Directors' report and financial statements

Year ended 31 December 1997

Registered number 2704078



Directors' report and financial statements

Contents

Officers and professional advisers	1
Directors' report	2
Statement of directors' responsibilities	3
Auditors' report	4
Balance sheet	5
Notes	6 - 7

Officers and professional advisers

Directors

EA Tilly SJ Basaran DL Raab

Secretary

SJ Basaran

Registered office

Vantage West Great West Road Brentford Middlesex TW8 9AG

Auditors

KPMG Audit Plc 8 Salisbury Square London EC4Y 8BB

Bankers

The Royal Bank of Scotland plc 62-63 Threadneedle Street London EC2R 8LA

Directors' report

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 1997.

Principal activities

The principal activity of the company was the provision of marine breakdown and recovery services. The company has not traded since October 1993.

Review of the business and future prospects

The company did not trade during the year. The directors do not consider that trading will recommence in the current year.

On 19 September 1997 the company's name was changed by special resolution to Worldcover Direct Limited.

Directors and their share interests

The directors who served during the year and those who were appointed after 31 December 1997 were as follows:

RM Smith	(resigned 7 November 1997)
AJ Sinclair	(resigned 26 March 1997)
BA Iversen	(resigned 21 May 1997)
SJ Basaran	(appointed 11 March 1996)
EA Tilly	(appointed 25 March 1996)
DL Raab	(appointed 6 June 1996)

None of the directors held any beneficial interest in the shares of the company or its fellow subsidiary companies at 31 December 1997 or 1 January 1997. The interests of the directors who are also directors of the immediate parent company, in the shares of the immediate parent company, GE Capital Warranty Services Group Limited (formerly IMCO Group Limited), are given in that company's financial statements. At 31 December 1997 Mr RM Smith held nil (1996:10,000) options to purchase £1 ordinary shares in the immediate parent company.

Directors' report (continued)

By order of the board

SJ Basaran Secretary

Vantage West Great West Road Brentford Middlesex TW8 9AG

304 abober 1998

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 its profit or loss 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 within 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 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 Worldcover Direct Limited

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 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 31 December 1997 and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

KARL Andrik Pl.

KPMG Audit Plc Chartered Accountants Registered Auditor PO Box 695 8 Salisbury Square London EC4Y 8BB 1998

30 October

Balance sheet

As at 31 December 1997

	Note	1997 £	1996 £
Current assets Amounts owed by fellow subsidiaries	3	34,701	34,701
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	4	(169,783)	(169,783)
Net current liabilities		(135,082)	(135,082)
Total assets less current liabilities		(135,082)	(135,082)
Capital and reserves Called up share capital Profit and loss account	5	100 (135,182)	100 (135,182)
Equity shareholders' funds		(135,082)	(135,082)

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 30001998 and were signed on its behalf by:

Director

mi L Raat

Notes to the accounts

(forming part of the financial statements)

1 Accounting policies

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

Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and on the going concern basis based on an undertaking from the immediate parent undertaking to provide the support necessary to allow the company to trade as and when required. As the company did not trade during the year or for the previous period a profit and loss account is not being prepared.

2 Employees

The company had no employees during the year (1996:Nil). The directors received no emoluments in respect of their services to the company during the year (1996:£Nil). The remuneration of the directors who are also directors of the immediate parent company, GE Capital Warranty Services Group Limited (formerly IMCO Group Limited), is disclosed in the accounts of that company. In addition, RM Smith was also a director of a fellow subsidiary undertaking and his emoluments are disclosed in the accounts of that company.

3 Debtors

	1996 £	1995 £
Amounts owed by fellow subsidiaries	34,701	34,701
	-	
4 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
	1997	1996
	£	£
Amounts owed to fellow subsidiaries	169,783	169,783

Notes to the accounts (continued)

5 Called up share capital

	1997	1996
	£	£
Authorised, allotted and fully paid		
200 ordinary shares of 50p each	100	100
,		

6 Parent company

The company's ultimate holding company is General Electric Company ("GEC"), a company registered in the state of New York, in the United States of America. GEC is the parent of the largest group of which the company is a member and for which group financial statements are prepared. The group financial statements of GEC are available to the public and may be obtained from GE Corporate Investor Communications, 3135 Easton Turnpike, Fairfield, Connecticut 06431, USA.

The company's immediate parent company is GE Capital Warranty Services Group Limited, (formerly IMCO Group Limited), a company incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales.

GE Capital Warranty Services Group Limited, is the parent of the smallest group of which the company is a member and for which group financial statements are prepared. The group financial statements of GE Capital Warranty Services Group Limited may be obtained from the Company Secretary, Vantage West, Great West Road, Brentford, Middlesex TW8 9AG.