

# THE DODGE GROUP LIMITED

Report and Financial Statements

30 September 1994

Touche Ross & Co. Hill House 1 Little New Street London EC4A 3TR





# REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 1994

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## **REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 1994**

## OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

### **DIRECTORS**

Loretta S Henry William J Fitzpatrick Frank H Dodge Alan D Hambrook Thomas J Dolan

## **SECRETARY**

Thomas J Dolan

### REGISTERED OFFICE

Burgoine House 8 Lower Teddington Road Kingston-Upon-Thames Surrey KT1 4ER

## **BANKERS**

The Royal Bank of Scotland plc National Westminster Bank PLC

### **SOLICITORS**

Lloyd Cooper Solicitors

## **AUDITORS**

Touche Ross & Co. Chartered Accountants Hill House 1 Little New Street London EC4A 3TR

## THE DODGE GROUP LIMITED



## **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 30 September 1994.

## PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activities of the company for the financial year ended 30 September 1994 were the marketing of the Open Series financial accounting suite, the sale of licences and advice relating to installation of software.

#### **DIRECTORS**

The present membership of the Board is set out on page 1. All directors served throughout the year.

The directors' interests, as defined by the Companies Act, in the shares of the company at 30 September 1993 and 30 September 1994 were as follows:

Oı	dinary shares of £1 each
30	30
September	September
1994	1993

Alan D Hambrook

1 held in trust

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## SMALL COMPANY EXEMPTIONS

Advantage has been taken in the preparation of this report of the special exemptions applicable to small companies under Part II of Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985.

#### **AUDITORS**

Touche Ross & Co. were appointed auditors by the directors during the year. Touche Ross & Co. 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

Hr July 1995



## 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;
- prepare the financial statements on a 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. 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.



#### **Chartered Accountants**

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# AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE DODGE GROUP LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 10 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 as at 30 September 1994 and of its loss for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 1985 applicable to small companies.

Touche Ross & Co.

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors London

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Principal place of business at which a list of partners' names is available Stonecutter Court, 1 Stonecutter Street, London EC4A 4TR.

Authorised by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales to carry on investment business.



## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT Year ended 30 September 1994

	Note	1994	1993 (as restated - see Note 1)
		£	£
TURNOVER - continuing operations	1	422,407	-
Cost of sales	1	(838,454)	(553,121)
Gross loss		(416,047)	(553,121)
Administrative expenses		(376,195)	(622,255)
Other operating income		140,763	848,555
OPERATING LOSS - continuing			
operations		(651,479)	(326,821)
Interest receivable and similar income		4,411	8,749
LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES			
BEFORE TAXATION	2	(647,068)	(318,072)
Tax on loss on ordinary activities	3	<u> </u>	(2,506)
RETAINED LOSS TRANSFERRED		<del></del>	
FROM RESERVES	9	(647,068)	(320,578)

There are no recognised gains or losses for the current financial year and preceding financial year other than as stated in the profit and loss account.



## BALANCE SHEET 30 September 1994

	Note	1994 £	1993 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	4	57,793	88,164
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	5	284,720	86,179
Cash at bank and in hand		21,936	70,387
		306,656	156,566
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	6	(300,846)	(453,953)
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		5,810	(297,387)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		63,603	(209,223)
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND			
CHARGES		(100,794)	<del>-</del>
		(37,191)	(209,223)
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	8	909,881	90,781
Profit and loss account	9	(947,072)	(300,004)
Total Equity Shareholders' Funds		(37,191)	(209,223)

Advantage has been taken in the preparation of these accounts of the special exemptions applicable to small companies under Part 1 of Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985. In the opinion of the directors the company is entitled to these exemptions on the grounds that it has met the qualifications for a small company specified in sections 246 and 247 of the Companies Act 1985.

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 1995.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors



## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year ended 30 September 1994

#### 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.

#### Turnover

Turnover represents licence fees, educational fees and consulting fees. Income is recognised when work has been completed and accepted by the customer.

#### Cost of sales

Development costs separately disclosed in the 1993 accounts have been included in the cost of sales figure. The comparative amount in respect of development costs has been reclassified as cost of sales accordingly.

Development costs are charged to the profit and loss account in the period in which they are incurred.

#### Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided on cost in equal annual instalments over the estimated lives of the assets. The rates of depreciation are as follows:

Short-term leasehold improvements 20% per annum

Computer equipment 33  $\frac{1}{3}$  % per annum

Purchased software 33  $\frac{1}{3}$  % per annum

Equipment, fixtures and fittings 20% per annum

## Leases

Rental costs under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account in equal annual amounts over the periods of the leases.

#### **Deferred taxation**

Deferred taxation is provided at the anticipated tax rates on differences arising from the inclusion of items of income and expenditure in taxation computations in periods different from those in which they are included in the financial statements to the extent that it is probable that a liability or asset will crystallise in the future.

### 2. LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION

	1994	1993
	£	£
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation is after charging:		
Rentals under operating leases		
Hire of plant and machinery	39,767	34,187
Other operating leases	154,462	110,657
Depreciation and other amounts written off tangible		
fixed assets	46,923	49,546
Auditors' remuneration	5,000	5,500

Included within administrative expenses is directors' remuneration of £72,160 (1993 - £63,600).



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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year ended 30 September 1994

## 3. TAX ON LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

	1994 £	1993 £
United Kingdom corporation tax at 25% (1992 - 25%) based on the loss for the year	-	5,897
Adjustment in respect of prior years		(3,391)
	-	2,506

No provision for deferred tax has been made as it would result in the creation of a deferred tax asset, the crystallisation of which is not reasonably certain.

## 4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Short-term leasehold improve- ments £	Computer equipment	Purchased software	Equipment, fixtures and fittings	Total £
Cost	ı	L	£	*	•
At 1 October 1993	12,963	69,001	45,279	31,293	158,536
Additions	786	15,848	-	1,500	18,134
Disposals	•	(6,043)			(6,043)
At 30 September 1994	13,749	78,806	45,279	32,793	170,627
Accumulated depreciation					
At 1 October 1993	1,653	32,584	25,337	10,798	70,372
Charge for the year	2,697	22,749	15,093	6,384	46,923
Disposals		(4,461)			(4,461)
At 30 September 1994	4,350	50,872	40,430	17,182	112,834
Net book value					
At 30 September 1994	9,399	27,934	4,849	15,611	57,793
At 30 September 1993	11,310	36,417	19,942	20,495	88,164
DEBTORS					
				1994	1993
				£	£
Trade debtors				179,932	-
Amounts owed by parent company				2,200	-
Prepayments and other debtors				102,588	86,179
				284,720	86,179



## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year ended 30 September 1994

## 6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	1994	1993
	£	£
Bank overdraft	-	9,582
Trade creditors	66,324	24,215
Amounts owed to parent company	•	377,648
Other creditors including taxation and social security	91,566	42,508
Accruals and deferred income	142,956	
	300,846	453,953
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Should any creditor balance arise in respect of the parent company, such debt would be subordinated to the debts of other creditors, under an agreement dated 30 September 1993.

## 7. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES

	Balance at 1 October 1993 £	Charged to profit and loss account	Balance at 30 September 1994 £
Deferred lease provision Other provisions	-	70,794	70,794
	-	30,000	30,000
	-	100,794	100,794

The deferred lease provision has been established to enable property rental costs to be charged to the Profit and Loss Account evenly over the period of the leases.

## 8. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

	1994	1993
Authorised: 1,000,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	1,000,000	250,000
Allotted and fully paid: 909,881 ordinary shares of £1 each	909,881	90,781

During the year 819,100 ordinary shares were allotted, converting debt to equity funding, to fund the continued expansion of the company.



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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year ended 30 September 1994

## 9. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

	1994 £	1993 £
Loss attributable to members of the	(647,068)	(320,578)
company Capital subscribed	819,100	(320,376)
-		
Net addition/(reduction) to shareholders' funds	172,032	(320,578)
Shareholders rands		
Opening shareholders' funds	(209,223)	(111,355)
	(37,191)	(209,223)
Closing shareholders' funds		
OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS		
	Land and	0.1
	buildings £	Other £
Leases which expire:		
Within one year	•	25,213
Within two to five years	142,815	45,576
After five years	<del>-</del>	
	142,815	70,789

## 11. PARENT COMPANY

The ultimate parent company is The Dodge Group Inc. a company incorporated in USA.

Copies of the group financial statements are available from The Dodge Group Inc. 303, Wyman Street, Waltham, MA 02154, USA.