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#### **Directors**

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Mr R Barnes Mr S J Bott Mr M A Holmes Mr JL Norton Mr G W Welsh Mr G K Bauer

#### Secretary

Mr A Whittaker

# Registered Number

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# **Auditors**

Coopers & Lybrand, 1 Embankment Place, London WC2N 6NN

# **Registered Office**

Templar House 81-87 High Holborn LONDON WC1V 6NU

# REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1997

The Directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 1997.

#### **ULTIMATE HOLDING COMPANY**

The Company is a 50/50 Joint Venture between the London Power Company Limited (a 100% beneficially owned subsidiary of London Electricity plc) and CU Power Generation Limited.

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

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The Company's principal activity is electrical power generation. It will continue in this activity for the foreseeable future.

## **RESULTS AND DIVIDEND**

The profit for the financial year was £517,862 (1996: £20,671). Further information is contained in the financial statements appended to this report.

The Directors do not recommend payment of a dividend.

#### **FIXED ASSETS**

Details of the movements in fixed assets during the year are shown in Note 11 to the financial statements.

#### **DIRECTORS**

Directors who held office during the period were as follows:-

Mr G K Bauer Mr R Barnes Mr J L Norton Mr S J Bott Mr G W Welsh Mr M A Holmes

Mr D Collison Mr I A Smith

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(alternative to Mr M A Holmes) (alternative to Mr G W Welsh)

(alternative to Mr G K Bauer)

The Articles do not provide for the rotational retirement of directors.

#### **DIRECTORS' INTERESTS**

None of the Directors has a contract of service with the Company.

There were no contracts of significance during or at the end of the financial year in which a director of the Company was materially interested.

There are no particulars or arrangements requiring disclosure pursuant to section 232 of the Companies Act 1985.

# **DIRECTORS' SHAREHOLDINGS**

No director or any connected person has an interest in the shares capital of the Company.

#### **AUDITORS**

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At the meeting of the directors on 31 March 1995 Coopers and Lybrand were appointed as the auditors and will be requested to continue in office.

By Order of the Board

A Whittaker

**Company Secretary** 

10 October 1997

Registered Office:

Templar House 81-87 High Holborn London WC1V 6NU

# STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The following statement sets out the responsibilities of the directors in relation to the financial statements. It should be read in conjunction with the auditors report on page 6.

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

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- -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, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in 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.

The Directors, having prepared the financial statements, have requested the auditors to take whatever steps and undertake whatever inspections they consider to be appropriate for the purpose of enabling them to give their audit report.

The Directors consider that they have met their responsibilities as set out in this statement.

# REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF THAMES VALLEY POWER LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 7 to 15.

# Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 5 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 at 31 March 1997 and of its profit and cash flows for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Coopers & Lybrand

**Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors** 

London

10 October 1997

# PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1997	Notes	1996/97 £	1995/96 £
Turnover	2	5,069,462	2,875,927
Cost of sales Exceptional cost of sales	3	(2,297,901) 143,058	(1,284,953) -
Gross Profit		2,914,619	1,590,974
Net operating expenses	4	(1,771,631)	(1,112,374)
Operating profit	5	1,142,988	478,600
Interest receivable Interest payable	8 9	37,555 (662,681)	12,783 (470,712)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		517,862	20,671
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	10	•	-
Retained Profit for the period	19	517,862	20,671

The results of the Company relate entirely to continuing operations.

There are no recognised gains or losses other than the profit for the financial period and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented.

There is no difference between the profit on ordinary activities before taxation and the retained profit for the period stated above, and their historical cost equivalents.

# **BALANCE SHEET**

# **AS AT 31 MARCH 1997**

	Notes	1997 £	1996 £
Fixed Assets Tangible assets	11	10,120,405	10,826,172
Current Assets Stocks Debtors Bank	12 13	146,676 1,070,181 1,087,000 2,303,857	80,112 574,858 756,000 1,410,970
Current Liabilities Amounts falling due within one year	14	(2,081,529)	(1,691,680)
Net Current Assets		222,328	(280,710)
Total assets less current liabilities		10,342,733	10,545,462
Amounts falling due in more than one year Long Term Loans Provisions for Liabilities and Charges	15 16	(7,200,000) (584,200)	(8,450,000) (54,791)
Net Assets		2,558,533	2,040,671
Capital and Reserves Share capital	18	2,020,000	2,020,000
Reserves Profit and loss account	19	538,533	20,671
Equity shareholders' funds	20	2,558,533	2,040,671

The financial statements on pages 7 to 15 were approved by the Board of Directors on 10 October 1997 and signed on its behalf by:

S J Bott Director

# CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1997

	Notes	1997 £	1996 £
Net cash inflow from continuing operating activities	21	2,004,042	824,978
Returns on investments and servicing of finance			
Interest received Interest paid		41,117 (977,126)	9,221 -
Net cash (outflow)/inflow for returns on investments and servicing of finance		(936,009)	9,221
Taxation UK Corporation tax paid		-	-
Capital expenditure and financial investment			
Acquisition of assets Purchase of fixed assets		- (51,914)	(10,938,000) (388,787)
Net cash outflow for capital expenditure		(51,914)	(11,326,787)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) before financing		1,016,119	(10,492,588)
Financing			
Issue of shares Issue of loans Loan repayments		- - (750,000)	2,020,000 9,200,000
Net cash (outflow)/inflow for financing		(750,000)	11,220,000
Increase in cash	22	266,119	727,412

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1997

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

# **Accounting conventions**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and comply with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards.

#### Turnover

Turnover arises entirely in the United Kingdom from the supply and generation of heat and electricity and is stated exclusive of value added tax.

#### Tangible fixed assets

The cost of individual tangible fixed assets is their purchase cost, together with any incidental expenses of acquisition.

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets over their expected useful economic life. The straight line method is used.

Lives of depreciable assets are as follows:

Plant and equipment	15 years
Lease Premium	15 years
IT Equipment	3 years

#### Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost or net realisable value.

## **Deferred taxation**

Deferred taxation arises in respect of items where there is a timing difference between their treatment for accounting purposes and their treatment for taxation purposes. Provision is made for deferred taxation using the liability method only where it is anticipated to crystallise within the forseeable future.

# Foreign currency

Foreign currency transactions are translated at the rates ruling when they occurred. Foreign currency monetary assets and liabilities are translated at the rates ruling at the balance sheet date unless covered by forward foreign exchange contracts, in which case the forward rate is used. Any differences are taken to the profit and loss account.

#### Leases

Rental costs and revenue under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account in the period in which they are incurred.

#### 2. TURNOVER

Turnover arises entirely in the United Kingdom.

# 3. EXCEPTIONAL COST OF SALES

During the year the company received a credit from Total Gas Marketing Limited relating to the cost of gas supplied in the period to 31 March 1996.

4.NET OPERATING EXPENSES	1997 £	1996 £
Continuing operations Operation and Maintenance costs Administrative costs	1,739,827 31,804 1,771,631	1,058,057 54,317 1,112,374
5. OPERATING PROFIT	1997 £	1996 £
Operating profit is stated after charging the following: Depreciation Amortisation of discount (see note 17) Auditors remuneration	757,681 3,817 	500,615 1,466 2,500

#### 6. DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS

No Director received remuneration from the Company during the year.

#### 7. EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

The Company had no employees during the year.

8. INTEREST RECEIVABLE	1997 £	1996 £
Interest receivable on the bank deposit account	37,555	12,783
9. INTEREST PAYABLE	1997	1996 £
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Interest due on the long term loans from London Power Company Limited and CU Power Generation Limited.	660,114	470,712
Bank Interest	2,567	<u></u>
Dank irroroot	662,681	470,712
10, TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	1997	1996
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Amount receivable from CU Power Generation Limited in respect of consortium relief (see note 17)	237,309	54,791
Amount receivable from London Electricity plc in respect of consortium	241,555	,
relief (see note 17)	292,100	-
Deferred taxation	(529,409)	(54,791)

The Company has surrendered the benefit of the tax losses of £1,438,240 to CU Power Generation Limited and London Electricity plc for consideration of £474,618. The Company also surrendered the benefit of 50% of the tax losses for the year ended 31 March 1996 to London Electricity plc for a consideration of £41,508.

11. FIXED ASSETS				
	Plant and	Lease	IT	
	Equipment	Premium	Equipment	Total £
04	£	£	£	Z.
Cost As at 1 April 1996	9,935,192	1,390,000	1,595	11,326,787
Additions	51,914	-	-	51,914
At 31 March 1997	9,987,106	1,390,000	1,595	11,378,701
Depreciation	438,723	61,760	132	500,615
As at 1 April 1996	430,723 664,482	92,667	532	757,681
Charge for the year At 31 March 1997	1,103,205	154,427	664	1,258,296
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Net book value				10.000.470
At 31 March 1996	9,496,469	1,328,240	1,463	10,826,172
At 31 March 1997	8,883,901	1,235,573	931_	10,120,405
12. STOCKS			1997	1996
12. 310CR3			£	£
Raw materials and consumables		.***	146,67 <u>6</u>	80,112
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13. DEBTORS			£	£
Amount falling due within one year:				
Prepayments and accrued income			491,264	517,971
Amount receivable from CU Power Generation	Limited in respect o	f consortium		44.500
relief of corporation tax (see note 17)		P	278,817	41,508
Amount receivable from London Electricity plc	in respect of consor	tium	278,817	_
relief of corporation tax (see note 17) Unamortised discount			21,283	11,817
Interest receivable			-	3,562
		_	1,070,181	574,858
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A ADDRESS AND AND THE PART INC DUT IN	UTUM ONE VEAD		1997	1996
14. CREDITORS: AMOUNT FALLING DUE W	THIN ONE YEAR		1991 £	£
Trade creditors			23,978	68,123
Bank overdraft			93,469	28,588
Other taxation and social security			142,951	98,334
Interest payable			156,267	470,712
Accruals and deferred income	I amalaa Dawaa O	amanani i imita d	414,864	275,923
Current instalments due on long term loans fro and CU Power Generation Limited.	om London Power Co	ompany Limited	1,250,000	750,000
and Co Power Generation Limited.		_	2,081,529	1,691,680
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# 15. CREDITORS: AMOUNT FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

The following loans are repayable by 30 June 2005 in equal quarterly instalments. Interest on the principal amounts outstanding is charged at 7.5% per annum.

	1997	1996
	£	£
London Power Company Limited	4,225,000	4,600,000
CU Power Generation Limited	4,225,000	4,600,000
	8,450,000	9,200,000
The loans are to be repaid are as follows:		
Down this in less than analyzer	1,250,000	750,000
Repayable in less than one year	4,000,000	4,250,000
Repayable between two and five years Repayable in over five years	3,200,000	4,200,000
Repayable in over live years	8,450,000	9,200,000
16. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES		
The movements in deferred taxation during the current year is as follows:	1997	1996
	£	£
At 1 April	54,791 529,409	54,791
Charge for the year	584,200	54,791
At 31 March	304,200	91,101
Deferred taxation provided in the accounts is as follows:	1997	1996
	£	£
At 1 April	54,791 530,400	109,582
Capital allowances in advance of depreciation	529,409	(54,791)
Unutilised tax losses	584,200	54,791
There is no unprovided deferred tax.		
17. CONSORTIUM RELIEF	4007	4006
	1997 £	1996 £
Discount	13,283	-
At 1 April	529,409	54,791
Tax value of losses surrendered during the year	(516,126)	(41,508)
Less: Consideration receivable  At 31 March	26,566	13,283
Amortisation	1,466	-
At 1 April Provided during the year	3,817	1,466
At 31 March	5,283	1,466
	21,283	11,817
Net unamortised discount	<u> </u>	

18. SHARE CAPITAL	1997 £	1996 £
Authorised 1,500,000 'A' ordinary shares of £1 each 1,500,000 'B' ordinary shares of £1 each	1,500,000 1,500,000 3,000,000	1,500,000 1,500,000 3,000,000
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
1,010,000 'A' ordinary shares of £1 each held by London Power Company Limited 1,010,000 'B' ordinary shares of £1 each held by CU Power Generation Limited	1,010,000 1,010,000 2,020,000	1,010,000 1,010,000 2,020,000
19. RESERVES	Prof and Loss 1997 £	
Balance at 1 April Retained profit for the period Balance at 31 March	20,671 517,862 538,533	20,671
20. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS FUNDS	1997	1996 £
Opening shareholders' funds Issue of shares Profit for the year Closing shareholders' funds	2,040,671 517,862 2,558,533	2,020,000 20,671 2,040,671
21. RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING PROFIT TO NET CASH INFLOW FROM		
OPERATING ACTIVITIES	1997 £	1996 £
Continuing operating activities Operating profit Depreciation on tangible fixed assets Amortisation of discount (Increase) in stocks Decrease/(increase) in prepayments and accrued income (Decrease)/increase in trade creditors Increase in other taxation and social security Increase in accruals and deferred income	1,142,988 757,681 3,817 (66,564) 26,707 (44,145) 44,617 138,941	478,600 500,615 1,466 (80,112) (517,971) 68,123 98,334 275,923
Net cash inflow from continuing operating activities	2,004,042	824,978

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22. CHANGES IN CASH AND CAS	H EQUIVALENT	rs		4007	1996
				1997 £	1990 £
At 1 April				727,412	-
Net cash inflow				266,119	727,412
At 31 March			ar a pro-	993,531	727,412
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		1997		1996 Change in	
Analysis of balances	1997	Change in vear	1996	year	1995
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank	1,087,000	331,000	756,000	756,000	-
Bank overdraft	(93,469)	(64,881)	(28,588)	(28,588)	
	993,531	266,119	727,412	727,412	
Increase in cash in the period Cash to repay loan Change in net debt Net debt at 1 April 1996 At 31 March 1997	ASH FLOW TO	MOVEMENT IN I	NET DEBT		£ 266,119 750,000 1,016,119 (8,472,588) (7,456,469)
Analysis of change in net debt		At 1 April 1996 £	Cash flows £	Other changes £	At 31 March 1997 £
Cash in hand		756,000	331,000	-	1,087,000
Bank overdraft	•	(28,588)	(64,881)	-	(93,469)
Debt due within 1 year Debt due after 1 year		(750,000) (8,450,000)	750,000 -	(1,200,000) 1,200,000	(1,200,000) (7,250,000)
Total	-	(8,472,588)	1,016,119		(7,456,469)
24. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS		N. Village Victoria and		1997 £	1996 £
Capital expenditure that has been	contracted for b	out has not been			00.705
provided for in the financial statem	nents				22,705