Report and Financial Statements

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REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2000

OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

DIRECTORS

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SECRETARY

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REGISTERED OFFICE

310 – 312 Dallow Road Luton Bedfordshire LU1 1TD

BANKERS

Barclays Bank Lombard Street London

SOLICITORS

S J Berwin & Co 222 Grays Inn Road London WC1X 8HB

AUDITORS

Deloitte & Touche Verulam Point Station Way St Albans AL1 5HE

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2000.

ACTIVITIES

The company holds certain Huntleigh Group companies as investments.

REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS

The company has not traded during the year.

DIVIDENDS

No dividends have been declared.

DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Huntleigh Technology PLC. None of the directors had an interest an any shares, transactions or arrangements which require disclosure in this report. Their interests in the company's ultimate holding company, Huntleigh Technology PLC, are shown in that company's directors' report.

AUDITORS

Deloitte & Touche have expressed their willingness to continue in office as auditors and a resolution to reappoint them will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by the Board of Directors and signed on behalf of the Board

Secretary

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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 as at the end of the financial year 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; 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. They 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' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF Huntleigh Luton Limited

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 8 which have been prepared under the accounting policies set out on page 7.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 3 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 the company's affairs at 31 December 2000 and of its result for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors 790 We

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT Year ended 31 December 2000

	Note	2000 £	1999 £
Administrative expenses		-	(2)
OPERATING LOSS			
Dividend received from subsidiary undertaking		-	(2) 4,954,447
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE AND AFTER TAXATION FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		-	4,954,445
Dividends	3	-	(4,954,447)
		-	(2)
Retained profit brought forward		8,035,409	8,035,411
Retained profit carried forward		8,035,409	8,035,409

There have been no recognised gains and losses attributable to the shareholders other than the profit for the current and preceding financial year and accordingly, no Statement of Total Recognised gains and losses is shown.

BALANCE SHEET As at 31 December 2000

	Note	2000 £	1999 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Investments	4	14,804,388	14,804,388
CREDITORS: amounts falling due	5		
within one year		(6,417,977)	(6,417,977)
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES		(6,417,977)	(6,417,977)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT			
LIABILITIES		8,386,411	8,386,411
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			= ======== =
Called up share capital	6	351,002	351,002
Profit and loss account		8,035,409	8,035,409
TOTAL EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS'		"	
FUNDS		8,386,411	8,386,411
			

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 25 October 2001 Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors

Director

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year ended 31 December 2000

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards. The particular accounting policies adopted are described below.

Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

Cash flow

The company is part of the Huntleigh Group and has therefore taken advantage of the available exemption not to produce its own separate cashflow statement.

Investments

Investments held as fixed assets are stated at cost less provision for any impairment.

2. INFORMATION REGARDING DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES

None of the directors received any remuneration from the company for the year ended 31 December 2000 or for the year ended 31 December 1999.

During the year ended 31 December 2000 and the year ended 31 December 1999 the company had no employees, other than the directors of the company.

3. DIVIDENDS

	2000 £	1999 £
Dividends paid	- -	4,954,447

A dividend of £ nil (1999: £4,954,447) was paid to Huntleigh Technology plc.

4. INVESTMENTS HELD AS FIXED ASSETS

	Shares in subsidiaries
Cost and net book value	£
301,000 fully paid ordinary shares of £1 each	
in Huntleigh Healthcare Limited	301,000
50,000 fully paid ordinary shares of £1 each in	
Huntleigh Rentals Limited	50,000
1,000,000 fully paid ordinary shares of £1	
each in Huntleigh Diagnostics Limited	8,000,000
5,688,621 fully paid ordinary shares of £1	
each in Huntleigh Nesbit Evans Limited	6,175,638
500,000 fully paid ordinary shares of £1 each	
in Huntleigh Hygeia Plc	277,750
At 1 January 2000 and 31 December 2000	14,804,388

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year ended 31 December 2000

4. INVESTMENTS HELD AS FIXED ASSETS (CONTINUED)

All the above subsidiary undertakings design, manufacture, distribute and rent equipment and instrumentation for medical applications.

All the subsidiary undertakings are wholly owned subsidiary undertakings of the company and are incorporated in England.

As allowed under Section 228 of the Companies Act 1985, the company has not prepared group financial statements as it is a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking of Huntleigh Technology PLC.

5. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

		2000 £	1999 £
	Bank loans and overdrafts	2	2
	Amounts owed to group undertakings	6,417,975	6,417,975
		6,417,977	6,417,977
6.	CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL		
		2000 £	1999 £
	Authorised		
	1,500,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	1,500,000	1,500,000
			
	Called up, allotted and fully paid		
	351,002 ordinary shares of £1 each	351,002	351,002
			

7. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The company has entered into composite guarantees with its UK bankers, Barclays Bank PLC and HSBC Bank plc, in respect of any amounts due by itself and by certain subsidiary undertakings.

The amounts outstanding at 31 December 2000 were £19,135,000 (1999: £18,987,000). These amounts represent overdrawn balances with those UK bankers and do not include credit balances on current and deposit accounts with them of £13,977,000 at 31 December 2000 (1999: £10,502,000).

8. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

Huntleigh Technology PLC, registered in England and Wales, is regarded by the directors as being the company's ultimate holding company.

Huntleigh Technology PLC is the parent undertaking of the smallest and largest groups of which the company is a member and for which group accounts are prepared. Copies of those accounts can be obtained from Huntleigh Technology PLC, 310 – 312 Dallow Road, Luton, Bedfordshire, LU1 1TD.