REGISTERED NUMBER: 02767719

Abbreviated Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 December 1996

<u>for</u>

CITIBASE LIMITED



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Company Information for the Year Ended 31 December 1996

DIRECTORS:

D M Joseph

I H Read

SECRETARY:

I H Read

REGISTERED OFFICE:

Mount Manor House

16 The Mount Guildford Surrey GU2 5HS

REGISTERED NUMBER: 02767719

AUDITORS:

Pridie Brewster Registered Auditors Chartered Accountants Mount Manor House

16 The Mount Guildford Surrey GU2 5HS

Report of the Auditors to CITIBASE LIMITED

Pursuant to Paragraph 24 of Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985

We have examined the abbreviated financial statements on pages four to six together with the full financial statements of CITIBASE LIMITED prepared under Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 31 December 1996.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated financial statements in accordance with Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to the company's entitlement to the exemptions claimed in the directors' statement on page four and whether the abbreviated financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with that Schedule.

Basis of opinion

We have carried out the procedures we considered necessary to confirm, by reference to the audited financial statements, that the company is entitled to the exemptions and that the abbreviated financial statements have been properly prepared from those financial statements. The scope of our work for the purpose of this report does not include examining or dealing with events after the date of our report on the full financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the company is entitled under Sections 246 and 247 of the Companies Act 1985 to the exemptions conferred by Section A of Part III of Schedule 8 to that Act, in respect of the year ended 31 December 1996, and the abbreviated financial statements on pages four to six have been properly prepared in accordance with that Schedule.

Other information

On 24 April 1997 we reported, as auditors of CITIBASE LIMITED, to the shareholders on the financial statements prepared under Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 31 December 1996, and our audit report was as follows:

"We have audited the financial statements on pages five to eleven which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page eight.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page two 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.

Report of the Auditors to CITIBASE LIMITED

Pursuant to Paragraph 24 of Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985

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 judgments 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 1996 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 1985 applicable to small companies."

Pridie Brewster
Registered Auditors
Chartered Accountants
Mount Manor House
16 The Mount
Guildford

Surrey GU2 5HS

Dated: 24 April 1997

Abbreviated Balance Sheet 31 December 1996

| | | 31.12 | .96 | 31.12 | .95 |
|----------------------------|-------|---------|---------|--------|------|
| | Notes | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| FIXED ASSETS: | | | | | |
| Tangible assets | 3 | | 24,375 | | - |
| CURRENT ASSETS: | | | | | |
| Debtors | | 227,135 | | 5,599 | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 125,727 | | 24,711 | |
| | | 352,862 | | 30,310 | |
| CREDITORS: Amounts falling | | | | | |
| due within one year | | 342,879 | | 29,314 | |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS: | | | 9,983 | | 996 |
| TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT | | | | | |
| LIABILITIES: | | | £34,358 | | £996 |
| | | | | | |
| CAPITAL AND RESERVES: | | | | | |
| Called up share capital | 4 | | 96 | | 96 |
| Profit and loss account | | | 34,262 | | 900 |
| Shareholders' funds | | | £34,358 | | £996 |
| | | | | | |

Advantage has been taken of the exemptions conferred by Section A of Part III of Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985 on the grounds that, in the opinion of the directors, the company is entitled to the benefit of those exemptions as a small company.

In preparing the full financial statements, the directors have taken advantage of special exemptions applicable to small companies conferred by Part I of Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985. The directors have done so on the grounds that, in their opinion, the company is entitled to the benefit of those exemptions because it meets the qualifying conditions for small companies as stated in Section 247 of the Companies Act 1985.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

D M Joseph - DIRECTOR

Approved by the Board on .24th April 1997

The notes form part of these financial statements

Notes to the Abbreviated Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 1996

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Financial Reporting Standard Number 1

Exemption has been taken from preparing a cash flow statement on the grounds that the company qualifies as a small company.

Turnover

Turnover represents net invoiced sales of services, excluding value added tax.

Goodwill

Goodwill, being the amount paid in connection with the acquisition of a business during the year has been written off to reserves in the year after revaluing the fixtures, fittings and furniture to a fair value.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Plant and machinery etc - 15% on reducing balance

Deferred taxation

Provision is made at current rates for taxation deferred in respect of all material timing differences except to the extent that, in the opinion of the directors, there is reasonable probability that the liability will not arise in the foreseeable future.

2. Acquired Goodwill

As explained in the Directors Report the serviced office accommodation business was acquired in the year. The goodwill purchased for £1 has been written off to reserves in the year. The furniture, fixtures and fittings purchased for £1 have been reflected in the accounts at fair value (£25,000) and the resulting negative goodwill has been written off to reserves.

Notes to the Abbreviated Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 1996

3. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

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| | | | | Total |
|------------|---------------|----------------|------------|------------|
| COST: | | | • | £ |
| Additions | | | | 25,000 |
| At 31 Dec | ember 1996 | | | 25,000 |
| DEPRECIAT | ION: | | | |
| Charge for | r year | | | 625 |
| At 31 Dece | ember 1996 | | | 625 |
| NET BOOK | VALUE: | | | - |
| At 31 Dece | ember 1996 | | | 24,375 |
| | | | | |
| CALLED UP | SHARE CAPITAL | | | |
| Authorised | 1: | | | |
| Number: | Class: | Nominal value: | 31.12.96 | |
| 1,000 | Ordinary | £1 | £ 1,000 | £ 1,000 |

| | issued and fully paid: | | | |
|---------|------------------------|---------|----------|----------|
| Number: | Class: | Nominal | 31.12.96 | 31.12.95 |
| | | value: | £ | £ |
| 96 | Ordinary | £1 | 96 | 96 |
| | | | | _ |
| | | | | |

5. TRANSACTIONS WITH DIRECTORS

The management fees of £20,000 in the financial statements were paid to two businesses in which the directors D M Joseph and I H Read both have an interest.