Abbreviated accounts

for the year ended 31 December 2002

Registration number 4231192

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# Independent auditors' report to General Distribution Limited under Section 247B of the Companies Act 1985

We have examined the abbreviated accounts set out on pages 2 to 5 together with the financial statements of General Distribution Limited for the year ended 31 December 2002 prepared under Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985.

This report is made solely to the company's members as a body, in accordance with section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinion we have formed.

### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing abbreviated accounts in accordance with Section 246 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 Sections 246(5) and (6) of the Act to the registrar of companies and whether the accounts to be delivered are properly prepared in accordance with those provisions and to report our opinion to you.

## Basis of opinion

We have carried out the procedures we considered necessary to confirm, by reference to the financial statements, that the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts and that the abbreviated accounts 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 financial statements.

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with Sections 246(5) and (6) of the Companies Act 1985 in respect of the year ended 31 December 2002, and the abbreviated accounts on pages 2 to 5 are properly prepared in accordance with those provisions.

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Date 26th Mary 2003

## Abbreviated balance sheet as at 31 December 2002

|                                       |       | 2002     |           | 2001     |           |
|---------------------------------------|-------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
|                                       | Notes | £        | £         | £        | £         |
| Fixed assets                          |       |          |           |          |           |
| Intangible assets                     | 2     |          | 2,527     |          | 5,411     |
| Tangible assets                       | 2     |          | 38,451    |          | 27,302    |
|                                       |       |          | 40,978    |          | 32,713    |
| Current assets                        |       |          |           |          |           |
| Stocks                                |       | 294,363  |           | 38,599   |           |
| Debtors                               |       | 11,766   |           | 39,123   |           |
| Cash at bank and in hand              |       | -        |           | 1,750    |           |
|                                       |       | 306,129  |           | 79,472   |           |
| Creditors: amounts falling            |       |          |           |          |           |
| due within one year                   |       | (31,908) |           | (33,664) |           |
| Net current assets                    |       |          | 274,221   |          | 45,808    |
| Total assets less current liabilities |       |          | 315,199   |          | 78,521    |
| Creditors: amounts falling due        |       |          |           |          |           |
| after more than one year              |       |          | (639,247) |          | (186,500) |
| Net liabilities                       |       |          | (324,048) |          | (107,979) |
| Capital and reserves                  |       |          |           |          |           |
| Called up share capital               | 3     |          | 1,000     |          | 1,000     |
| Profit and loss account               |       |          | (325,048) |          | (108,979) |
| Shareholders' funds                   |       |          | (324,048) |          | (107,979) |

In preparing these abbreviated accounts we have relied on the exemptions for individual financial statements conferred by section Section A of Part 1 of the Companies Act 1985 on the grounds that the company is entitled to the benefit of those exemptions as a small sized company.

The abbreviated accounts are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies .

The abbreviated accounts were approved by the Board on 15th May 2003 and signed on its behalf by

A. Brotherton-Ratcliffe

Director

The notes on pages 3 to 5 form an integral part of these financial statements.

## Notes to the abbreviated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2002

## 1. Accounting policies

## 1.1. Accounting convention

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective June 2002).

#### 1.2. Turnover

Turnover represents the total invoice value, excluding value added tax, of sales made during the year.

#### 1.3. Patents

Patents are valued at cost less accumulated amortisation.

Amortisation is calculated to write off the cost in equal annual instalments over their estimated useful life of 2 years.

## 1.4. Research and development

Research expenditure is written off to the profit and loss account in the year in which it is incurred.

## 1.5. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Plant and machinery

20% Reducing Balance

#### 1.6. Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

#### 1.7. Deferred taxation

Provision is made for deferred taxation using the liability method to take account of timing differences between the incidence of income and expenditure for taxation and accounting purposes except to the extent that the directors consider that a liability to taxation is unlikely to materialise.

# Notes to the abbreviated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2002

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| 2. | Fixed assets   | Intangible<br>assets<br>£ | Tangible fixed assets £ | Total<br>£       |
|----|--|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
|    | Cost   | <b>₺</b>                  | £                       | ı.               |
|    | At 1 January 2002  | 10,822                    | 34,127                  | 44,949           |
|    | Additions  | 5,053                     | 20,761                  | 25,814           |
|    | At 31 December 2002  | 15,875                    | 54,888                  | 70,763           |
|    | Depreciation and Provision for diminution in value At 1 January 2002 Charge for year | 5,411<br>7,937            | 6,825<br>9,612          | 12,236<br>17,549 |
|    | At 31 December 2002  | 13,348                    | 16,437                  | 29,785           |
|    | Net book values At 31 December 2002 At 31 December 2001                              | 2,527<br>5,411            | 38,451<br>27,302        | 40,978           |
| 3. | Share capital  |                           | 2002<br>£               | 2001<br>£        |
|    | Authorised   |                           |                         |                  |
|    | 100,000 Ordinary shares of 1 each  |                           | 100,000                 | 100,000          |
|    | Allotted, called up and fully paid 1,000 Ordinary shares of 1 each                   |                           | 1,000                   | 1,000            |

## 4. Transactions with directors

The company has an interest free loan from the director, A. Brotherton-Ratcliffe. The amount outstanding at the end of the year is £639,247 (2001:£186,500).

## Notes to the abbreviated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2002

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## 5. Related party transactions

During the year the company entered into the following arrangements with a company in which the directors, A. Brotherton-Ratcliffe and P. Rawlinson are also directors:-

a) Invoiced by Paxton Access Ltd. to General Distribution Ltd. (net of value added tax):

|                                | 2002   | 2001   |  |
|--------------------------------|--------|--------|--|
|                                | £      | £      |  |
| Goods supplied                 | 42,701 | 18,353 |  |
| Management charges             | 24,000 | 6,000  |  |
| Research and development costs | -      | 19,992 |  |
| Staff costs                    | 39,775 | 37,469 |  |
| Other costs                    | 5,246  | -      |  |
|                                |        |        |  |

There is a guarantee dated 28 February 2002 given by the director, A. Brotherton-Ratcliffe, to secure the company's bank overdraft.

## 6. Going concern

The company is dependent upon the continued support of the directors and the company's bankers. In the opinion of the directors this support will not be withdrawn and therefore it is considered appropriate to prepare these accounts on the going concern basis.