# REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 1995



#### Report of the Directors

The Directors present their report and the audited accounts of the Company for the year ended the 31st March, 1995.

#### Results

The profit for the year after taxation amounted to £2,358,000. The Directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend.

#### Principal Activity and Review of the Company

The principal activity of the Company is the management and co-ordination, of major projects which use the expertise and products of other GEC-Marconi Group Companies. During the year activity has been concentrated on the management of a number of defence contracts awarded by the Government of Malaysia. The Company is also involved in marketing support for prime contractorship and product capability for new business opportunities in the Asia-Pacific region.

#### **Directors**

The present members of the Board are Messrs. J. W. Doyle and I. G. King. Messrs. A. J. Walsh, D. J. Fletcher and I. G. King were appointed to the Board of Directors on the 11th April and 2nd December, 1994 and the 11th August, 1995 respectively. Messrs. P. B. W. White, R. A. Gardner, D. J. Fletcher and A. J. Walsh resigned from the Board on the 9th May and 11th November, 1994 and the 30th June and 9th October, 1995 respectively.

According to the Register kept by the Company in accordance with Section 325 of the Companies Act 1985 the persons who were Directors on the 31st March, 1995 had no disclosable interests in the shares of The General Electric Company p.l.c. or its subsidiaries other than those shown below:-

#### IN THE GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY, p.l.c.

At 1st April, 1994 Options granted (or date of appointment if later)	Options lapsed during the year	At 31st March, 1995
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#### Options in respect of Ordinary Shares of 5p each

i) Under the terms of The GEC Managers' 1984 Share Option Scheme the following Options were outstanding:-

J. W. Doyle	47,800	 4,000	43,800
A. J. Walsh	42,000	 	42,000

No Options were granted to or exercised by the named Directors during the year under the above Scheme. Normally the Options are exercisable during the years 1995 to 2004 at subscription prices between 158p and 328p per share.

ii) Under the terms of The GEC Employee Savings-Related Share Option Scheme and The GEC Employee 1992 Savings-Related Share Option Scheme the following Options were outstanding:-

J. W. Doyle 8,657 ---- 8,657 A. J. Walsh 7,904 4,662 ---- 12,566

No Options granted under the above Schemes were exercised by the named Directors during the year. Normally the Options are exercisable within six months of the 1st April, 1995, 1998, 1999 and 2000 at subscription prices between 152p and 262p per share.

By Order of the Board

E. A. PEACHEY
Secretary

Registered Office:

The Grove, Warren Lane, Stanmore, Middlesex HA7 4LY

19 DEC 1995

#### **AUDITORS' REPORT**

#### TO THE MEMBERS OF GEC-MARCONI (PROJECTS) LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 12 which have been prepared under the accounting policies set out on page 12.

#### Respective responsibilities of Directors and auditors

The Directors are required by the Companies Act 1985 to prepare financial statements 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 for the financial year and to state whether the accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

The Directors are responsible for ensuring that the Company keeps accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Company and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985.

The Directors have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the Company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

It is our responsibility as auditors to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on the financial 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 Company's affairs at 31 March 1995 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Coopers & Lybrand

**Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors** 

London

22 JANUARY 1996.

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## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st March 1995

	Note	1995 £000	1994 £000
TURNOVER	1	209,883	235,679
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITY BEFORE TAXATION Taxation on profit on ordinary activities	1 2	3,655 (1,297)	6,979 (2,307)
RETAINED PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		2,358	4,672
MOVEMENT ON PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT RESERVE			
At 1 April Retained profit for the financial year		9,088 2,358	4,416 4,672
At 31 March		11,446	9,088

There were no recognised gains or losses other than those reported above. The above results relate entirely to the continuing activities of the Company. There is no difference between profit on ordinary activities before taxation and the retained profit for the year stated above, and their historical cost equivalents.

#### BALANCE SHEET 31st March 1995

	Note	1995 £000	1994 £000
Fixed Assets  Tangible assets	3	20	33
Current Assets Stocks & contracts in progress Debtors Cash	4 5	82,011 832	245,661 1,524
Current Liabilities: amounts falling due within one year Creditors  Net Current Assets	6	82,843 62,890 ————————————————————————————————————	247,185 218,489 28,696
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities  Liabilities: amounts falling due after one year  Creditors	6	19,973	28,729
	v	11,446	9,088
Capital and Reserves  Called up share capital  Profit and loss account	7	11,446 ———————————————————————————————————	9,088
Equity Shareholders' Funds	14	11,446	9,088

Approved by the Board of Directors on 19th December 1995

Director

J W Doyle

#### Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March 1995

#### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1.	PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXAT	TION	
··		1995 £000	1994 £000
	Turnover	209,883	235,679
	(Decrease) in long term Contracts and work in progress	(30,542)	(79,312)
		179,341	156,367
	Raw materials and consumables	148,621	107,041
	Staff costs (note 9) Depreciation	352 17	406 23
	Auditors' remuneration	11	15
	Other external and operating charges	26,713	41,919
	Operating Profit	3,627	6,963
	Interest receivable	(28)	(16)
PROF	IT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION	3,655	6,979

The format of the Profit and Loss Account has been changed in order to be consistent with that used by the parent company.

#### Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March 1995

#### **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - continued**

# 2. TAXATION ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES 1995 £000 United Kingdom taxation Corporation tax 33% (1994 33%) 1 214 2 318

Corporation tax 33% (1994 33%)

Deferred taxation

Under provisions of previous years

1,214

2,318

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1,297 2,307

#### 3. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Motor Vehicles £000	Furniture and Equipment £000	TOTAL £000
Cost at 1 April 1994	61	36	97
Additions at cost Disposals at cost	(29)	5 -	5 (29)
Cost at 31 March 1995	32	41	73
Depreciation at 1 April 1994 Charged to profit and loss account On disposals	45 9 (28)	19 8 -	64 17 (28)
Depreciation at 31 March 1995	26	27	53
Net book value at 31 March 1995	6	14	20
Net book value at 31 March 1994	16	17	33

Depreciation rates:

Motor vehicles - 25% per annum

Furniture and equipment - on average in excess of 10% per ann

#### Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March 1995

#### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - continued

•	STOCKS AND CONTRACTS IN PROGRESS		
		1995 £000	1994 £000
	Long-term contract work in progress Payments on account	14,665 (14,665)	39,716 (39,716)
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	DEBTORS		
		1995 £000	1994 £000
	Amounts falling due within one year Amounts recoverable on contracts Amounts owed by holding and fellow subsidiary companies Other debtors Prepayments and accrued income	25,903 49,377 10 2,503	23,507 188,353 120
		77,793	211,980
	Amounts falling due after one year  Amounts recoverable on contracts  Amounts owed by holding and fellow subsidiary companies	- 4,218	5,361 28,320
		82,011	245,661

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#### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - continued

	CREDITORS				
				1995 £000	1994 £000
	Amounts falling due within one year Payments received on account Trade creditors Amounts owed to holding and fellow subsidiary co Corporation Tax Accruals and deferred income	mpanies		34,402 7,694 19,713 732 349	170,61 24,39 22,31 1,14 2
				62,890	218,489
	Amounts falling due after one year Payments received on account			8,527	19,64
				71,417	238,13
	SHARE CAPITAL				
	At 1 April 1994 and 31 March 1995 (ordinary shares) of £1 each fully paid,				
	Authorised	100			
	Issued	100			
•	DEFERRED TAX				
		Amoun 1995 £000	t Provided 1994 £000	Amount Un 1995 £000	provided 1994 £000
	Tax effect because of:-				
	Other timing differences	(5)	(4)	-	-
	Movement on the deferred tax asset account			£000	
	At 1 April 1994 Transfer to profit and loss Account At 31 March 1995			4 1 5	
	The deferred tax asset has been deducted from corporation to	ax payable			

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#### 9. DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES

			1995	1994
(a)	Average number of employees working in the United Kingdom		7	6
	Gross remuneration	£000	183	187
	State social security costs	£000	18	23
41.5				
(b)	Average number of employees working overseas		4	6
	Gross remuneration	£000	144	190
	State social security costs	£000	7	6
(c)	Total average number of employees		11	12
	Gross remuneration	£000	327	377
	State social security costs	£000	25	29
Staff co	osts	£000	352	406
Directo	ors' Emoluments			
	One Director	£000	69	-

One Director was partially employed within the United Kingdom during the year and his emoluments relating to this period are shown above. He was wholly employed outside the United Kingdom in the previous year and hence his emoluments did not need to be disclosed.

All other Directors were full time executives of other Group companies. They did not receive any remuneration for their services as Directors of the Company and it is not practicable to allocate their emoluments for other services.

#### 10. PENSIONS

The company is a subsidiary of The General Electric Company, p.l.c. (GEC) and all its employees who are members of a pension plan are members of The GEC Plan ("The Plan"),, the principal pension plan of the GEC Group. The Plan is funded and is of the 'defined benefit' type. Particulars of the most recent actuarial valuation will be disclosed in the report and accounts of GEC for the year ended 31 March 1995.

The pensions cost charge of the Company in respect of members who are members of the Plan consists of employers' contributions payable which are similar across the Group as a whole as a percentage of pensionable earnings. Based on the advice of a qualified actuary, there was no Company contribution to the Plan in the year under review (1994 £Nil). The current valuation exercise as at 5 April, 1994 was completed in June, 1995. A charge for the year ended 31 March, 1995 has been made in the accounts of the parent company and will not be recharged to the Company. Accordingly there is no pension cost charge in the year ended 31 March, 1995. Contributions at 6 per cent. of members' pensionable pay commenced with effect from 1 April, 1995.

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#### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - continued

11.	CONTINGE	NT LIABILITIES		
	Guarantees		, , ,	
	a)	The company is a party to a cross guarantee in favour of the whereby repayment to the Bank of indebtedness of any of the protection to the agreement are members of the GEC Group of Companion	arties is guaranteed by all the of	ER BANK p.l.c hers. All partie
	b)	Under a group registration the Company is jointly and severally GEC Group Companies at 31 March 1995.	liable for any Value Added Ta	x owing by othe
12.	CAPITAL C	OMMITMENTS		<del></del>
	Capital Expen	ditura	1995 £000	1994 £000
		t not contracted for at 31 March	2	-
13.	PARENT UN	DERTAKINGS		
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14.	RECONCILI	ATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		
			1995 £000	1994 £000
	DD OFFT ON C	ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION	2.259	£000
	PROFII ON C	RDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION	2,358	4,672
		DERS' FUNDS AS AT 1 APRIL	9,088	

#### Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March 1995

#### ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounts have been prepared on the historical cost basis in accordance with applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom. The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of The General Electric Company, p.l.c. ("GEC"), consequently the Company is exempt under the terms of Financial Reporting Standard 1 from the requirement to publish its own cash flow statement.

The more important accounting policies, which have been consistently applied, are summarised below to facilitate the interpretation of the financial statements and are in addition to the policies explained in the notes to the accounts.

- a. Turnover, excluding VAT, comprises sales to customers outside the GEC Group and arms-length inter-GEC Group sales. The Company records transactions as sales when the delivery of products or performance of services takes place in accordance with the terms of sale.
- b. Currency translation. Non-sterling profits, losses and net assets are translated at year-end rates of exchange. Profits and losses on overseas trading are included in profit on ordinary activities before taxation.
- c. Tangible fixed assets. Motor vehicles and Furniture and equipment are recorded at historic cost and depreciated on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives.
- d. Stocks and contracts in progress. Stocks and contracts in progress are valued at the lower of cost, inclusive of appropriate overheads, and estimated net realisable value. Provisions are made for any losses incurred or expected to be incurred on uncompleted contracts. Profit on long-term contracts in progress is taken when a sale is recorded on part-delivery of products or part-performance of services, provided that the outcome of the contract can be assessed with reasonable certainty. Advance payments received from customers are shown as prepayments on account of contracts until there is a right of set-off against the value of work undertaken. Progress payments received are deducted from the value of work carried out, any excess being included within prepayments on account of contracts.
- e. Taxation. Taxation on profit on ordinary activities is that which has been paid or becomes payable in respect of the profits of the year. Deferred taxation is provided on all timing differences which are expected to reverse in the future at the rate of tax which is anticipated will apply in the year of assessment.
- f. Pensions. The expected cost of providing pensions, as calculated periodically by independent actuaries, is charged to the profit and loss account so as to spread the cost over the expected average remaining service lives of current employees.