Dunedin Capital Partners Ltd

(formerly Dunedin Ventures Limited)

Report and Accounts

28 February 1997





DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their report and accounts for the year ended 28 February 1997.

CHANGE OF NAME

Dunedin Ventures Limited changed its name to Dunedin Capital Partners Limited on 7 October 1996.

The profit and loss account for the year is set out on page 5.

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

The company specialises in the management of unquoted investments. The level of business in the year was satisfactory and this is expected to continue for the foreseeable future.

FIXED ASSETS

The changes in fixed assets during the period are summarised in note 7.

DIVIDEND

The directors recommend a final ordinary dividend of £580 per share making a total dividend for the year of £3,350 (1996: £9,000) per ordinary share.

DIRECTORS

The directors of the company at 28 February 1997 were as follows:-

Mr S E C Miller (Chairman)

Miss H Bagan

Mr B Finlayson

Mr J E Jeffrey

Mr R Marshall

In accordance with the Articles of Association none of the directors retires by rotation.

Mr C R Thomson resigned as a director on 25 March 1996. Mr R D Muckart resigned as a director on 14 May 1996.

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS

No director has any direct interest in the share capital of the company.

AUDITORS

A resolution to reappoint Ernst & Young as auditors will be put to the members at the Annual General Meeting.

By order of the Board

Secretary Edinburgh

18 June 1997

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STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE ACCOUNTS

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts 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 accounts, the directors are required to:

- 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 accounts; and
- prepare the accounts 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 accounts 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.



REPORT OF THE AUDITORS to the members of Dunedin Capital Partners Limited (formerly Dunedin Ventures Limited)

We have audited the accounts on pages 5 to 10, which have been prepared under the historical cost convention on the basis of the accounting policies set out on page 7.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 3 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those accounts 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 accounts. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the accounts, 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 accounts 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 accounts.

Opinion

In our opinion the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at 28 February 1997 and of its loss for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Chartered Accountants Registered Auditor

Edinburgh

18 June 1997

Dunedin Capital Partners Limited (formerly Dunedin Ventures Limited)

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT for the year ended 28 February 1997

	Notes	1997	1996
TURNOVER	1	£ 1,363,830	£ 1,387,921
Less: Administrative expenses		1,068,012	872,379
OPERATING PROFIT Gain on disposal of investments Interest receivable	2	295,818 31,482 39,171	515,542
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		366,471	601,385
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	5	136,084	198,457
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		230,387	402,928
Dividend on equity shares	6	335,000	900,000
LOSS RETAINED FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		(104,613)	(497,072)
RETAINED PROFITS AT 1 MARCH 1996 Loss for the financial year		277,621 (104,613)	774,693 (497,072)
RETAINED PROFITS AT 28 FEBRUARY 1997		173,008	277,621 ———

All gains and losses arising during the year have been recognised in the profit and loss account and derive from continuing operations of the company.

BALANCE SHEET at 28 February 1997

	Notes	1997 £	1996 £
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FIXED ASSETS Tongilla agents	7	55,715	_
Tangible assets Unlisted investments	,	19,384	15,075
Offisted investments			
		75,099	15,075
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	8	119,069	711,923
Cash at bank and in hand		973,438	-
		1,092,507	711,923
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	9	991,737	449,277
NET CURRENT ASSETS		100,770	262,646
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		175,869	277,721
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES	10	2,761	-
		173,108	277,721
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	11	100	100
Profit and loss account		173,008	277,621
EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		173,108	277,721

Approved by the board on 18 Tune 1997

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS at 28 February 1997

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice.

Taxation

The charge for taxation takes into account the timing differences in the accounting and taxation treatment of certain items to the extent that they are expected to reverse in the future.

Deferred taxation is provided on the liability method and takes into account recoverable Advance Corporation Tax.

Turnover

Turnover represents fee income for investment management services all of which derives from continuing operations arising in the United Kingdom.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation, less estimated residual value based on prices prevailing at the date of acquisition or revaluation, of each asset evenly over its expected useful life as follows:

Leasehold improvements	-	over	10 years
Fixtures and fittings	_	over	5 years
Computer equipment	-	over	2 years

2. OPERATING PROFIT

	This is stated after charging:-	1997	1996
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	Management charge payable to Edinburgh Fund Managers (former ultimate		
	parent undertaking)	259,511	857,633
	Auditors' remuneration - audit services	3,300	-
	- non audit services	7,190	-
	Depreciation of owned assets	1,851	-
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3.	STAFF COSTS		

STAFF COSTS	1997 £	1996 £
Wages and salaries Social security costs Other pension costs	554,790 51,163 52,753	- -
Other pension costs	658,706	-

The average weekly number of employees during the period was made up as follows:

	1007	1006
	1997	1996
	No.	No.
Administration	8	-

During 1996 the management charge from Dunedin Fund Managers, the former parent undertaking, included the company's share of staff costs.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS at 28 February 1997

DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION

	1997	1996
	£	£
Fees Other emoluments (including pension contributions)	496,393	396,786
	496,393	396,786
		

The emoluments (excluding pension contributions) of the directors fell within the following ranges:

		1997 No.	1996 No.
		140.	140.
£ 5,001 -	£ 10,000	-	1
£ 35,001 -	£ 40,000	-	1
£ 70,000 -	£ 75,000	-	1
£ 75,001 -	£ 80,000	2	1
£ 80,000 -	£ 85,000	-	1
£ 85,001 -	£ 90,000	I	=
£ 95,001 -	£100,000	-	1
£100,001 -	£105,000	1	_
£105,001 -	£110,000	1	-

The emoluments excluding pension contributions, of the chairman were £87,687 (1996:£82,250). The emoluments, excluding pension contributions, of the highest paid director were £109,321 (1996:£95,735).

TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES 5.

	The taxation charge is made up as follows:	1997	1996
	The emission entropy to the emission of the em	£	£
	Based on the profit for year:		
	Corporation tax	118,352	198,457
	Group relief receivable	14,971	-
	Deferred taxation (note 10)	2,761	-
		136,084	198,457
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6.	DIVIDEND		
•		1997	1996
		£	£
	Ordinary final dividend paid of £580 per share - proposed	58,000	-
	Ordinary interim dividend paid of £2,770 per share - paid	277,000	900,000
		335,000	900,000

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS at 28 February 1997

7.	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS				
		Leasehold	Fixtures and	Computer	
		improvements	fittings	equipment	Total
		£	£	£	£
	Cost or valuation:				
	At 1 March 1996	_	-	-	-
	Additions	46,884	10,383	299	57,566
	At 28 February 1997	46,884	10,383	299	57,566
	Depreciation:			····	
	At 1 March 1996	_	_	_	_
		1,160	666	25	1,851
	Provided during the year	1,100	000		
	At 28 February 1997	1,160	666	25	1,851
	Net book value at 28 February 1997	45,724	9,717	274	55,715
	Net book value at 20 Tooluary 1997				
	Net book value at 1 March 1996	-	-		
8.	DEBTORS				
				1997	1996
				£	£
	Due from former parent company			-	684,558
	Trade debtors			6,148	17,183
	Other Debtors			69,250	-
	Prepayments and accrued income			43,671	10,182
				119,069	711,923
					
9.	CREDITORS				
				1997	1996
				£	£
	Trade creditors			16,419	9,168
	Due to ultimate parent undertaking			167,087	- 51 433
	Due to former parent undertaking			110.005	51,433
	Corporation tax			112,825 168,496	198,457
	Other taxes and social security costs			293,910	190,219
	Accruals & deferred income			58,000	1,0,219
	Proposed dividend Subordinated loan from parent undertaking			175,000	-
	Substantated four from parent andertaking				
				991,737	449,277

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS at 28 February 1997

10. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES

The movement in deferred taxation during the current period is as follows:

			1997 £
	At 1 March 1996 Charge for the year (note 5)		2,761
	Charge for the year (note 3)		
			2,761
	Deferred taxation provided in the accounts is as follows:		Provided £
	Capital allowances in advance of depreciation		2,761
11.	CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL	1997	1996
		£	£
	Authorised 100 ordinary shares of £1 each	100	100
	Allotted, called up and fully paid 100 ordinary shares of £1 each	100	100
12.	RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS ON SHAREHOLDERS' FUND		1006
		1997 £	1996 £
	At 1 March 1996 Loss for the year	277,721 (104,613)	774,793 (497,072)
	At 28 February 1997	173,108	277,721

13. OTHER FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

At 28 February the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below:

	Land and Buildings 1997	Other 1997	Land and Buildings 1996	Other 1996
Operating leases which expire: in two to five years in over five years	10,208	-	- -	-
	10,208	-	-	

14. PARENT UNDERTAKINGS

The parent undertaking in whose accounts the company is consolidated is DVL Holdings Limited, registered in Scotland. Copies of DVL Holdings Limited's accounts can be obtained from Napier House, 27 Thistle Street, Edinburgh, EH2 1BT.