseeable future.
- h. The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge of £4,654 (1995: £7,517) represents the amounts payable by the company to the fund in respect of the period.

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS

FOR THE FIFTEEN MONTHS ENDED 31 JANUARY 1997

2. FIXED ASSETS

	Investment properties £	Other fixed assets £	Total £
<b>Cost:</b>			
At 1 November 1995	-	178,363	178,363
Additions	155,864	196,037	351,901
Disposals	-	-113,418	-113,418
	<u>155,864</u>	<u>260,982</u>	<u>416,846</u>
At 31 January 1997			
<b>Accumulated depreciation:</b>			
At 1 November 1995	-	78,815	78,815
Charge for the year	-	66,864	66,864
On disposals	-	-72,384	-72,384
	<u>-</u>	<u>73,295</u>	<u>73,295</u>
At 31 January 1997			
<b>Net book value:</b>			
At 31 January 1997	<u>155,864</u>	<u>187,687</u>	<u>343,551</u>
At 31 October 1995	<u>-</u>	<u>99,548</u>	<u>99,548</u>

The net book value of fixed assets of £343,551 includes £40,930 in respect of assets being acquired under hire purchase contracts.

3. DEBTORS

Debtors include the following:	31.1.97 £	31.1.97 £
Amounts falling due after more than one year	-	201,333
	<u>-</u>	<u>201,333</u>

4. CREDITORS

Creditors include the following:	31.1.97 £	31.10.95 £
Secured creditors	<u>19,977</u>	<u>13,674</u>

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS

FOR THE FIFTEEN MONTHS ENDED 31 JANUARY 1997

5. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

	31.1.97 £	31.10.95 £
<b>Authorised:</b>		
10,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	5,000	5,000
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<b>Allotted, issued and fully paid up:</b>		
2 ordinary shares of £1 each	100	100
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6. INFORMATION REGARDING DIRECTORS

Financial transactions

During the year the company purchased two investment properties from Mr S Atherton for a combined price of £113,000, being the open market value of the properties at the date of transfer.

Included within "Debtors due after more than one year" at 31 October 1995 was an amount of £186,220 due from S Atherton. This was repaid during the period, and at 31 January 1997 the balance on his loan account was £2,624 owed by the company. This amount is included in "Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year". The highest balance due from S Atherton during the period was £200,069. No interest is charged on the outstanding balances.

Included within "Creditors: amounts falling due within one year" is an amount of £539 due from Astral Communications (Wakefield) Limited, a company in which S Atherton is the controlling shareholder. At 31 October 1995 the balance was £19,070 due from Astral Communications (Wakefield) Limited, this is included in "Debtors" in the comparative figures.