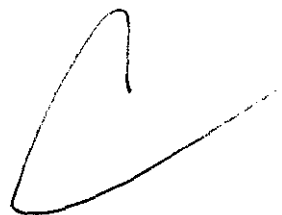


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Directors' report and financial statements

31 December 2000

Registered number SC80135



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Balance sheet

at 31 December 2000

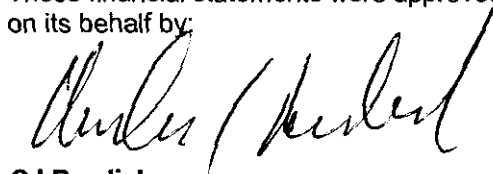
	Note	2000 £'000	1999 £'000
Current assets		-	-
Net current assets		-	-
Net assets		-	-
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	2	132	132
Profit and loss account		(132)	(132)
Equity shareholder's funds		-	-

For the year ended 31 December 2000 the Company was entitled to exemption under section 249AA(1) of the Companies Act 1985.

Members have not required the Company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 249B(2) of the Companies Act 1985.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for: ensuring the Company keeps accounting records which comply with section 221; and preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at the end of the financial year, and of its profit and loss for the financial year, in accordance with the requirements of section 226, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the Company.

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 22 March 2001 and were signed on its behalf by:



CJ Burdick
Director

Hieronymous Limited

Notes

(forming part of the financial statements)

1 Accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the Company's financial statements.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and under the historical cost accounting rules. They have been prepared on a going concern basis since the ultimate parent undertaking has agreed to provide or procure financial support for the foreseeable future.

Cash flow exemption

The Company is exempt from the requirement of Financial Reporting Standard No.1 (revised 1996) to prepare a cash flow statement as it is a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking of Telewest Communications plc and its cash flows are included within the consolidated cash flows of that company.

Related party transactions

Under Financial Reporting Standard 8, the Company is exempt from the requirement to disclose transactions with other group undertakings, as more than 90% of the Company's voting rights are controlled within that group and the consolidated accounts of Telewest Communications plc, in which the Company is included, are publicly available.

Leases

Where the Company enters into a lease which entails taking substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of an asset, the lease is treated as a finance lease. The asset is recorded in the balance sheet as a tangible fixed asset and is depreciated over its estimated useful life or the term of the lease, whichever is shorter. Future instalments under such leases, net of finance charges, are included within creditors. Rentals payable are apportioned between the finance element, which is charged to the profit and loss account, and the capital element which reduces the outstanding obligation for future instalments. All other leases are accounted for as operating leases and the rental charges are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease.

Taxation and deferred taxation

The charge for taxation is based on the loss for the year and takes into account taxation deferred because of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes. Provision is made for deferred taxation only to the extent that it is probable that an actual asset or liability will crystallise.

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Notes (continued)

2 Share capital

	2000 £'000	1999 £'000
Authorised:		
500,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
Allotted, issued and fully paid:		
132,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>132</u>	<u>132</u>

3 Ultimate parent company

The ultimate parent company is Telewest Communications plc which is registered in England and Wales. Telewest Communications plc is the parent of the smallest and largest group for which group financial statements, including the Company, are drawn up. Copies of these group financial statements may be obtained from The Company Secretary, Telewest Communications plc, Genesis Business Park, Albert Drive, Woking, Surrey, GU21 5RW.