Report and financial statements for the year ended 31st December 1996

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Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December 1996

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

Principal activities and business review

The Company trades as a property-holding company and it is intended that it shall continue to do so.

Dividends

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend.

Directors and directors' interests

The directors who held office during the year, none of whom was beneficially interested in the Company's share during the year, were

M G Rogers (resigned 15th July 1996)

C R Chapman

D O Lyon (appointed 28th October 1996)

The interests of C R Chapman in the share capital of Nestor Healthcare Group plc (previously Nestor-BNA plc), the ultimate holding company, are disclosed in the financial statements of that company.

The beneficial and family interests of D O Lyon in the share capital of Nestor Healthcare Group plc are as follows:

	1996	1995
Ordinary shares	7,000	-
Share options		
Employee Scheme	-	20,000
1996 Company Share Option Plan	26,000	-
1996 Employee Share Option Scheme	16,800	-
SAYE Scheme	28,750	28,750

Registered Office

The directors resolved to change the registered office of the Company to The Colonnades, Beaconsfield Close, Hatfield, Hertfordshire AL10 8YD on 13th June 1996.

Statement of Director's Responsibilities

The directors are required by UK company law to prepare financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company at the end of the financial year and of the profit of the company for the period to that date. The financial statements must be prepared in compliance with the required formats and disclosures of the Companies Act 1985 and in accordance with applicable accounting standards. In addition, the directors are required:

- to select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- to make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- to take account of expenses and income relating to the period being reported on, whether or not they have been paid or received in that period; and
- to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will
 continue in business.

The directors confirm that the financial statements comply with the above requirements. The directors are also responsible for maintaining adequate accounting records so as to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 1985, for safeguarding the assets of the company, and for preventing and detecting fraud and other irregularities.

Auditors

Secretary

The Company has dispensed with the obligation to appoint auditors annually, hence Coopers & Lybrand will continue in office.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 29th October 1997

and signed on its behalf by:

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Report of the Auditors to the members of Notepike Limited

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of Directors and Auditors

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 at 31st December 1996 and of its loss for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Coopers & Lybrand

Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors

29 October 1997

Profit and loss account

for the year ended 31st December 1996

	Note	1996 £	1995 £
Turnover	3	106,172	108,296
Administrative expenses	4	(255,531)	(262,944)
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation		(149,359)	(154,648)
Taxation		-	-
Loss on ordinary activities after taxation		(149,359)	(154,648)

There is no difference between the reported loss on ordinary activities before taxation and its historical cost equivalent.

A statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been prepared as there are no recognised gains or losses other than the loss for the year as stated above.

Balance sheet

as at 31st December 1996

	Notes	1996 £	1995 £
Current assets Debtors	5	62,251	61,563
		62,251	61,563
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	6	(646,503)	(496,456)
Net current liabilities		(584,252)	(434,893)
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital Reserves	7 8	2 (584,254)	2 (434,895)
Equity shareholders' funds		(584,252)	(434,893)

Director

The financial statements on pages 4 to 7 were approved by the Board

on 29 October 1997 and were signed on its behalf by:

Notes to the financial statements

for the year ended 31st December 1996

Note 1 Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom.

Cash flow statement

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking of Nestor Healthcare Group plc. Consequently, the Company is exempt under FRS 1 (revised 1996) from publishing its own cash flow statement.

Leases

Where fixed assets are financed by leasing agreements which give rights approximately equivalent to ownership (finance leases) the assets are capitalised. The corresponding lease commitments are treated as obligations to the lessor. All other lease payments are charged to the profit and loss account in the year to which they relate.

Note 2 Directors

None of the directors received any emoluments during the year.

Note 3 Turnover

Turnover represents the amount of the rent receivable from properties sub-let by the Company, net of VAT where applicable.

Note 4	Administrative expenses	1996	1995
		£	£
	Rent payable	245,636	247,051
	Other operating charges	9,895	15,893
		255,531	262,944
Note 5	Debtors		
		1996	1995
		£	£
	Prepayments and accrued income	59,720	58,356
	Other debtors	2,531	3,207
		62,251	61,563
Note 6	Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	1996	1995
		£	£
	Bank overdraft	63,531	9,004
	Amounts owed to holding company	582,972	475,180
	Accruals and deferred income	-	12,272
		646,503	496,456
Note 7	Share capital		
		1996	1995
	Authorised	£	£
	1,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	1,000	1,000
	Issued and fully paid		

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 1996

Note 8 Reserves

£

Profit and loss account

As at 1st January 1996 Loss for the year As at 31st December 1996

(434,895) (149,359) (584,254)

Note 9 Lease commitments

At 31st December 1996 the Company held leases on two unoccupied and five occupied properties. The commitment in respect of the operating leases in 1997 is as follows:

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For leases expiring within one year beyond five years

32,500 214,500 247,000

The ultimate parent company, Nestor Healthcare Group plc, has confirmed its intention to continue to provide financial support. Accordingly, no provision has been made in these financial statements for the Company's obligations under the leases.

Note 10 Contingent liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities at the year end.

Note 11 Ultimate holding company

The Company's ultimate holding company, Nestor Healthcare Group plc, is registered in England and Wales. Copies of the ultimate holding company's consolidated financial statements may be obtained from The Colonnades, Beaconsfield Close, Hatfield, Hertfordshire, AL10 8YD.