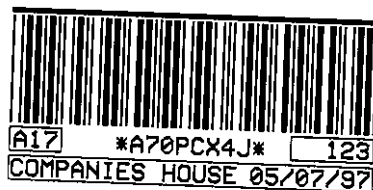


**SEARCH MATTERS LIMITED**

**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

**31 MARCH 1997**



**SEARCH MATTERS LIMITED**

**Company information**

**Company No: 2821326**

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**Chairman**

Mark Riddick

**Directors**

Mark Riddick  
David Penney  
Andrew Sommerville

**Secretary**

David Penney

**Registered office**

80 Islington High Street  
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**Auditors**

Hugill  
Chartered Accountants  
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# SEARCH MATTERS LIMITED

## Report of the directors

for the year ended 31 March 1997

The directors present their report together with the audited financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 March 1997.

### 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 the affairs and of the profit or loss for the company for that year. 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;

comply with applicable accounting standards subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and

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 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.

### Principal activity

The principal activity of the company continued to be that of providing business and property related information and services.

### Directors and their interests

The directors who served during the year and their interests in the share capital of the company were as follows:

		31 March 1997 Number	1 April 1996 Number
Mark Riddick	Ordinary	750	750
David Penney	Ordinary	125	125
Andrew Sommerville	Ordinary	125	125

### Cash flow statement

In the opinion of the directors the company qualifies as a small company and as such no cash flow statement has been prepared.

**SEARCH MATTERS LIMITED**

**Report of the directors**

**for the year ended 31 March 1997**

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**Auditors**

Hugill, Chartered Accountants have indicated that they are willing to be reappointed at the forthcoming annual general meeting.

**Exemption statement**

In preparing the above report, the directors have taken advantage of the special exemptions applicable to small companies.

By Order of the Board



David Penney, Secretary

Dated: 25<sup>th</sup> June 1997

# SEARCH MATTERS LIMITED

## Report of the auditors to the shareholders

### on the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 1997

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We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 7 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 6.

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 1 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 March 1997 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.



**Hugill**  
Chartered Accountants  
Registered Auditors

46 Museum Street  
LONDON  
WC1A 1LY

27 June 1997

**SEARCH MATTERS LIMITED****Profit and loss account****for the year ended 31 March 1997**

	Notes	1997 £	1996 £
<b>Turnover</b>		257,435	168,489
Cost of sales		72,181	35,978
<b>Gross profit</b>		185,254	132,511
Administrative expenses		138,593	112,442
<b>Operating profit</b>	2	46,661	20,069
Interest receivable		374	175
Interest payable		77	12
<b>Profit on ordinary activities before taxation</b>		46,958	20,232
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	3	11,283	5,058
<b>Profit on ordinary activities after taxation</b>		35,675	15,174
Dividends		20,000	10,000
<b>Surplus for the year</b>	7	15,675	5,174

All of the above derives from continuing activities.

**Total recognised gains and losses**

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the profit for the above two financial periods.

# SEARCH MATTERS LIMITED

## Balance Sheet

31 March 1997

	Notes	£	1997 £	£	1996 £
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	4	48,979		32,354	
Cash at bank and in hand		33,778		486	
		<u>82,757</u>		<u>32,840</u>	
<b>Creditors:</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	5	54,715		20,473	
<b>Net current assets</b>			28,042		12,367
			<u>28,042</u>		<u>12,367</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>					
Called up share capital	6		1,000		1,000
Profit and loss account	7		27,042		11,367
<b>Equity shareholders' funds</b>	8		<u>28,042</u>		<u>12,367</u>

The directors have taken advantage of special exemptions conferred by Schedule 8 of the Companies Act 1985 applicable to small companies in the preparation of the financial statements and have done so on the grounds that, in their opinion, the company is entitled to those exemptions.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 25-6-97 and signed on its behalf:

  
Mark Riddick

Director



**SEARCH MATTERS LIMITED****Notes to the financial statements****31 March 1997****1 Principal accounting policies****Accounting convention**

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

**Turnover**

Turnover represents sales invoiced to customers excluding Value Added Tax.

**2 Operating profit**

The operating profit is stated after charging:

	1997	1996
	£	£
Directors' emoluments including pension contributions	-	-
Auditors' remuneration	1,750	2,600

**3 Taxation on profit on ordinary activities**

Based on the profit for the year:  
U.K. Corporation Tax at 24%

	1997	1996
	£	£
	11,283	5,058

**4 Debtors**

	1997	1996
	£	£
Trade debtors	45,989	29,883
Other debtors	2,990	2,471
	48,979	32,354

**5 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year**

	1997	1996
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,943	527
Corporation Tax	6,283	5,058
Other creditors	46,489	14,888
	54,715	20,473

**SEARCH MATTERS LIMITED****Notes to the financial statements****31 March 1997**

<b>6</b>	<b>Called up share capital</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1996</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Authorised:		
	1,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	1,000	1,000
	Allotted, called up and fully paid:		
	1,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	1,000	1,000
<b>7</b>	<b>Profit and loss account</b>		
			<b>Profit and loss</b>
			<b>account</b>
			<b>£</b>
	At 1 April 1996		11,367
	Surplus for the year		15,675
	At 31 March 1997		27,042
<b>8</b>	<b>Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1996</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Profit for the financial year	35,675	15,174
	Dividends	20,000	10,000
		15,675	5,174
	Opening equity shareholders' funds	12,367	7,193
	Closing equity shareholders' funds	28,042	12,367
<b>9</b>	<b>Transactions with directors</b>		

M Riddick, D Penney and A Sommerville are also directors in The Property Search Agency Limited. During the year, The Property Search Agency provided services amounting to £66,500 to Search Matters Limited.