# Financial Statements Octium Limited

For the 15 month period ended 31 March 2013

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Registered number: 5201852

## Company Information

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5201852

**Directors** 

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## Directors' Report

For the 15 month period ended 31 March 2013

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the 15 month period ended 31 March 2013

#### **Principal activities**

The company's principal activity remains to act as a holding company for the entities within the Octium Group

The company was acquired on 3 August 2012 and became part of the MDNX Group

#### Results

The loss for the 15 month period, after taxation, amounted to £32,000 (2011 - loss £90,000)

#### **Directors**

The directors who served during the 15 month period were

Wayne Churchill (appointed 3 August 2012) Michael Mulford (appointed 3 August 2012) Mark Thompson (appointed 3 August 2012) Richard Cunningham (resigned 3 August 2012) John Dawson (resigned 3 August 2012) Andrew Dickenson (resigned 3 August 2012)

#### **Directors' indemnities**

The Group has made qualifying third party indemnity provisions for the benefit of its directors, which remain in force at the date of this report

#### Principal risks and uncertainties

The company is part of a group headed by MDNX Group Limited which manages its operations on a group basis For this reason, the company's directors believe that further analysis of key performance indicators and risks and uncertainties facing the company are not necessary or appropriate for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the business. The performance of the Group, which includes the company, is discussed in the MDNX Group Limited Annual Report which does not form part of this report.

The key business risks affecting the company are set out below

#### Competition

The Company operates in a competitive market, particularly with regard to price, product availability and service quality, and there is a risk that the Company may not meet its customers' expectations in these areas. In order to mitigate this risk, market prices are monitored on an ongoing basis and regular discussions are held with customers to understand their expectations and whether the Company is successfully meeting these expectations. Service quality is monitored by the directors regularly to ensure the Company has plans in place to continue to provide differentiated value in this important area.

#### Employees

The Company's performance depends largely on the experience and commitment of its staff. The loss of key individuals and the inability to recruit people with the right experience and skills could adversely impact the Company's results. To mitigate these risks the Company has implemented a number of schemes directly linked to the Company's results that are designed to retain and incentivise key individuals. The Company adopts a strict recruitment process to ensure the correct people with the right expertise are recruited to increase competitive.

## Directors' Report

For the 15 month period ended 31 March 2013

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#### Financial risk management

The directors have considered the disclosure requirements of FRS 25 'Financial Instruments' Disclosure and Presentation' The Company's operations expose it to a variety of financial risks that include the effect of credit risk, interest rate risk, foreign currency exchange risk and liquidity risk

#### Credit risk

The Company has implemented policies that require appropriate credit checks on all potential customers and has set out credit limits for all major customers

#### Foreign currency exchange risk

The Company's activities currently do not significantly expose it to the financial risks of changes in foreign currency exchange rates

#### Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk reflects the risk that the Company will have insufficient resources to meet its financial habilities as they fall due. The Company's strategy to managing liquidity risk is to ensure that the Company has sufficient funds to meet all its potential financial habilities as they fall due. This is true not only of normal market conditions but also of negative projections against expected outcomes.

Liquidity forecasts are monitored on a daily basis, to ensure the utilisation of current facilities is optimised, on a monthly basis, to ensure that covenant compliance targets and medium-term liquidity is maintained, and on a long-term projection basis, for the purpose of identifying long-term strategic funding requirements

The Directors also continually assess the balance of capital and debt funding of the Company

The Company's forecasts and projections, taking account of reasonable possible changes in trading performance, indicate that the Company will be able to operate within its finance facilities and maintain adequate headroom against all bank covenants

#### Directors' responsibilities statement

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they 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 these financial statements, the directors are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- state whether applicable UK 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

## Directors' Report

For the 15 month period ended 31 March 2013

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. 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.

#### **Provision of information to auditor**

Each of the persons who are directors at the time when this Directors' report is approved has confirmed that

- so far as that director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware, and
- that director has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a director in order to be aware of any
  information needed by the company's auditor in connection with preparing its report and to establish that
  the company's auditor is aware of that information

#### **Auditor**

Grant Thornton UK LLP were appointed as auditors during the period to fill a casual vacancy in accordance with section 485(3) of the Companies Act 2006

Under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006, Grant Thornton UK LLP will be deemed to have been reappointed as auditor 28 days after these financial statements were sent to members or 28 days after the latest date prescribed for filing the accounts with the registrar, whichever is earlier

This report was approved by the board on

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and signed on its behalf

Mark Thompson

Director



## Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Octium Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Octium Limited for the 15 month period ended 31 March 2013, which comprise the Profit and loss account, the Balance sheet and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. 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 Auditor's 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 opinions we have formed

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditor

As explained more fully in the Directors' responsibilities statement, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's (APB's) Ethical Standards for Auditors.

#### Scope of the audit of the financial statements

A description of the scope of an audit of financial statements is provided on the Auditing Practices Board's website at www frc org uk/apb/scope/private cfm

#### **Opinion on financial statements**

In our opinion the financial statements

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 March 2013 and of its loss for the 15 month period then ended,
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice,
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006

#### Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Directors' report for the financial 15 month period for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements



## Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Octium Limited

#### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us, or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns, or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made, or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit

James Rogers (Senior statutory auditor)

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for and on behalf of Grant Thornton UK LLP

Grant Thornton UK LLP
Chartered Accountants

Statutory Auditor

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Date

25 Novaba 20/3

## Profit and Loss Account

For the 15 month period ended 31 March 2013

	15 Note	month period ended 31 March 2013 £000	Year ended 31 December 2011 £000
Turnover	1,2	1,452	1,101
Administrative expenses		(1,430)	(1,109)
Operating profit/(loss)	3	22	(8)
Interest payable and similar charges	6	(54)	(80)
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation		(32)	(88)
Tax on loss on ordinary activities	7	<u>.</u>	(2)
Loss for the financial period	14	(32)	(90)

All amounts relate to continuing operations

There were no recognised gains and losses for 2013 or 2011 other than those included in the Profit and loss account

The notes on pages 8 to 15 form part of these financial statements

## Balance Sheet As at 31 March 2013

	Note	£000	31 March 2013 £000	£000	31 December 2011 £000
Fixed assets		<b>~</b>	~	2,3	2,000
Intangible assets	8		_		193
Investments	9		6,979		6,979
			6,979		7,172
Current assets			-,		-,
Debtors	10	820		265	
Cash at bank	10	820		3	
Cash at bank					
		820		268	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(5,512)		(2,010)	
Net current liabilities	•		(4,692)	<del></del>	(1,742)
Total assets less current liabilities			2,287		5,430
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	12		-		(3,165)
Net assets			2,287		2,265
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	13		1,346		1,319
Share premium account	14		258		231
Capital redemption reserve	14		50		50
Profit and loss account	14		633		665
Shareholders' funds	15		2,287		2,265

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf on 22/11/3

Mark Thompson

Director

The notes on pages 8 to 15 form part of these financial statements

### Notes to the Financial Statements

For the 15 month period ended 31 March 2013

#### 1. Accounting Policies

#### 11 Basis of preparation of financial statements

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

The company is itself a subsidiary company and is exempt from the requirement to prepare group accounts by virtue of section 400 of the Companies Act 2006. These financial statements therefore present information about the company as an individual undertaking and not about its group.

#### 12 Going concern

The company is part of the largest independent provider of managed network and hosting services in the UK MDNX Group Limited is committed to supporting the company, and the group of which the company is part, which benefits from a number of long term service contracts with customers and the financing facilities made available by MDNX

As further discussed in the Financial Risk Management section of the Directors' Report on page 2 and after making enquiries, the Directors believe that the company, with the support of MDNX, has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The Group as a result will not recall the long-term debt in the immediate future. For this reason the company continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

#### 13 Turnover

Turnover represents the value of goods and services supplied during the year, exclusive of Value Added Tax and trade discounts. The company's turnover comprises income from the provision of managed secure, resilient wide area networks and managed hostings.

Turnover is recognised as the services are provided. Installation, equipment and consulting services are recognised when delivered and services are recognised over the period of the contract to which they relate.

#### 1.4 Pensions

Pension contributions are made by the company to the defined-contribution pension schemes for certain employees. Contributions payable in the period are charged to the profit and loss account. Differences between contributions payable in the period and contributions paid are shown as either accruals or prepayments in the balance sheet.

#### 15 Current taxation

Current tax is provided at amounts expected to be paid (or recovered) using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted by the balance sheet date

#### Notes to the Financial Statements

For the 15 month period ended 31 March 2013

#### 1. Accounting Policies (continued)

#### 16 Deferred taxation

Full provision is made for deferred tax assets and liabilities arising from all timing differences between the recognition of gains and losses in the financial statements and recognition in the tax computation

A net deferred tax asset is recognised only if it can be regarded as more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are calculated at the tax rates expected to be effective at the time the timing differences are expected to reverse

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted

#### 1.7 Management of liquid resources

The directors define cash for the purposes of the cash flow statements as cash at bank and in hand

#### 18 Cash flow statement

The company, being a subsidiary undertaking where 90% or more of the voting rights are controlled within the group whose consolidated financial statements are publicly available, is exempt from the requirement to draw up a cash flow statement in accordance with FRS 1

#### 1.9 Intangible fixed assets and amortisation

Goodwill is the difference between amounts paid on the acquisition of a business and the fair value of the identifiable assets and liabilities. It is amortised to the Profit and loss account over its estimated economic life.

#### 2. Turnover

The whole of the turnover is attributable to the principal activity of the company

All turnover arose within the United Kingdom

#### 3. Operating profit/(loss)

The operating loss is stated after charging

15 month period	
ended	Year ended
31 March	31 December
2013	2011
£000	£000
5	4

## Notes to the Financial Statements

For the 15 month period ended 31 March 2013

#### 4. Staff costs

Staff costs, including directors' remuneration, were as follows

	15 month period	
	ended	Year ended
	31 March	31 December
	2013	2011
	£000	£000
Wages and salaries	631	624
Social security costs	64	63
Other pension costs	18	-
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	713	687

The average monthly number of employees, including the directors, during the 15 month period was as follows

•	15 month period	
	ended	Year ended
	31 March	31 December
	2013	2011
	No.	No
Administration	11	12

#### 5. Directors' remuneration

	15 month period	
	ended	Year ended
	31 March	31 December
	2013	2011
	£000	£000
Emoluments	222	234

The highest paid director received remuneration of £222,000 (2011 - £234,000)

#### 6. Interest payable

	15 month period ended	Year ended
	31 March	31 December
	2013	2011
	<b>£000</b>	£000
On loans from group undertakings	54	80

## Notes to the Financial Statements

For the 15 month period ended 31 March 2013

#### 7. Taxation

	15 month period	
	ended	Year ended
	31 March	31 December
	2013	2011
	£000	£000
UK corporation tax charge on loss for the 15 month period/year	-	2

#### Factors affecting tax charge for the 15 month period/year

The tax assessed for the 15 month period/year is lower than (2011 - lower than) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 24 4% (2011 - 26 5%) The differences are explained below

Loss on ordinary activities before tax	15 month period ended 31 March 2013 £000 (32)	Year ended 31 December 2011 £000 (88)
Loss on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 24 4% (2011 - 26 5%)	(8)	(23)
Effects of:		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes, other than goodwill amortisation and impairment  Short term timing difference leading to an increase (decrease) in	47	4
taxation	(55)	21
Fixed asset differences	(47)	-
Other permanent differences	(33)	-
Unrelieved tax losses and other deductions	58	-
Group relief	38	-
Current tax charge for the 15 month period/year (see note above)	-	2

## Notes to the Financial Statements

For the 15 month period ended 31 March 2013

#### 8. Intangible fixed assets

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MDNX Corporate Services

					Trademarks £000
	Cost				~
	At 1 January 2012 Transfer to group undertakings				220 (220)
	At 31 March 2013				
	Amortisation				
	At 1 January 2012 Transfer to group undertakings				27 (27)
	At 31 March 2013				-
	Net book value				
	At 31 March 2013				-
	At 31 December 2011				193
9.	Fixed asset investments				
					Trade invesments £000
	Cost or valuation				
	At 1 January 2012 and 31 Marc	h 2013			6,979
	Net book value				
	At 31 March 2013				6,979
	At 31 December 2011				6,979
	Company name	Country	Percentage Shareholding	Description	
	Griffin Information Systems	England and Wales	100%	Managed netwo	rk services

England and Wales

England and Wales

100%

100%

Managed network services

Cost centre

Loan notes

## Notes to the Financial Statements For the 15 month period ended 31 March 2013

10.	Debtors		
	Amounts owed by group undertakings Prepayments and accrued income	31 March 2013 £000 802 18	31 December 2011 £000 259 6
11.	Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		
		31 March 2013	31 December 2011
		£000	£000
	Trade creditors	-	39
	Amounts owed to group undertakings	5,233	1,779
	Social security and other taxes	20	8
	Group relief	-	2
	Director loan	-	66
	Other creditors	60	3
	Accruals and deferred income	199	113
		5,512	2,010
12.	Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year		
		31 March	31 December
		2013	2011
		£000	£000

3,165

## Notes to the Financial Statements

For the 15 month period ended 31 March 2013

#### 13. Share capital

	31 March 2013	31 December 2011
	£	£
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
313,316 Ordinary A shares of £0 50 each	156,658	156,658
283,884 Ordinary B shares of £0 50 each	141,942	141,942
94,000 (2011 - 40,400) Ordinary C shares of £0 50 each	47,000	20,200
1,000,000 Preference shares of £1 each	1,000,000	1,000,000
	1,345,600	1,318,800

#### 14. Reserves

	Share	Capital	
	premium	redempt'n	Profit and
	account	teserve	loss account
	£000	£000	£000
At 1 January 2012	231	50	665
Loss for the 15 month period	-	-	(32)
Premium on shares issued during the 15 month period	27	-	-
At 31 March 2013	258	50	633

#### 15. Reconciliation of movement in shareholders' funds

	31 March	31 December
	2013	2011
	£000	£000
Opening shareholders' funds	2,265	2,355
Loss for the 15 month period/year	(32)	(90)
Shares issued during the 15 month period/year	27	-
Share premium on shares issued (net of expenses)	27	
Closing shareholders' funds	2,287	2,265

#### 16. Contingent liabilities

During the vear the company entered into new banking facilities with Barclays Bank PLC. Together with other members of the MDNX Group the company provides security over its assets to Barclays Bank PLC. At the balance sheet date the net liabilities of the group headed by MDNX Group Limited to Barclays Bank PLC were £19.7m (2012 - £4.0m). The security provided to Beechbrook Mezzanine 1 Sarl in the sum of £5.5m and Selected Mezzanine Funds 1 Ky in the sum of £5.5m remains in place.

## Notes to the Financial Statements

For the 15 month period ended 31 March 2013

#### 17. Capital commitments

There were no capital commitments at 31 March 2013 or 31 March 2012

#### 18. Financial commitments

There were no financial commitments at 31 March 2013 or 31 March 2012

#### 19. Related party transactions

The company has taken advantage of the exemption granted by FRS 8, Related Party Transactions, not to disclose details of transactions with other Group companies. There were no other related party transactions

During the period, director loan accounts relating to the previous directors of the Octium Group were settled Payments of £2,038,441 were paid to Richard Cunningham and £582,487 were paid to both Adrian Sunderland and James Willis No amounts were outstanding at the period-end (2011 £64,026 was owed to Richard Cunningham) The director loan accounts incurred interest at 2% over base rate

Rent of £34,500 and service charges of £33,543 were paid to Richard Cunningham in relation to Commontime during the period. No balances were owed to Commontime at the year-end

#### 20. Ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party

The ultimate parent undertaking and ultimate controlling party is considered to be MDNX Group Limited, a Company registered in England and Wales, by virtue of its 100% shareholding in MDNX Limited which owns 100% of the ordinary share capital of the company Copies of Group financial statements can be obtained from Companies House, Crown Way, Cardiff, CF14 3UZ