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RANDOM ACCESS SERVICES LIMITED
ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD FROM
25 FEBRUARY 1993 TO 30 JUNE 1994



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DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their report and abbreviated accounts for the period 25 February 1993 to 30 June 1994.

INCORPORATION

The company was incorporated on 25 February 1993 as Random Access Services Limited. The company commenced trading on 28 June 1993.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND REVIEW OF BUSINESS

The principal activities of the company are the provision of specialist computer services.

The past 12 months has seen Random Access Services Limited concentrate on two main areas:

- The development to an operational stage of the systems to support its core computer based services.
- The introduction of these novel services to the market place by raising awareness of the issues surrounding the services and the quality, safety and cost benefits that can accrue from their use.

The significant loss incurred in the year resulted from the prudent write-off of all development costs along with the professional fees associated with formation of the company and issue of shares.

The development costs for the computer system amounted to in excess of £120,000. The directors consider that the systems developed represent a considerable asset to the company, notwithstanding their conservative write-off for accounting purposes.

The company has made significant progress in the development of its services, which have generated considerable interest, with sales enquiries coming from many sources including the UK, USA, Germany, France and Belgium. Many of these enquiries led to presentations being made and proposals for the provision of services. This has resulted in several contracts being secured with others still under negotiation. One of these is for the provision of the company's 'Randomisation Code Management Services' for all the European trials of one of the UK's largest Pharmaceutical Companies.

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Subsequent to the year end the Company has agreed in principal to enter into a joint venture with another Company to provide full clinical trial management services to the Pharmaceutical Industry. Further information is given in Note 11 under 'Post Balance Sheet Events'; briefly, however, this new company will initially be funded by the joint venture partner company and will assume the majority of Random Access Services' existing ongoing liabilities. The company will continue to trade its code-breaking service (known as 'Randomisation Code Management Services') and develop new areas of business as opportunities arise.

The directors believe that this structural change considerably enhances the company's future prospects for growth and development.

DIRECTORS'
RESPONSIBILITIES

Company Law requires the directors to prepare accounts 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 period and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing those accounts, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- follow applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts.

The directors are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the accounts 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.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

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DIRECTORS

The directors who held office during the period were:-

R J Pannone	(appointed 22 March 1993)
J H W Engler	(appointed 25 February 1993)
N E Rotherham	(appointed 21 March 1993)
K D MacRae	(appointed 22 March 1993)
R K Rondel	(appointed 22 March 1993)
N K Rawlings	(appointed 25 February 1993)
B A Gennery	(appointed 17 December 1993)

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS

The interests of the directors in the share capital of the company were as follows:-

Number of ordinary shares
of £1 each

At 30 June 1994

'A' Ordinary Shares 'B' Ordinary Shares

R J Pannone	5,000	-
J H W Engler	10,000	2,500
N R Rotherham	10,000	2,500
K J MacRae	1,000	-
R K Rondel	-	-
N K Rawlings	5,000	2,000
B A Gennery	-	-

TAXATION STATUS

The company is a close company within the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

AUDITORS

Booth Ainsworth were appointed first auditors by the directors. In accordance with Section 388 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution proposing the re-appointment of Booth Ainsworth as auditors to the company will be put to the annual general meeting.

BASIS OF REPORT

In the preparation of this report we have taken advantage of the special exemptions provided by Section A of Part III of Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985 applicable to small companies.

By Order of the Board



N K Rawlings
(Secretary)

Date : 24 October 1994

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REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE DIRECTORS OF
RANDOM ACCESS SERVICES LIMITED
PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 24 OF SCHEDULE 8
TO THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

We have examined the abbreviated accounts on pages 5 to 7 together with the full statutory accounts of Random Access Services Limited. The scope of our work for the purpose of this report was limited to confirming the opinion as set out in the following paragraph.

In our opinion the company is entitled to the exemptions as set out in the directors' statement on page 5 and the abbreviated accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with Part III of Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985.

On 24 October 1994 we reported to the shareholders on the statutory accounts of Random Access Services Limited for the period ended 30 June 1994, prepared under section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 as modified by the exemptions provided by Part 1 of Schedule 8. Our report under section 235 of the Companies Act 1985 was as follows:

We have audited the accounts on pages 5 to 11 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 7.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS

As described on page 2, the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of accounts. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those accounts and to report our opinion to you.

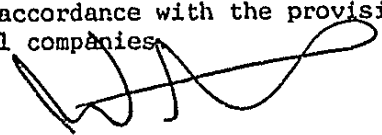
BASIS OF OPINION

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 accounts. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the accounts, 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 accounts 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 accounts.

OPINION

In our opinion the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs at 30 June 1994 and of its loss for the period then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 1985 applicable to small companies.



Booth Ainsworth
Chartered Accountants and
Registered Auditors
Borough Chambers
St Petersburg

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ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET

As at 30 June 1994

	Notes	1994
FIXED ASSETS		
Tangible assets	3	23,120
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors		1,322
Cash at bank and in hand		19,980
		<u>21,302</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year		<u>14,991</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>6,311</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>29,431</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year		<u>23,005</u>
NET ASSETS		<u><u>£ 6,426</u></u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES		
Called up share capital	2	141,000
Profit and loss account		<u>(134,574)</u>
		<u><u>£ 6,426</u></u>

The directors have taken advantage of exemptions conferred by Part III of Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985 and have done so on the grounds that, in their opinion, the company is entitled to those exemptions as a small company. In the preparation of the company's annual accounts, the directors have taken advantage of special exemptions available to small companies and have done so on the grounds that, in their opinion the company is entitled to those exemptions as a small company.

Approved on behalf of the Board

N K Rawlings

DIRECTORS

J H W Engler

Date: 24 October 1994

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NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS

For the period ended 30 June 1994

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared on the historical cost basis of accounting and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

Turnover

Turnover represents the invoiced value of sales less returns and allowances excluding value added tax.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated in the balance sheet at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation has been provided on tangible fixed assets to write off their cost less estimated residual value over their expected useful lives, as follows:-

Office equipment	25% pa straight line
Motor vehicles	25% pa straight line

Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided on the liability method at the current tax rates on timing differences if, in the opinion of the directors, a tax liability will crystallise in the foreseeable future.

Research and development

Research and development expenditure is written off in the profit and loss account when it is incurred.

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2. CALLED-UP SHARE CAPITAL

	Authorised	Allotted, called-up and fully paid
EQUITY INTERESTS		
'A' Ordinary shares of £1 each	40,000	31,000
'B' Ordinary shares of £1 each	460,000	110,000
	<u>£ 500,000</u>	<u>£ 141,000</u>

The following allotments were made, subsequent to the shares issued on incorporation, for a consideration of £1 per share to provide finance for the company.

On 21 May 1993 100,000 'B' Ordinary shares

On 17 June 1993 30,998 'A' Ordinary shares

On 2 July 1993 10,000 'B' Ordinary shares

The 'A' and 'B' ordinary shares rank pari passu in respect of dividend rights and distribution of capital. The 'A' ordinary shares have an entitlement to four votes upon a poll and the 'B' ordinary shares have an entitlement to one vote upon a poll.

3. FIXED ASSETS

	Tangible Fixed Assets £
COST	
Additions	30,826
At 30 June 1994	<u>30,826</u>
DEPRECIATION	
Charge for the period	7,706
At 30 June 1994	<u>7,706</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 30 June 1994	<u>£ 23,120</u>