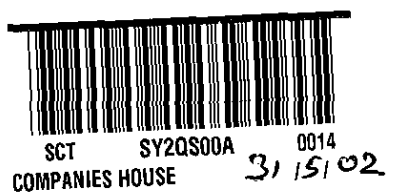


EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE FESTIVAL LIMITED

ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2001



REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' TO EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE FESTIVAL LIMITED

UNDER SECTION 247B OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

We have examined the abbreviated financial statements on pages 3 to 5, together with the full financial statements of the company for the year ended 31st July 2001 prepared under Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated financial statements in accordance with Section 246 of the Companies Act 1985. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to whether the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated financial statements prepared in accordance with Sections 246(5) and (6) of the Act to the Registrar of Companies and whether the financial statements to be delivered are properly prepared in accordance with those provisions and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of audit opinion

We have carried out the procedures we consider necessary to confirm, by reference to the financial statements, that the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated financial statements and that the abbreviated financial statements to be delivered are properly prepared. The scope of our work for the purpose of this report did not include examining or dealing with events after the date of our report on the full financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated financial statements prepared in accordance with Sections 246(5) and (6) of the Companies Act 1985, and the abbreviated financial statements on pages 3 to 5 are properly prepared in accordance with those provisions.

Other information

On 30.5.2002 we reported, as auditors of Edinburgh International Science Festival Limited, to the members on the full financial statements prepared under Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 31st July 2001, and our audit report was as follows:

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 11 of Edinburgh International Science Festival Limited for the year ended 31st July 2001. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out therein.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors' responsibilities for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards are set out in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and United Kingdom Auditing Standards.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Directors' Report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transactions with the company is not disclosed.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' TO EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE FESTIVAL LIMITED

UNDER SECTION 247B OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

We read other information contained in the Annual Report and consider whether it is consistent with the audited financial statements. This other information comprises only the Directors' Report. We consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the financial statements. Our responsibilities do not extend to any other information.

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with United Kingdom 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.

Fundamental Uncertainty: Going Concern

Continuation of the company's activities is dependent upon the financial support of The City of Edinburgh Council. The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which assumes that the continued financial support of The City of Edinburgh Council will be forthcoming. Details relating to the fundamental uncertainty are described on page 7. In view of the significance of this uncertainty, we consider that it should be drawn to your attention, but our opinion is not qualified in this respect.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31st July 2001 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Date: 30.5.2002

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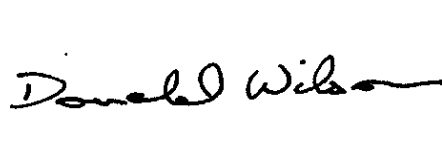
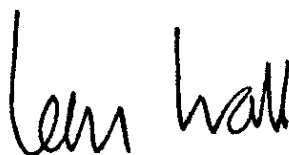
ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31ST JULY 2001

	Notes	£	2001 £	£	2000 £
Fixed assets	2				
Tangible fixed assets			32,304		42,392
Current assets					
Stock		-		93	
Debtors		27,312		139,157	
Cash at bank and in hand		36,571		25,314	
		63,883		164,564	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		(83,671)		(195,942)	
Net current (liabilities)			(19,788)		(31,378)
Total assets less current liabilities			12,516		11,014
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year			-		(7,077)
			12,516		3,937
Capital and reserves					
Share capital	3		2		2
Profit and loss account			12,514		3,935
Shareholders' funds			12,516		3,937

The abbreviated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part VII of the Companies Act 1985.

These abbreviated financial statements were approved by the board on 27th May 2002 and signed on its behalf by:

D Wilson
Director

I J Wall
Director

EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE FESTIVAL LIMITED

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2001

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The company has taken advantage of the exemptions in Financial Reporting Standard No. 1 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a small company.

Turnover

Turnover is the total amount receivable by the company for core funding, sponsorship and other income, excluding VAT.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost or valuation less estimated residual value of all tangible fixed assets by equal annual instalments over their expected useful lives. The rates and periods generally applicable are:

Equipment	20% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	10% straight line
Leasehold Improvements	10% straight line

Hire purchase and leased assets

Assets held under hire purchase and finance leases contracts are capitalised in the balance sheet at their fair value and depreciated over their expected useful lives. The interest element of leasing payments represents a constant proportion of the capital balance outstanding and is charged to the profit and loss account over the period of the lease.

All other leases are regarded as operating leases and the payments made under them are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Basis of preparing financial statements - Going Concern

During the year the company made a profit of £8,579 and at the balance sheet date had a surplus of shareholders funds of £12,516. The company has net current liabilities of £19,788 (2000 - £31,378) and meets its day to day working capital requirements through support from The City of Edinburgh Council.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which assumes that the company will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

The validity of this assumption depends on the company's bankers and The City of Edinburgh Council continuing their support by providing adequate loan facilities and core funding respectively. If the company was unable to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future, adjustments would have to be made to amend the balance sheet values of assets to their recoverable amounts, to provide for further liabilities that might arise and to reclassify fixed assets and long term liabilities as current assets and liabilities.

The directors believe that it is appropriate for the financial statements to be prepared on a going concern basis.

EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE FESTIVAL LIMITED

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2001

2 Fixed assets

	Tangible fixed assets £	Total £
Cost		
At 1st August 2000	102,911	102,911
Additions	12,661	12,661
Disposals	(18,673)	(18,673)
At 31st July 2001	96,899	96,899
Depreciation and amortisation		
At 1st August 2000	60,519	60,519
Charge for the year	17,699	17,699
On disposals	(13,623)	(13,623)
At 31st July 2001	64,595	64,595
Net book value		
At 31st July 2001	32,304	32,304
<i>At 31st July 2000</i>	<i>42,392</i>	<i>42,392</i>

3 Share capital

	2001 £	2000 £
Authorised		
1,000 Ordinary shares of £1.00 each	1,000	1,000
Allotted, issued and fully paid		
2 Allotted, called up and fully paid ordinary shares of £1.00 each	2	2