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HOBSON TECHNOLOGY LIMITED

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

31 MARCH 2000



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HOBSON TECHNOLOGY LIMITED
REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The director presents his annual report with the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2000.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The principal activity of the company in the year under review was the provision of engineering services.

DIRECTOR

The director in office in the year and his beneficial interests in the company's issued ordinary share capital was as follows:

	2000	1999
M. Green	99	99

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

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 the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities has been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts:
- ~ 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.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Thomas David were deemed to be re-appointed in accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985.

SMALL COMPANY EXEMPTIONS

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

Signed on behalf of the board of directors

M. Green

Director



Approved by the board: 6 December 2000

Thomas David

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF

HOBSON TECHNOLOGY LIMITED

We have audited the accounts on pages 4 to 7 which have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities, under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 6.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS

As described on page 2 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.

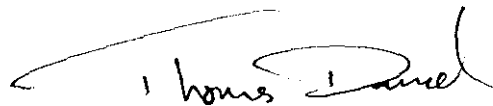
BASIS OF OPINION

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 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 the company's affairs as at 31 March 2000 and of its loss for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 1985 applicable to small companies.



THOMAS DAVID

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

18 December 2000

HOBSON TECHNOLOGY LIMITED

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2000

	Notes	2000 £	1999 £
TURNOVER	1	-	30,771
Cost of sales		-	3,576
GROSS PROFIT		-	27,195
Administrative expenses		(1306)	(1,698)
Other operating charges		(97)	(2,899)
OPERATING LOSS	2	(1,403)	22,598
Interest received		931	1,352
Income from investments received		114	69
LOSS on ordinary activities before taxation		(358)	24,019
TAXATION	3	-	(4,746)
LOSS for the financial year after taxation		(358)	19,273
DIVIDENDS paid or proposed		(10,000)	(8,000)
RETAINED LOSS for the financial year		(10,358)	11,273
RETAINED PROFIT at 1 April 1999		30,993	19,720
RETAINED PROFIT at 31 March 2000		£20,635	£30,993

The notes on pages 6 to 7 form part of the statutory accounts.

HOBSON TECHNOLOGY LIMITED
BALANCE SHEET - 31 MARCH 2000

	Notes	2000 £	1999 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	4	1,732	1,792
Investments	5	13,795	3,795
		<u>15,527</u>	<u>5,587</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors		180	-
Cash at bank and in hand	6	24,122	46,147
		<u>24,302</u>	<u>46,147</u>
CREDITORS : amounts falling due within one year	7	(19,094)	(20,641)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>5,208</u>	<u>25,506</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>£ 20,735</u>	<u>£ 31,093</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	8	100	100
Profit and loss account		20,635	30,993
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		<u>£ 20,735</u>	<u>£ 31,093</u>

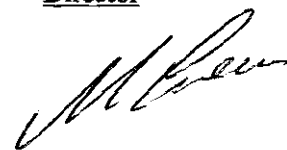
The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities.

Signed on behalf of the board of directors

M. Green

Approved by the board: 6 December 2000

Director



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HOBSON TECHNOLOGY LIMITED
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 MARCH 2000

1. **ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities.

Turnover

Turnover represents net invoiced sales of goods, excluding VAT.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rate in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Office equipment - 25% on written down value

2. **OPERATING LOSS**

The operating profit (1999-profit) is stated after charging:

	2000	1999
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	250	450
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3. **TAXATION**

The tax charge on the profit on ordinary activities for the year was as follows:

	2000	1999
	£	£
Corporation tax for the year at 20% (1999-21%)	-	4,746
	£ -	£ 4,746
	=====	=====

4. **TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	<u>Office equipment</u>	<u>Total</u>
	£	£
COST		
At 1 April 1999	4,059	4,059
Additions	518	518
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At 31 March 2000	4,577	4,577
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DEPRECIATION		
At 1 April 1999	2,267	2,267
Charge for year	578	578
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At 31 March 2000	2,845	2,845
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NET BOOK VALUES		
At 31 March 2000	£ 1,732	£ 1,732
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At 31 March 1999	£ 1,792	£ 1,792
	=====	=====

HOBSON TECHNOLOGY LIMITED
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 MARCH 2000

5.	INVESTMENTS	2000	1999
		£	£
	216 Ordinary shares in BAA Plc at cost	251	251
	1,038 Ordinary shares in Chiltern Radio Ltd at cost	1,240	1,240
	1,322 Ordinary shares in British Airways Plc at cost	2,304	2,304
	Portland Investments	10,000	-
		<u>£13,795</u>	<u>£ 3,795</u>
6.	DEBTORS		
	Sundry debtors	£ 180	£ -
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
7.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2000	1999
		£	£
	Other creditors	19,094	15,895
	Corporation tax	-	2,746
	Advance corporation tax	-	2,000
		<u>£19,094</u>	<u>£20,641</u>
8.	CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL	2000	1999
		£	£
	Authorised		
	100 ordinary shares of £1 each	£ 100	£ 100
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	Allotted, called up and fully paid		
	100 (1999-100) ordinary shares of £1 each	£ 100	£ 100
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