Directors' report and financial statements

31 December 1996

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### Directors' report

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 1996.

### Principal activities

The company did not trade during this year or the previous year.

#### Results and dividends

The results for the year ended 31 December 1996 are shown in the profit and loss account detailed on page 4. The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (1995:£nil).

#### Directors and director's interests

The directors who held office during the year were as follows:

RG Cara

MD Connole (appointed 11 September 1996; resigned 18 July 1997)

FS Hitchcock (appointed 18 July 1997)

None of the directors who held office at the end of the financial year had any disclosable interest in the shares of the company.

The interests of RG Cara in the share capital of the ultimate parent company, Proudfoot PLC, are disclosed in the annual report of that company.

MD Connole was granted the option to acquire 15,000 ordinary shares of 25p each on 28 March 1996 and 55,000 ordinary shares of 25p each on 3 October 1996 in Proudfoot PLC. MD Connole did not exercise the options during the year.

### Auditor

Pursuant to a shareholders' resolution, the company is not obliged to reappoint its auditor annually and KPMG Audit Plc will therefore continue in office.

By order of the board

RG Cara Director

Surrey House 34 Eden Street Kingston-upon-Thames KT1 1ER

### Statement of 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 and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the directors 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 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 him to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They have 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.



### Audit Plc

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Auditor's report to the members of Total Process Solutions (Europe) Limited

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditor

As described on page 2 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. 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 affairs of the company as at 31 December 1996 and of the results for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

KPMG Audit Plc

Chartered Accountants Registered Auditor

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30 December 1997

## Profit and loss account for the year ended 31 December 1996

	Note	1996 £	1995 £
Interest payable and similar charges		(2,271)	(271)
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation Taxation	2 3	(2,271) 12,392	(271)
Retained profit/(loss) for the financial year Retained profit brought forward		10,121 52,446	(271) 52,717
Retained profit carried forward		62,567	52,446

There were no recognised gains or losses in the year other than those set out above.

There is no difference between the reported result and the historical cost result.

## Balance sheet at 31 December 1996

	Note	1996 £	1995 £
Current assets Debtors	4	62,569	123,507
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	5	62,569	123,507 (71,059)
Net current assets		62,569	52,448
Capital and reserves Called up share capital Profit and loss account	6	62,567 ———	52,446 ———
Equity shareholers' funds	7	62,569	52,448

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 30 December 1997 and were signed on its behalf by:

RG Cara Director

### Notes

(forming part of the financial statements)

### 1 Accounting policies

The following accounting 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 and under the historical cost accounting rules.

#### **Turnover**

The company did not trade during the year.

#### Cash flow statement

The company is exempt under Financial Reporting Standard No 1 from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement as it is a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking of Proudfoot PLC and its cash flows are included within the consolidated cash flow statement of that company.

#### **Taxation**

The charge for taxation is based on the result for the year and takes into account taxation deferred because of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes. Provision is made for deferred tax only to the extent that it is probable that an actual liability will crystallise.

### Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded using the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated using the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date.

### 2 Loss on ordinary activities before taxation

The auditor's remuneration was borne by the holding company in the current and prior year.

The auditors received £nil (1995:£nil) for other professional services rendered during 1996.

There were no employees in the year other than the directors. The directors received no remuneration from the company (1995: £nil).

### Notes (continued)

3	Taxation		
		1996 £	1995 £
	Over provision in prior year	12,392	-
4	Debtors		
	Amounts falling due within one year	1996	1995
	Amounts owed by fellow subsidiary undertakings	£ 62,569	£ 123,507
5	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
		1996 £	1995 £
	Amounts owed to group undertakings Other creditors including taxation and social security:	-	58,667
	Corporation tax	-	12,392
		-	71,059
6	Called up share capital		
	Equity	1996	1995
	Authorised	£	£
	Ordinary shares of £1 each	1,000	1,000
	Allotted, called up and fully paid Ordinary shares of £1 each	2	2

Notes (continued)

### 7 Reconciliation of the movement in shareholders' funds

	1996 £	1995 £
Profit/(loss) for financial year Opening shareholders' funds	10,121 52,448	(271) 52,719
Closing shareholders' funds	62,569	52,448

### 8 Ultimate parent company

The company is a subsidiary undertaking of Proudfoot PLC which is incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales.

The largest group in which the accounts are consolidated is that headed by Proudfoot PLC. Copies of the accounts of Proudfoot PLC are available to the public and may be obtained from Proudfoot PLC, Surrey House, 34 Eden Street, Kingston-upon-Thames, KT1 1ER.