

Company Registration No. 2821326 (England and Wales)

**SEARCH MATTERS LIMITED**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1998**



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# SEARCH MATTERS LIMITED

## COMPANY INFORMATION

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<b>Directors</b>	M Riddick D A S Penney A J Sommerville
<b>Secretary</b>	D A S Penney
<b>Company number</b>	2821326
<b>Registered office</b>	80 Islington High Street London N1 8EQ
<b>Auditors</b>	Berg Kaprow Lewis Chartered Accountants 35 Ballards Lane London N3 1XW
<b>Business address</b>	100 White Lion Street London N1 9PF
<b>Bankers</b>	National Westminster Bank Plc 214 High Holborn London WC1V 7BX

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# SEARCH MATTERS LIMITED

## DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1998

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The directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 1998.

### Principal activities and review of the business

The principal activity of the company continued to be that of providing business and property related information and services. The directors are satisfied with the results and expect the future development of the business to be concerned with the same or similar activities.

### Results and dividends

The results for the year are set out on page 4.

An interim dividend of £55,000 was paid in the year. No final dividend is proposed.

### Directors

The following directors have held office since 1 April 1997:

M Riddick  
D A S Penney  
A J Sommerville

### Directors' interests

The directors' beneficial interests in the shares of the company were as stated below:

	Ordinary shares of £1 each	
	31 March 1998	1 April 1997
M Riddick	-	750
D A S Penney	-	125
A J Sommerville	-	125

The entire share capital of the company was acquired by Searchtec Group Limited on 29 January 1998. Directors' interests in that company are given in that company's financial statements.

### Auditors

Berg Kaprow Lewis were appointed auditors to the company and in accordance with section 385 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution proposing that they be re-appointed will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

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## DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1998

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### 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 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 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.

On behalf of the Board



M Riddick

Director

20 JULY 98

# SEARCH MATTERS LIMITED

## AUDITORS' REPORT TO SEARCH MATTERS LIMITED UNDER SECTION 247B OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

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We have examined the abbreviated accounts set out on pages 4 to 8 together with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 March 1998 prepared under section 226 of the Companies Act 1985.

### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated accounts in accordance with section 246A of the Companies Act 1985. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to whether the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with section 246A(3) of the Act to the registrar of companies and whether the accounts to be delivered are properly prepared in accordance with that provision and to report our opinion to you.

### Basis of opinion

We have carried out the procedures we consider necessary to confirm, by reference to the financial statements, that the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts and that the abbreviated accounts to be delivered are properly prepared. The scope of our work for the purpose of this report did 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 to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with section 246A(3) of the Companies Act 1985, and the abbreviated accounts on pages 4 to 8 are properly prepared in accordance with that provision.

*Berg Kaprow Lewis*

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Chartered Accountants  
Registered Auditors

*21 JULY 98*  
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# SEARCH MATTERS LIMITED

## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1998

	Notes	1998 £	1997 £
<b>Gross profit</b>		239,145	185,254
Administrative expenses		(137,050)	(138,593)
<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>3</b>	102,095	46,661
Interest receivable and similar income	<b>4</b>	874	374
Interest payable and similar charges	<b>5</b>	(211)	(77)
<b>Profit on ordinary activities before taxation</b>		102,758	46,958
Taxation	<b>6</b>	(21,700)	(11,283)
<b>Profit on ordinary activities after taxation</b>		81,058	35,675
Dividends	<b>7</b>	(55,000)	(20,000)
<b>Retained profit for the year</b>	<b>11</b>	26,058	15,675

The profit and loss account has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations.

There are no recognised gains and losses other than those passing through the profit and loss account.

# SEARCH MATTERS LIMITED

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 1998

	Notes	1998 £	£	1997 £	£
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	8	48,870		48,979	
Cash at bank and in hand		39,841		33,778	
		<u>88,711</u>		<u>82,757</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	9	<u>(34,611)</u>		<u>(54,715)</u>	
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>54,100</u>		<u>28,042</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>					
Called up share capital	10		1,000		1,000
Profit and loss account	11		53,100		27,042
<b>Shareholders' funds - equity interests</b>	12		<u>54,100</u>		<u>28,042</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to medium-sized companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 20/7/98

Director M RIDDICK

Director

D. PENNEY



# SEARCH MATTERS LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1998

### 1 Accounting policies

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

#### 1.2 Turnover

Turnover represents amounts receivable for goods and services net of VAT and trade discounts.

#### 1.3 Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided at appropriate rates on all timing differences using the liability method only to the extent that, in the opinion of the directors, there is a reasonable probability that a liability or asset will crystallise in the foreseeable future.

### 2 Turnover

The total turnover of the company for the year has been derived from its principal activity wholly undertaken in the United Kingdom.

### 3 Operating profit

	1998 £	1997 £
Operating profit is stated after charging:		
Auditors' remuneration	1,750	1,750

### 4 Other interest receivable and similar income

	1998 £	1997 £
Bank interest	874	374

### 5 Interest payable and similar charges

	1998 £	1997 £
On bank loans and overdrafts	211	24
On overdue tax	-	53
	211	77

### 6 Taxation

	1998 £	1997 £
U.K. current year taxation		
U.K. corporation tax at 21.00% (1997 - 24.00%)	21,700	11,283

# SEARCH MATTERS LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1998

<b>7</b>	<b>Dividends</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1997</b>
		£	£
	Ordinary interim paid	55,000	20,000
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>8</b>	<b>Debtors</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1997</b>
		£	£
	Trade debtors	45,306	45,989
	Other debtors	998	998
	Prepayments and accrued income	2,566	1,992
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
		48,870	48,979
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>9</b>	<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1997</b>
		£	£
	Trade creditors	5,423	1,943
	Corporation tax	7,950	6,283
	Other taxes and social security costs	8,107	28,410
	Other creditors	11,381	16,329
	Accruals and deferred income	1,750	1,750
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
		34,611	54,715
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>10</b>	<b>Share capital</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1997</b>
		£	£
	<b>Authorised</b>		
	1,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	1,000	1,000
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	<b>Allotted, called up and fully paid</b>		
	1,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	1,000	1,000
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# SEARCH MATTERS LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1998

### 11 Statement of movements on profit and loss account

	Profit and loss account £
Balance at 1 April 1997	27,042
Retained profit for the year	26,058
Balance at 31 March 1998	<u>53,100</u>

### 12 Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds

	1998 £	1997 £
Profit for the financial year	81,058	35,675
Dividends	(55,000)	(20,000)
Net addition to shareholders' funds	<u>26,058</u>	<u>15,675</u>
Opening shareholders' funds	28,042	12,367
Closing shareholders' funds	<u>54,100</u>	<u>28,042</u>

### 13 Transactions with directors

M Riddick, D A Penney and A J Sommerville are also directors of Property Search Agency Limited. During the year Property Search Agency Limited provided services amounting to £92,000 (1997: £66,500) to Search Matters Limited.

Property Search Agency Limited recharged local search fees and payroll costs in respect of Search Matters Limited sales for £86,420 and £44,474 respectively. £11,381 is outstanding at 31 March 1998.

### 14 Employees

#### Number of employees

There were no employees during the year apart from the directors who were not remunerated by this company. Certain employees of Property Search Agency provided services to the company during the year for which a recharge of payroll costs has been made - see note 15.

### 15 Ultimate Parent Undertaking

On 29 January 1998, the company became a wholly owned subsidiary of Searchtec Group Limited, a company registered in England and Wales. Searchtec Group Limited is the ultimate parent undertaking.