# ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 1996

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#### LIST OF TRUSTEES AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

#### **Trustees**

D Birch Miss W Beech Rev T Stone J Parkin

#### **Solicitors**

Anthony Collins Solicitors Pearl Assurance House 4 Temple Row Birmingham B2 5HG

#### **Bankers**

National Westminster Bank plc 1 Upper Market Square Hanley Stoke on Trent ST1 1QA

#### Registered auditor

Jacob Cavenagh & Skeet 6/8 Tudor Court Brighton Road Sutton Surrey SM2 5AE

#### TRUSTEES REPORT

The trustees present their report and the audited financial statements for the year to 30th September 1996.

#### Principal activities

The company is a Christian voluntary organisation which works with young people in areas of conflict to help them overcome the effects of trauma and to equip them to enter their futures with hope and confidence and with the skills and commitment necessary to enable them to become agents of reconciliation and positive community transformation.

#### Review of developments

The year from 1st October 1995 brought significant changes to the environment in which NOVI MOST International operates due, in large measure, to the signing of the Dayton Peace Accord which brought an end to forty months of bitter military conflict in Bosnia Herzegovina in December 1995.

Bosnia remains the focus of all the company's activities and the year was dominated by the transition from war to peace and the necessity to reposition the company to assit in the rebuilding of Bosnia's fragile community and the many young lives broken by the war. Whilst the absence of armed conflict has enabled us to support Bosnian nationals in undertaking some initiatives which were not possible before the factions laid down their weapons, the marked reduction in news media coverage of the Bosnian situation has resulted in a drop in voluntary income which was anticipated in the immediate aftermath of the war. The trustees expect that a larger amount of funding will be derived from charitable trusts and foundations and commercial organisations once confidence in the peace process has grown and long-term reconstruction becomes more feasible. It is also expected that governmental funding will be attracted into some of the company's developing child trauma programmes in Mostar and other cities.

NOVI MOST International continued through the year to fund the salaries and activities of Nikola and Sandra Skrinjaric who direct the company's operations in Bosnia. Further developments under their supervision have taken place in central Bosnia and Christian humanitarian work was started in Jajce and Drvar. Both these towns have also received shipments of emergency aid from the company's warehouse in Chesham, England.

By far the most significant of the projects in which the company participated during the year was the construction of facilities at the Evangelical Church Centre in East Mostar. The Centre, which is being built on the site of the ruins of an old church will eventually have an outdoor sports arena, residential training centre for Christian leadership and community development, a church meeting house, and non-residential facilities for the long-term treatment of traumatised children and young people. Early in the year a distribution depot for humanitarian aid was erected on the site and continues to serve the local community with emergency food and clothing, much of which is supplied direct by NOVI MOST International. The company has been privileged to be able to make financial grants to this project as well as sending volunteers to work on the site and introducing other organisations to the project in order for them to do likewise.

# TRUSTEES REPORT (continued)

#### Review of developments (continued)

Throughout the winter of 1995/96 a number of supporters formed an action group under the title 'Playground of Peace'. They undertook various fundraising events in order to pay for an adventure playground to be installed at the Peace Centre in Selce, Croatia. The Peace Centre is operated by our associate ministry in Croatia, The Life Centre, to provide residential care and assessment for traumatised children, mainly from Bosnia. NOVI MOST has helped to fund children using the Peace Centre, and the added facility of the playground, which was erected by the Playground of Peace team in the Spring, has greatly enhanced the enjoyment of children. As the team raised more than was needed for the original project, donors agreed that the surplus could be used for the playground/sports centre in East Mostar and for the employment costs of specialist trauma workers.

The NOVI MOST aid project has continued to develop and has been a vital source of life-essentials for a growing number of people at a time when many aid organisations have had to curtail their shipments due to the lack of media interest in Bosnia. The end of the military conflict has led to a short-term increase in the number of people needing emergency aid, due to the re-defining of ethnic boundaries and the return of refugees. However, the trustees are grateful to a small army of volunteers who have collected, sorted and packed aid worth an estimated £160,000 over the year. Our aid has been 'hallmarked' with quality, largely due to the diligence of these people and this has achieved much in restoring the dignity of those who receive it. The trustees are also grateful to those who donated the food, clothing, hygiene and medical items which were sent, the volunteer drivers who sacrificed their own comfort to enhance that of others, and to Component Assemblies Ltd who generously donated the use of the central warehouse in Chesham together with packing materials and forklift trucks.

Apart from Jayce, Drvar and Mostar, already mentioned, the main destination for aid during the year was the northwest city of Bihac. NOVI MOST staff were the first outside aid workers to arrive in Bihac in August 1995 after a siege lasting more than three years was lifted. It has been good to be involved in the slow process of normalisation in the city and the aid sent has enabled the small team there to demonstrate unconditional love to the local community. British volunteer, Cath Marsh, who arrived in the city in January 1996 was able to undertake valuable work with many severely troubled young people in Bihac and in nearby Bosanska Krupa.

In Britain, apart from the ongoing fundraising work undertaken, and that of collecting material aid, our Prayer Initiative has been a major part of our operation. The NOVI MOST Bosnia Prayer Briefing, published weekly, has established itself as the leading prayer resource for those interceding on behalf of the Bosnian people. It continues to be mailed to individuals across Britain and is also sent to people in the USA, South Africa and Europe and is now available, along with a host of other information, on the Internet through the NOVI MOST Home Page. Prayer groups have been set up in many parts of the country, and special events were held throughout the year, the most notable being over 11th and 12th November 1995 when up to a quarter of a million Christians in churches around Britain used our materials as a prompt to pray for the peace talks then being conducted in Dayton, Ohio. By the end of that Remembrance weekend, the deadlock at the talks had broken and agreement on all major points had been reached, leading to the signing of the Accord the following month.

# TRUSTEES REPORT (continued)

#### Review of developments (continued)

Lastly, the changing nature of the work of the company, coupled with altered personal circumstances of some of the founding trustees led to some changes on the Board. Lowell Sheppard, without whom it is doubtful that the company would have been formed, and who served as Chairman from the beginning, emigrated during the year and stood down at the AGM in March. Colin Saunders, David Stillman and Mike Morris, all of whom served as directors and trustees during the important period of establishing the company also stood down during the year and were replaced by Wendy Beech, Tim Stone and Jeremy Parkin, all of whom have had close involvement with the company's activities since its formation and have now committed themselves to the task of steering NOVI MOST International as it makes an increasing contribution to help the Bosnian people secure their peace.

#### Financial position

The company's net incoming resources for the year was £11,508 (1995; £9,202).

#### **Trustees**

The trustees who held office during the year were as follows:

D Birch

C B Saunders (resigned 6th March 1996) P G Scott-Evans (resigned 22nd November 1996) L A R Sheppard (resigned 31st March 1996) (resigned 6th March 1996) D Stillman M Morris (resigned 30th June 1996) (appointed 27th March 1996) Miss W Beech Rev T Stone (appointed 27th March 1996) J Parkin (appointed 3rd June 1996)

#### Trustees' responsibilities

Company Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of its financial activities for that period. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- a) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- b) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- c) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the company will continue in existence.

The trustees 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 or other irregularities.

# TRUSTEES REPORT (continued)

#### **Auditors**

Jacob Cavenagh & Skeet have expressed their willingness to continue in office as auditors. A resolution to re-appoint them as auditors will be put to the members at the annual general meeting.

For and on behalf of the trustees

H BROOKS

Secretary

#### Registered office:

78 The Broadway Chesham Bucks HP5 1EG

13th February 1997

#### REPORT OF THE AUDITORS

We have audited the financial statements on pages 6 to 13 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 8.

#### Respective responsibilities

As described on page 3 the trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit of 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 trustees 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 company's affairs at 30th September 1996 and of its net operating surplus for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

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JACOB CAVENAGH & SKEET Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

6/8 Tudor Court Brighton Road Sutton Surrey SM2 5AE

13th February 1997

#### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1996

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 1996	Total funds 1995
	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE				
Incoming resources				
Donations and gifts Profit/(loss) on book sales Bank interest received Other income Total incoming resources	111,362 1,172 758 <u>123</u> 113,415	28,698 - - - - 28,698	140,060 1,172 758 <u>123</u> 142,113	185,279 ( 619) 539 <u>1,402</u> 186,601
RESOURCES USED				
Direct charitable expenditure				
Approved grants and distributions	58,051	17,548	75,599	123,279
Other expenditure				
Management and administration	54,934 112,985	$\frac{72}{17,620}$	55,006 130,605	54,120 177,399
Net incoming resources for the year	430	11,078	11,508	9,202
Transfer between funds Net incoming resources for the year	( <u>2,589</u> ) ( <u>2,159</u> )	<u>2,589</u> 13,667	11,508	9,202
Balances brought forward at 1st October 1995 Balances carried forward at	<u>11,791</u>	(_2,589)	9,202	
30th September 1996	9,632	<u>11,078</u>	<u>20,710</u>	<u>9,202</u>

#### BALANCE SHEET AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 1996

			1996		1995
FIXED ASSETS	Note	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	6		2,499		2,272
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stock Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	7	2,840 1,099 16,326 20,265		914 3,748 <u>10,400</u> 15,062	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year  NET ASSETS	8	<u>2,054</u>	18,211 20,710	8,132	6,930 9,202
FUNDS					
Unrestricted Restricted	9 10		9,632 11,078 20,710		11,791 (2,589) <u>9,202</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 13th February 1997 and signed on their behalf by:

D BIRCH Chairman

#### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 1996

#### 1) STATUS

NOVI MOST International is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity. The liability of each member is limited to one pound. At 30th September 1996 there were 4 members.

#### 2) ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### a) Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice published by the Charity Commission in October 1995.

The company has relied on the exemption set out in Financial Reporting Standard 1 from the requirements to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a small company.

#### b) Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on all tangible assets over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Office equipment - 25% straight line

#### c) Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

#### d) Income

- i) All voluntary income is included as income on receipt.
- ii) Donations under gift aid, together with the associated income tax recovery are recognised as income when the donation is received.
- iii) Bank interest is credited to income when it is received.

#### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 1996 (continued)

#### 3) DIRECT CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE

	<del></del>	UNREST	FRICTED FUN Other	DS ——	RESTRICTED	FUNDS		
	Mostar £	Bihac £	Bosnia projects £	Events £	Playground for peace £	Tim Butler £	Total £	1995 £
Salary and support Vehicle running	8,610	2,750	-	1,695	-	763	13,818	39,351
expenses	1,545	1,072	3,443	-	<u></u>	_	6,060	4,413
Vehicle hire expenses	43	_	-	-	400	_	443	-
Sundry expenses	76	_	32	119	338	-	565	1,300
Computer expenses	42	_	-	-	-	_	42	-,
Insurance	86	371	1,008	80	387	-	1,932	_
Church materials	15,725	217	283	_	8,768	363	25,356	4,601
Church expenses	2,710	637	2,297	648	1,856	-	8,148	238
Venue hire expenses	-	-	-	610	-	43	653	-
Travel - general	349	1,587	7,949	97	1,697	2,933	14,612	1,349
Travel to projects	3,970	+	-	-	-	-	3,970	13,489
Telephone	-	<del>-</del>	-	-	-	-	_	2,130
Car purchases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,200
Summer camps	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,245
Mostar gift	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	268
NB Tour	-	-	-	_	_	_	-	800
Architect's expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	_	2,888
Aid expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,517
Sports Ministry	-	-	-	-	-	-	_	1,506
Aid to safe areas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,000
Site improvement		_	:		<del></del>			9,984
	<u>33,156</u>	<u>6,634</u>	<u>15,012</u>	3,249	<u>13,446</u>	4,102	75,599	123,279

#### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 1996 (continued)

## 4) OTHER EXPENDITURE

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS				RESTRICTED FUNDS				
				Other					
				Bosnia		Playground	Tim		
	UK	Mostar	Bihac	projects	Events	for peace	Butler	Total	1995
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Salary and supprt Photocopying,	28,036	-	-	-	-	-	-	28,036	16,004
postage, stataionery, printing,						,			
advertising	9,081	23	_	2	220	18	2	9,346	17,489
Bank charges	40	162	18	18		18	9	265	958
Loan interest		-	-	-	_	_	_		141
Telephone	2,732	-	_	-		_	_	2,732	4,827
Repairs &								_,,,	1,021
renewals	179	-	-	-	-	-	_	179	_
Sundry	478	-	-	-	-	-	25	503	4,593
Computer			•						1,070
maintenance	1,910	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,910	2,406
Professional charges	3,308	-	-	_	-	-	-	3,308	1,723
Insurance	-	-	-	_	-	_	-	-	505
Church expenses	1,225		-	-	-	•	_	1,225	-
Venue hire expenses	267	-	-	-	-	-	-	267	74
Mailing lists	2,728	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,728	987
Travel - general	3,421	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,421	2,439
Depreciation	1,086	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,086	758
Harringtons on									
account		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	428
Ground Level Trust									
Settlement		<del></del>		<u></u>	<u>-</u> :	_=		:	788
	<u>54,491</u>	<u>185</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>20</u>	220	<u>36</u>	36	55,006	54,120

5)	OPERATING SURPLUS	1996 £	1995 £
	Staff costs (see note 12)	41,712	52,385
	Auditor's remuneration	1,410	1,293
	Depreciation	_1,086	<u>758</u>

#### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 1996 (continued)

6)	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS		Fixtures and fittings £
	Cost At 1st October 1995 Additions At 30th September 1996		3,030 1,313 4,343
	Depreciation At 1st October 1995 Charge for the year At 30th September 1996		758 1,086 1,844
	Net book value At 30th September 1996		<u>2,499</u>
	At 30th September 1995		<u>2,272</u>
7)	DEBTORS	1996 £	1995 £
	Trade debtors Income tax recoverable Prepayments	60 545 <u>494</u> <u>1,099</u>	3,254 494 <u>3,748</u>
8)	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	1996 £	1995 £
	Other taxes and social security costs Other creditors Accruals	- 2,054 2,054	5,671 2,097 <u>364</u> 8,132

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 1996 (continued)

#### 9) UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance 1.10.95 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer between funds £	Balance 30.9.96 £
General fund	<u>11,791</u>	<u>113,415</u>	112,985	(2,589)	9,632

# 10) RESTRICTED FUNDS

The income of the company includes restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations held on trusts to be applied for specific purposes:

		Balance 1.10.95 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer between funds £	Balance 30.9.96 £
	Mount Ucka Fund Playground for peace Tim Butler	(2,589) ( <u>2,589</u> )	21,282 7,416 28,698	13,482 4,138 17,620	2,589 	7,800 <u>3,278</u> <u>11,078</u>
11)	STAFF COSTS				1996 £	1995 £
	Wages and salaries Social security costs				39,242 2,470 41,712	48,163 4,222 52,385
	The average number of staff durin	g the year	was:		No	No
	Administration Other				1 1 2	1 1 2

#### 12) EMOLUMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

No remuneration was paid to any council members in respect of such office.