



**LANDMARK INFORMATION GROUP LIMITED**

**Report and Financial Statements**

**Period 1 April 1998 to 30 September 1998**

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**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 1998**

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**OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS**

**DIRECTORS**

C Roper – (Chairman)  
J W Cadoux-Hudson  
R Fairchild (appointed 31 March 1998)  
M Morgan (appointed 30 September 1998)  
P Sykes (appointed 30 September 1998)  
M Ter-Berg (appointed 9 October 1998)  
R Doddy (resigned 23 June 1998)  
M Wignall (Non-Executive) (resigned 30 September 1998)  
S Wigzell (Non-Executive) (resigned 30 September 1998)

**SECRETARY**

G Terry

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## **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the period ended 30 September 1998.

## **RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS**

The loss for the period after taxation amounted to £376,800 (31 March 1998: loss of £1,205,772). The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend.

## **PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY AND REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS**

The company's principal activity is the provision of information services based on its database of property-related and environmental data.

The company has established many important relationships with data providers and has formed a number of strategic relations for the development of new products and for the distribution of the company's products.

## **CAPITAL REORGANISATION**

On 30 September 1998, a capital reorganisation and debt restructuring agreement was put into place which involved DMG Information Limited purchasing all the ordinary and preference share capital of the company held by institutions and having the right to acquire all the ordinary share capital held by management. As part of this arrangement, all amounts due in respect of loans from institutions were extinguished. Further details of the reorganisation are given in note 16 to the accounts.

## **FIXED ASSETS**

The company purchased office equipment, computers, motor vehicles and office machines during the period at a cost of £271,296 (31 March 1998: £216,876).

## **DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS**

The directors at 30 September 1998 and their interests in the share capital of the company were as follows:

	<b>10p Ordinary shares fully paid</b>	
	<b>30 September 1998</b>	<b>31 March 1998</b>
C Roper	421,402	194,179
J W Cadoux-Hudson	164,878	105,615
R Fairchild	526,316	-
M Morgan	-	-
P Sykes	-	-
M Ter-Berg	-	-

The purchase of the directors' shares as noted above by DMG Information Limited was completed on 2 November 1998. Consideration for these shares and the share options held by the directors prior to the reorganisation will be paid according to the agreement of 30 September 1998.

**DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)****DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS (continued)**

The following share options in the 10p ordinary shares of the company now covered by the agreement noted above were granted on 18 May 1998:

C Roper	150,000
J W Cadoux-Hudson	150,000
R Fairchild	200,000

None of these options were exercised before the sale agreement of 30 September 1998.

**DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS' LIABILITY INSURANCE**

During the period the company purchased and maintained liability insurance for its directors and officers as permitted by section 310(3) of the Companies Act 1985.

**YEAR 2000**

The company has kept the question of Year 2000 compliant software under constant review since 1997. Action plans exist to ensure that all software used is compliant. Upgrades and replacements will be undertaken as necessary to ensure that such systems will operate without disruption beyond the Year 2000. Costs in the period to 30 September 1998 were not significant and we estimate further costs to be £35,000.

**AUDITORS**

Deloitte & Touche were appointed as auditors during the period. A resolution for the reappointment of Deloitte & Touche as auditors of the company is to be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by the Board of Directors and  
signed on behalf of the Board

G Terry  
Secretary

**STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES**

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 as at the end of the financial year and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, 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;
- 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.



## AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF LANDMARK INFORMATION GROUP LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 6 to 18 which have been prepared under the accounting policies set out on pages 8 and 9.

### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 4, 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 affairs of the company as at 30 September 1998 and of the loss for the period from 1 April 1998 to 30 September 1998 and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

*Deloitte & Touche*

*18 December 1998*

Chartered Accountants and  
Registered Auditors


**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT**  
 Period ended 30 September 1998

	Notes	Continuing operations 1 April 1998 to 30 September 1998 £	Year ended 31 March 1998 as restated £
<b>TURNOVER</b>	3	1,544,075	1,886,768
Cost of sales		(497,654)	(402,791)
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>		<u>1,046,421</u>	<u>1,483,977</u>
Distribution costs		170,015	69,197
Administrative expenses		1,236,582	2,222,913
		<u>(1,406,597)</u>	<u>(2,292,110)</u>
<b>OPERATING LOSS</b>	4	(360,176)	(808,133)
Interest receivable		23,158	16,574
Interest payable	7	(39,782)	(414,213)
<b>LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE AND AFTER TAXATION</b>		<u>(376,800)</u>	<u>(1,205,772)</u>
<b>RETAINED LOSS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	17	<u>(376,800)</u>	<u>(1,205,772)</u>

**STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES**  
 Period ended 30 September 1998

	1 April 1998 to 30 September 1998 £	Year ended 31 March 1998 as restated £
Loss for the financial year	(376,800)	(1,205,772)
Total recognised gains and losses relating to the period	<u>(376,800)</u>	<u>(1,205,772)</u>
Prior year adjustment	(386,670)	
<b>Total gains and losses recognised since last annual report</b>	<u>(763,470)</u>	




**BALANCE SHEET**  
**At 30 September 1998**

	Notes	30 September 1998 £	31 March 1998 as restated £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Intangible assets	8	-	-
Tangible assets	9	541,468	727,407
Investments	10	4	4
		<u>541,472</u>	<u>727,411</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	11	540,135	1,058,683
Cash at bank and in hand		285,517	337,343
		<u>825,652</u>	<u>1,396,026</u>
<b>CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year</b>	12	<u>(877,983)</u>	<u>(1,820,631)</u>
<b>NET CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>(52,331)</u>	<u>(424,605)</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>489,141</u>	<u>302,806</u>
<b>CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>			
Loans	13	1,350,271	3,438,154
Obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts	14	209,554	250,863
		<u>(1,559,825)</u>	<u>(3,689,017)</u>
<b>NET LIABILITIES</b>		<u>(1,070,684)</u>	<u>(3,386,211)</u>
<b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>			
Preference shares	16	25,366	-
Called up share capital – equity shares	16	570,381	242,940
Share premium account	17	3,276,120	936,600
Profit and loss account	17	(4,942,551)	(4,565,751)
<b>TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS</b>	18	<u>(1,070,684)</u>	<u>(3,386,211)</u>
Attributable to equity shareholders		(1,096,050)	(3,386,211)
Attributable to non equity shareholders		25,366	-

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 3 December, 1998

Signed on behalf of the Board

C Roper  
Director

R Fairchild  
Director

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
 Period ended 30 September 1998

**1. FUNDAMENTAL ACCOUNTING CONCEPT**

The accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis which assumes that the company will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. At the period end as a result of financial restructuring, the company is now controlled by DMGT plc. Given that the company now has the financial support of its parent company, the directors consider it is appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis.

**2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Change in accounting policy**

The following change has been made to the accounting policies of the company. Comparative figures have been restated where necessary to reflect the change.

In prior periods research and development expenditure was carried forward when its future recoverability could reasonably be regarded as assured and amortised in line with the expected future sales from the related projects. In order to align themselves with group accounting policies such costs will now be fully expensed as they are incurred.

**Accounting convention**

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

**Depreciation**

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

Leasehold improvements	Over remaining life of lease to next rent review
Office equipment	3 years
Computer software and equipment	3 years
Motor vehicles	4 years

The depreciation basis for computer software and equipment has been changed during the period reducing it from 5 years to 3 years. The effect on profit for the period is a reduction of £297,478.

**Deferred taxation**

Deferred taxation is provided using the liability method on all timing differences, which are expected to reverse in the future without being replaced, calculated at the rate at which it is anticipated the timing differences will reverse. Advance corporation tax which is expected to be recoverable in the future is deducted from the deferred taxation balance.

Deferred tax assets are only recognised if recovery without replacement by equivalent debit balances is reasonably certain.



**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
Period ended 30 September 1998

**2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**Leasing and hire purchase commitments**

Assets held under finance leases and hire purchase contracts which are those where substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset have passed to the company, are capitalised in the balance sheet and are depreciated over their useful lives.

The interest element of the rental obligations is charged to the profit and loss account over the period of the lease and represents a constant proportion of the balance of capital repayments outstanding.

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to income on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

**Cash flow statement**

The company is exempt from the requirement of FRS1 to produce a cash flow statement since it is a wholly controlled subsidiary of a parent company which produces group accounts incorporating a consolidated cash flow statement.

**3. TURNOVER**

Turnover which is stated net of value added tax represents amounts invoiced to third parties.

	1 April 1998 to 30 September 1998	Year ended 31 March 1998 as restated
<u>Geographical analysis</u>	£	£
<b>Turnover</b>		
UK	1,541,637	1,886,768
Rest of Europe	563	-
North America	1,875	-
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	1,544,075	1,886,768
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<b>Trading loss</b>		
UK	(359,545)	(808,133)
Rest of Europe	(146)	-
North America	(485)	-
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	(360,176)	(808,133)
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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
 Period ended 30 September 1998

<b>4. OPERATING LOSS</b>	<b>1 April 1998 to 30 September 1998</b>	<b>Year ended 31 March 1998 as restated</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
This is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Compensation monies received on settlement of dispute with computer suppliers	-	(104,590)
Operating lease payments - land and buildings	27,940	64,598
Auditors' remuneration:		
- audit fees	7,500	10,350
- other services	1,500	-
Depreciation of owned fixed assets (note 9)	170,794	221,067
Depreciation of assets held under finance leases and hire purchase contracts (note 9)	266,414	174,371
	<u>266,414</u>	<u>174,371</u>
 <b>5. DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS</b>	 <b>1 April 1998 to 30 September 1998</b>	 <b>Year ended 31 March 1998</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Fees	3,000	6,359
Other emoluments	101,455	261,459
Compensation for loss of office	-	14,145
	<u>104,455</u>	<u>281,963</u>
 Amounts in respect of highest paid director	 <u>33,100</u>	 <u>68,823</u>
 <b>6. STAFF COSTS</b>	 <b>1 April 1998 to 30 September 1998</b>	 <b>Year ended 31 March 1998</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Wages and salaries	573,865	1,097,632
Social security costs	53,901	99,987
Agency staff	1,894	20,492
	<u>629,660</u>	<u>1,218,111</u>

The average weekly number of employees during the period including directors was 68 (Year ended 31 March 1998: 60).



**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**Period ended 30 September 1998**

<b>7. INTEREST PAYABLE</b>	<b>1 April 1998 to 30 September 1998 £</b>	<b>Year ended 31 March 1998 £</b>
Finance charges	1,397	1,065
Bank loans and overdrafts	-	51
Other loans payable within five years	13,869	356,121
Finance charges payable under finance leases and hire purchase contracts	24,516	56,976
	<u>39,782</u>	<u>414,213</u>
 <b>8. INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS</b>		
<b>Development expenditure</b>	<b>£</b>	
<b>Cost</b>		
At 1 April 1998	704,754	
Prior period adjustment	(704,754)	
	<u>-</u>	
At 1 April 1998 - as restated and 30 September 1998	-	
<b>Amortisation</b>		
At 1 April 1998	318,084	
Prior period adjustment	(318,084)	
	<u>-</u>	
At 1 April 1998 - as restated and 30 September 1998	-	
<b>Net book value</b>		
At 31 March 1998 - as restated and 30 September 1998	<u>-</u>	


**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**Period ended 30 September 1998**
**9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Leasehold improvements £	Office equipment £	Computer software and equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>					
At 1 April 1998	-	127,099	1,312,847	23,667	1,463,613
Additions	6,085	24,740	202,471	38,000	271,296
Disposals	-	(17,576)	(290,946)	-	(308,522)
At 30 September 1998	6,085	134,263	1,224,372	61,667	1,426,387
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At 1 April 1998	-	56,249	669,998	9,959	736,206
Charge for the year	89	40,824	390,535	5,760	437,208
Disposals	-	(10,014)	(278,481)	-	(288,495)
At 30 September 1998	89	87,059	782,052	15,719	884,919
<b>Net book value</b>					
At 30 September 1998	5,996	47,204	442,320	45,948	541,468
At 31 March 1998	-	70,850	642,849	13,708	727,407

The net book value of fixed assets includes an amount of £242,811 (31 March 1998: £430,568) in respect of assets held under finance lease and hire purchase contracts.


**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
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**10. INVESTMENTS**

Details of the investments in which the company holds more than 10% of the nominal value of any class of share capital are as follows:

Subsidiary undertakings Name of company	Country of registration (or incorporation and operation)	Holding	Proportion of voting shares held	Nature of business
Sitecheck Limited	England and Wales	Ordinary shares	100%	Dormant
Envirocheck Limited	England and Wales	Ordinary shares	100%	Dormant

**11. DEBTORS**

	30 September 1998	31 March 1998
	£	£
Trade debtors	379,699	936,391
Other debtors	37,469	38,624
Prepayments and accrued income	122,967	83,668
	<u>540,135</u>	<u>1,058,683</u>

**12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	30 September 1998	31 March 1998
	£	£
Current instalments due on loans (note 13)	97,863	65,263
Bank overdraft	-	85,286
Obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts (note 14)	224,528	215,872
Trade creditors	296,163	206,003
Other taxes and social security costs	75,777	38,829
Other creditors	-	104,426
Accruals	183,652	1,104,952
	<u>877,983</u>	<u>1,820,631</u>


**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
 Period ended 30 September 1998

<b>13. LOANS</b>	<b>30 September 1998</b>	<b>31 March 1998</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Wholly repayable within five years:		
Parent company loan	1,301,324	-
IBM loan	114,210	146,842
Directors' loans	32,600	88,000
3i loan	-	1,761,333
GLE loan	-	330,833
Eagle Star loan	-	500,000
Robert Stephen Holdings Limited loan	-	671,527
G Fairtlough loan	-	39,000
Issue costs unamortised	-	(34,118)
	<u>1,448,134</u>	<u>3,503,417</u>
Analysis of changes in loan financing during the current and previous periods:	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
At 1 April	3,503,417	3,017,555
New loans raised	1,301,324	500,000
Converted to preference shares	(2,186,589)	-
Converted to ordinary shares	(153,679)	-
Issue expenses amortised	34,118	18,494
Amounts repaid	(1,050,457)	(32,632)
<b>At 30 September/31 March</b>	<u>1,448,134</u>	<u>3,503,417</u>
Amounts repayable by instalments:	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Within one year	97,863	65,263
Between one and two years	48,947	1,499,494
Between two and five years	1,301,324	1,884,778
Amounts repayable after more than five years other than by instalments	-	88,000
	<u>1,448,134</u>	<u>3,537,535</u>
Less: unamortised issue costs	-	(34,118)
	<u>1,448,134</u>	<u>3,503,417</u>
Included in creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(97,863)	(65,263)
	<u>1,350,271</u>	<u>3,438,154</u>





**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
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**13. LOANS (continued)**

The directors' loans are interest free and are repayable at the earlier of the admission of the shares to the Official List of the Stock Exchange, the sale of 90% of the equity share capital or 31 December 2004.

Under the terms of the sale agreement with DMG Information Limited, these loans were repaid by the company to the directors upon completion of the sale on 2 November 1998.

As security for factoring facilities that may be provided Griffin Credit Services Limited hold a first charge over book debts limited to £1,000,000.

There are no repayment terms or interest charges attached to the loan from the parent company.

The IBM loan is repayable by the year 2000 with interest charged at 8.75% per annum.

**14. OBLIGATIONS UNDER FINANCE LEASE AND HIRE PURCHASE CONTRACTS**

	30 September 1998	31 March 1998
	£	£
The maturity of these amounts is as follows:		
Amounts payable:		
- within one year	256,467	249,620
- within two to five years	242,801	262,085
	<u>499,268</u>	<u>511,705</u>
Less: finance charges allocated to future periods	(65,186)	(44,970)
	<u>434,082</u>	<u>466,735</u>
	<u><u>434,082</u></u>	<u><u>466,735</u></u>
Finance leases and hire purchase contracts are analysed as follows:	£	£
Current obligations	224,528	215,872
Non-current obligations	209,554	250,863
	<u>434,082</u>	<u>466,735</u>
	<u><u>434,082</u></u>	<u><u>466,735</u></u>

**15. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES**

No provision for deferred tax has been made in the accounts due to the availability of accumulated tax losses.

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16. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL	30 September 1998	31 March 1998
Authorised	£	£
2,536,589 cumulative redeemable preference shares of 0.1p each	2,536	-
2,536,589 redeemable preference shares of 1p each	25,366	-
4,957,742 ordinary shares of 10p each	495,774	142,504
1,546,068 'A' ordinary shares of 10p each	154,607	155,996
	<u>678,283</u>	<u>298,500</u>
<b>Allotted, called up and fully paid</b>		
2,536,589 redeemable preference shares of 1p each	25,366	-
4,157,742 ordinary shares of 10p each	415,774	88,333
1,546,068 'A' ordinary shares of 10p each	154,607	154,607
	<u>595,747</u>	<u>242,940</u>

A capital reorganisation and debt restructuring took place on 30 September 1998 whereby:

2,536,589 cumulative redeemable preference shares of 0.1p each which had been issued to the institutions on 18 May 1998 were redeemed for £1 each.

2,536,589 redeemable preference shares of 1p each were issued to DMG Information Limited at a price of £1 per share.

DMG Information Limited also acquired the right to purchase the ordinary shares held by management, this transaction took place on 2 November 1998.

The increase in authorised and allotted ordinary shares took place on 18 May 1998 as described in the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 1998.

**Rights of shares**

**Income**

The redeemable preference shares shall become redeemable at the instance of the holder on or at any time after 30 September 2001, for an amount equal to the subscription price paid plus any premium. There are no dividend rights attached to the redeemable preference shares.

For 'A' ordinary shares a cumulative net cash preferential dividend totalling one third of the net profit of the company and its subsidiaries for the relevant financial period is payable.

No dividends shall be declared or paid to the holders of ordinary shares until the loans have been paid in full.



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**16. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL (continued)**

*Priority on winding up*

First in paying to the holders of the redeemable preference shares the subscription price per share plus any premium paid on them.

Second in paying to the holders of 'A' ordinary shares the subscription price per share plus any arrears of dividends.

The last in paying the holders of the ordinary shares the subscription price of each 'A' ordinary share.

The balance shall be distributed between 'A' ordinary shares and ordinary shares in proportion to the amount paid up in each class.

*Voting rights*

One vote for every 10 pence in nominal value of the 'A' ordinary shares and ordinary shares held. Save as specifically noted in the Articles there are no voting rights attached to the redeemable preference shares.

**17. RECONCILIATION OF SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS AND MOVEMENTS ON RESERVES**

	Share capital £	Share premium account £	Profit and loss account £	Total £
At 1 April 1998	242,940	936,600	(4,179,081)	(2,999,541)
Prior period adjustment (see note 2)	-	-	(386,670)	(386,670)
Company restructuring	352,807	2,339,520	-	2,692,327
At 1 April 1998 as restated	595,747	3,276,120	(4,565,751)	(693,884)
Loss for the period	-	-	(376,800)	(376,800)
At 30 September 1998	595,747	3,276,120	(4,942,551)	(1,070,684)

The prior period adjustment is due to a change in accounting policy as disclosed in note 2 to the accounts. This has resulted in a cumulative adjustment of £386,670, being the net book value of intangible assets held at 31 March 1998. The effect of the change in policy on the comparatives in the profit and loss account has been an increase of £39,298 in administrative expenses, being the net result of writing off intangible additions and writing back amortisation on intangibles in the previous year.



**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**Period ended 30 September 1998**

**18. OTHER FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS**

At 30 September 1998 the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below:

	<b>1 April 1998 to 30 September 1998</b>	<b>Year ended 31 March 1998</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Land and buildings</b>		
Operating lease which expire:		
- between one and five years	<u>70,653</u>	<u>58,825</u>

**19. GROUP ACCOUNTS**

The company has taken advantage of the exemption conferred by Section 228 of the Companies Act 1985 from the requirement to prepare group accounts. Group accounts are prepared by the immediate parent company. The information presented in the financial statements relates to the company as an individual entity.

**20. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The company has taken advantage of the exemption contained in Financial Reporting Standard No 8 from the requirement to disclose related party transactions within the group.

**21. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY AND CONTROLLING PARTY**

The directors regard the ultimate parent company as Rothermere Continuation Limited which is incorporated in Bermuda. The largest and smallest group of which the company is a member and for which group financial statements are drawn up is that of DMGT plc registered in England and Wales. Copies of the reports and financial statements are available from the Company Secretary of DMGT plc, Northcliffe House, 2 Derry Street, Kensington, London, W8 5TT. According to the register kept by the company DMG Information Limited a company incorporated in England and Wales had a 100% interest in the equity capital of the company at 30 September 1998. The directors regard the ultimate controlling party as the Viscount Rothermere of Rothermere Continuation Limited.