BUSINESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES LIMITED REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31st MARCH 1989

The Directors have pleasure in presenting their Report together with the Audited Financial Statements for the 12 months ended 31st March 1989.

Principal Activity

The principal activity of the Company continues to be that of developing and marketing Telephone Management Systems. The Company sees its future as being in the large system sector of this market, which is increasingly identified with Network Management.

Results and Dividends

The results for the period are set out in the Profit and Loss Account.

The Directors recommend that no dividend be paid and that the adverse balance on the Profit and Loss Account of £78207 be carried forward.

Movement of Fixed Assets

The movement of fixed assets during the period is set out in Note 2.

Exports

During the period goods and services exported by the company amounted to £3039 (12 months to 31st March 1988 = £2573).

Charitable and Political Contributions

The Company made no charitable or political contributions during the period.

Review of Activities

The Company returned to profit in the period.

Liquidity was considerably strengthened as measured by the Acid Test Ratio of Cash & Trade Debtors against the aggregate of Trade, Sundry & Hire Purchase Creditors and the Overdraft.

Labour Productivity exceeded Budget on each of 4 Key Indicators used by the Company in its routine Management Reporting.

Additional finance was raised in the prior period by way of a Rights Issue in order to provide the basis for future growth. The Rights Issue was finalised on 8th July 1988.

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A Group structure was created with the intention of commencing subsidiary company activities on 1 April 1989. The Directors believe the new structure will provide improved career opportunities and better focus on key activities. As a result of the adoption of a Group structure 3 Directors, Messrs Wiltshire, Crouch and Revy resigned from the Main Board and were appointed to the Board of a Subsidiary Company.

Significant changes were made in management style:

- -There was a strengthening of Line against Function; in particular Staff Development was made the clear responsibility of Line Management.
- -Product Development procedures were substantially improved. The Marketing / Development link was strengthened. Quality Assurance procedures were intensified in design, software writing and both in-house and beta site testing.

The average number of employees for the 12 months to 31st March 1989 was 72 (12 months to 31st March 1988 = 70). At the Balance Sheet date the Company employed 17 full time staff engaged in research and development.

Prospects

The Company has taken a new lease on its Headquarters at Royal Oak House and has proceeded with an extensive refurbishment. In addition the Company has taken a lease on a listed building as a select and exclusive location for its Development Operation in the North East.

The Company has already made a considerable investment in computerising its own administrative activities and will continue with this work in order to generate further gains in labour effectiveness.

In 1989/90 the Company will bring to market a number of new network management products, developed from the base of its highly successful ISOCOM product range, and the Directors are confident that this will bear out the wisdom of taking the long-term view on product development at the expense of short-term profits.

The Company's pioneering decision to bring all products into conformance with international standards was made in 1985. Since then the Company has invested over 50 man years of development in ISOCOM technology and is now the only company in the industry with an OSI (open systems interconnect) capability.

BUSINESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES LIMITED REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS continued TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31st MARCH 1989

This highly strategic investment will now allow the Company rapidly to bring to market a new generation of competitive network management products, conceived in close liaison with its User Association to satisfy the increasingly sophisticated needs of communications managers in large organisations.

Close Company

In the opinion of the Directors the Company is a "close company" within the meaning of Section 424 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1980.

Directors

The Directors who held office during the period together with their interest in the share capital of the Company were as follows:-

	Ordinary Shares 31 March 89	of £1 each 31 March 88
E A Davison	351	126
S Chopra	153	55
A Fenton	8	3
J G Wiltshire (resigned 14/2/89)	14	5
J J C Crouch (resigned 14/2/89)	6	2
F A Revy (resigned 14/2/89)	6	2

Auditors

Messrs. Burdett Stevenson & Co. offer themselves for re-appointment under Section 384 of the Companies Act 1985.

Royal Oak House
Brighton Road
Purtey
CR2 2BG
S Chopra
24 August 1989
Secretary

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF BUSINESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES LIMITED TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31st MARCH 1989

We have audited the Financial Statements set out on Pages 5 to 12 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention. Our audit was conducted in accordance with approved auditing standards.

In our opinion the Financial Statements give, under the convention stated, a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs at 31st March 1989 and of the profit and source and application of funds for the accounting period ended on that date and comply with the Companies Act 1985.

Lloyds Bank Chambers, 407, High Street, Stratford, London, E15 4QZ.

24 August 1989

Purdett Stevenson & Co Chartered Accountants

BUSINESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES LIMITED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH 1989

31-Mar-88	er.			31-Mar-89
401,170	Fixed Assets Tangible Assets (Note 2)			428,155
878,303 551,298 768	Current Assets Stocks (Note 1D and 3) Debtors (Note 4) Cash at Bank and in Hand		977,709 773,173 363	
1,430,369			1,751,245	
266,396 202,258	Liabilities Due Within One Year Loans and Overdrafts (Note 5) Creditors and Accruals (Note 6) Amounts Billed to Customers in Advance	120,614 416,938		
715,950 340,147	of Contract Completion (Note 1B) Maintenance Revenue in Advance	765,992 536,373		
1,524,751	••		1,839,917	
(94,382)	Net Current Liabilities			(88,672)
	Investment in Subsidiaries			300
306,788	Total Assets Less Current Liabilit	ies		339,783
26,955	Financed By Liabilities Due After One Year: Loans (Note 7)			52,576
162,388	Provisions: Warranty Provision (Note 1H)			165,388
280 98,820 99,200 (80,855)	Capital and Reserves: Called-up Share Capital (Note 8) Share Premium Share Application Deficit on Reserves		780 198,320 (77,281)	
117,445	Approved by the Board on 24 August 198	9		121,819
		A Davison Chopra) Directors	
306,788				339,783

The Notes on pages 8 to 12 form an integral part of these financial statements

BUSINESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES LIMITED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31st MARCH 1989

12 month end 31-Mar-88		12 month end 31-Mar-89
3,001,004 325,423	Turnover (Note 1B) Increase/(Decrease) in Stock and Work-in-Progress	3,638,461 99,406
3,326,427		3,737,867
1,255,614	Deduct: Materials and Charges	1,524,389
2,070,813	Gross Profit	2,213,478
1,074,961 199,150 <u>843,432</u> 2,117,543	Deduct: Staff Costs 1,111,116 Depreciation and Other Amounts Written Off 224,043 Other Operating Charges 829,599	2,164,758
(46,730)	Operating Profit / (Loss)	48,720
(31,302)	Interest Payable and Other Finance Charges	(28,408)
(78,032)	Ordinary Activity Profit / (Loss) Before Taxation (Note 10)	20,312
11,381	Taxation (Note 13B)	(16,738)
(66,651)	Ordinary Activity Profit / (Loss) After Taxation	3,574
(14,204)	Retained Deficit on Reserves Brought Forward	(80,855)
(80,855)	Retained Deficit on Reserves Carried Forward	(77.281)

BUSINESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES LIMITED SOURCE AND APPLICATION OF FUNDE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31st MARCH 1989

12 month end 31-Mar-88			12 month end 31-Mar-89
(78,032)	Source of Funds Ordinary Activity Profit / (Loss) Before Taxation Adjustment for items not involving movement of funds		20,312
197,674 1,792	Depreciation and Amortization Losses / (Profits) on Disposal of Fixed Assets		217,338 6,795
121,434	Funds Generated from Operations		244,355
99,200	Funds from Other Sources: Arising from Share Issue Directors Loans	800 29,822	
123,645 57,377	Hire Purchase Loans Proceeds from Disposal of Fixed Assets Proceeds from Sale of Investments	125,738 98,916 9,263	
60,834 16,381 158,764	Increase in Warranty Provision Increase in Maintenance Revenue in Advance Increase in Contract Payments on Account	3,000 196,226 50,042	
516,201	indicase in Connact raying the Proceeding	33,0.12	513,807
637,635	Total funds from all Sources		758,162
255,697 9,263 126,773 5,101	Application of Funds Purchase of Fixed Assets Purchase of Investments Repayment of Hire Purchase Loans Corporation Tax Paid	349,945 300 149,565	
396,834	-		499,810
240,801 325,422 3,305 100,301	Increase/(Decrease) in Working Capital: Stocks Debtors Creditors and Accruals	99,406 231,138 (197,942)	258.352
429,028			132,602
(188,227)			125.750
(5,693) (182,534)	Movement in liquid resources Increase/(Decrease) in Cash and Bank Balance Increase/(Decrease) in Bank Overdraft		(405) 126.155
(188,227)			125,750

BUSINESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES LIMITED NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31st MARCH 1989

1. Accounting Policies

A. Accounting Convention

The Company adopts the Historical Cost Convention.

B. Turnover

Turnover consists of goods and services charged to customers in the ordinary course of business at invoiced amounts excluding Value Added Tax. Payments on account invoiced to customers in advance of contract completion together with the unexpired portion of periodic maintenance contracts are also excluded.

C. Profits on Contracts

Profits on system contracts are only taken at the point of customer acceptance of the fully operational system. For other products and services profits are taken at the point of delivery or performance.

D. Stocks and Work-In-Progress

Stocks and Work-in-Progress are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value after making due allowance for any obsolete or slow moving items of stock. In the case of Work-in-Progress cost comprises direct materials and charges, attributable direct labour and an appropriate proportion of both fixed and variable production overheads.

E. Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets in order to write off their cost over their anticipated useful file at the following rates:

Furniture and Fittings
Computers, Scanning Equipment and
Systems Equipment
Motor Vehicles:
Less than 30,000 miles per annum
Over 30,000 miles per annum

20% of cost per annum

33 1/3% of cost per annum

25% of cost per annum 33 1/3% of cost per annum

If circumstances cause a change in the anticipated useful life of an asset the unamortized cost is charged to revenue over the useful life remaining.

F. Amortization of Leasehold Premises

Amortization is computed so as to write off the legal and other costs of acquisition over the life of the lease.

G. Research and Development

All research and development expenditure is charged to revenue in the period in which it is incurred.

H. Warranty Provision

The Company's Standard Terms and Conditions of Contract applicable to systems were amended with effect from 1 January 1988 to restore Warranty in place of the former Inclusive Full Maintenance Cover. The Warranty Provision is now shown separately and is no longer included in deferred revenues.

BUSINESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES LIMITED NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS continued TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31st MARCH 1989

2. Tangible Fixed Assers					
Cost	Balance at	Additions in Pariod	Sub-Total		Balance a 31-Mar-89
Leasehold Premises	4,133		4,133		4 4 5
Furniture & Fittings	25,576	6,775	32,351		4,133
Computer Equipment	409,124	192,767	601,891	40.044	32,35
Scanning Equipment	23,686	, 512,1 67	23,686	49,314	552,577
Systems Equipment	163,273		163,273		23,680
Motor Vehicles	347,775	150,402	498,178	3,358 101,669	159,910 396,509
	973,566	349,945	1,323,511	154,340	1,169,171
Depreciation & Amortization					1,105,771
Leasehold Premises	3,042	936	0.070		
Furniture & Fittings	11,366	5,964	3,978		3,978
Computer Equipment	269,570	103,726	17,330		17,330
Scanning Equipment	23,686	103,726	373,296	8,852	364,443
Systems Equipment	141,126	12 000	23,686		23,686
Motor Vehicles	123,607	17,653	158,778	1,471	157,307
		89,060	212,668	38,395	174,273
	572,397	217,338	789,735	48,719	741,016
Nei Book Value					
easehold Premises	1,091				
urniture & Fittings	14,210				155
Computer Equipment	139,554				15,021
canning Equipment	·				188,134
Systems Equipment	22,147				
Notor Vehicles	224,168				2,609
					222,236
	401,170				428,155
. Stocks			3 -	1-Mar-893	1-Mar-88
. Stocks aw Materials and Consumables	•				
ork-in-Progress	•			11,855	10,650
				965,854	867,653
				977,709	878,303
Debtors					
ade Debtors less Provision fo ther Debtors	r Doubtful Debts			768,082	530,795
				. 55,000	5.878
hyments in Advance				5,091	
nort Term Investment				0,051	5,362 9,263
				773,173	551,298
Loans and Overdrafts					
ink Overdraft (Secured) re Purchase Loans (Secured)				63,262	189,417

266,396

120,614

BUS:NESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES LIMITED NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS continued TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31st MARCH 1989

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6. Creditors and Accruals Trade Creditors	242,710	121,264
Other Creditors: Corporation Tax	16,738	
Other Creditors: Sundry	77,988	27,021
Charges Accrued	79,502	53,973
	416,938	202,258
7. Loans Due After One Year		
Directors Loans	29,822	
Hire Purchase Loans (Secured)	22,755	26,955
	52,576	26,955
8. Share Capital Authorised:		
Ordinary Shares of £1 each	200,000	200,000
Called-up and Fully Paid Ordinary Shares of £1 each	780	280
9. Share Premium	198,320	98,820
	12 months to 1 31-Mar-89	
10. Ordinary Activity Profit / (Loss)	-	
has been arrived at after charging:	1,500	9,000
Auditors Remuneration	10,938	11,611
Bank Charges and Interest	217,338	197,674
Depreciation and Amortization (Notes 1E, 1F and 2)	97,579	75,380
Directors Emoluments (Note 12)	17,470	19,691
Hire Purchase Interest Loss on Disposal of Fixed Assets	6,705	1,792
and after crediting: Doubtful Debts Provision written back		316

BUSINESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES LIMITED NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS continued TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31st MARCH 1989

11. Staff Year Ended 31-Mar-89	Total	Admin	Marketing	Technical
Average Number Employed	7 2	. 7	14	5 1
Gross Salaries Social Security Costs	925920 93373	66661 6829	265356 26726	593903 59817
	1019292	73,490	202,082	653,720

The members of staff other than the Directors who were remunerated at higher rates as defined in Part VI of Schedule 5 of the Companies Act 1985 were as follows:

£30,001 - £35,000 £35,001 - £40,000	2 1			
Year Ended 31-Mar-88	Total	Admin	Marketing	Technical
Average Number Employed	70	6	16	4 8
Gross Salaries Social Security Costs	913,664 92,117	54,615 5,595	304,848 30,704	554,201 55,819
·	1 005 782	G0.210	335,552	610,019

The members of staff other than the Directors who were remunerated at higher rates as defined in Part VI of Schedule 5 of the Companies Act 1985 were as follows:

£35,001 - £40,000

12 months to 12 months to 31-Mar-89 31-Mar-88

12. Directors
The emoluments of acting Directors for the twelve month period ended
31st March 1989 inclusive of taxable benefits but exclusive of the
Company's NIC fell into the following bands:

£ 0 - £ 5,000	2	3
£ 5,001 · £10,000		2
\$20,001 · \$25,000		1
£25,001 - £30,000	2	1
235,001 - 240,000	1	

In addition the services of some Directors, included above, were subject to management charges from their principal organisations and these charges fell into the following bands:

£ 5,001 · £10,000	1	1
£35,001 - £40,000		1
£45,001 - £50,000	1	2
275,001 - 280,000	1	
The details in respect of the Chairman are as follows:		
Remuneration as taxable benefit	4,917	2,958
Management charge in respect of his services	75,726	49,779

BUSINESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES LIMITED NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS continued TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31st MARCH 1989

	31-Mar-893	1 - Mar - 88
13. Taxation A. Balance Sheet Provisions Provision for deferred liability to Corporation Tax at current small companies' rate on the excess of Net Book Value of tangible fixed assets over available balances of Inland Revenue Capital Allowances and Corporation Tax Losses	0	0
B. Profit and Loss Account Liability to Corporation Tax at current small companies' rate: (i) On results for the period (ii) On results for the previous period Adjustment to Provision for deferred liability to Corporation Tax	16,738	(381) (11,000)
	16,738	(11,381)
14. Financial Commitments Commitments for capital expenditure not provided for in the Accounts:		
Contracts authorised and placed	13,051	1,252
Expenditure authorised but contracts not placed	0	0