Financial Statements Techniquest Company Limited by Guarantee

For the Year Ended 31 March 2008

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Members of the Council of Management and professional advisers

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The Council of Management's annual report

The Council of Management, who are also directors for the purposes of the Companies Act, present their report and the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2008

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

Techniquest is a company limited by guarantee and is a registered charity. Its governing documents are its Memorandum and Articles of Association as adopted on incorporation in 1986 and as subsequently amended by Special Resolution.

The charitable company has one wholly owned subsidiary, Techniquest Enterprises Limited. The principal activities of the subsidiary are the marketing and retailing of goods and services at Techniquest's scientific exhibitions, the sale and leasing of exhibitions, and the provision of consultancy services. The products and services provided by Techniquest Enterprises Limited were supplied to it by the charitable company itself, and all fall within the objects of the company.

On 1 April 2008 all the trade and assets of Techniquest Enterprises Limited were transferred to Techniquest Limited. Techniquest Enterprises Limited has become a dormant company from that date.

The members of the Council of Management and the company's advisers

The Council of Management and other advisors who served the company during the period, together with other administrative details of the company, can be found on pages 3 and 4 of these accounts.

Board and governance structure

Members of the Council of Management are appointed or removed by resolution of the Members of the Company in General Meeting Members of the Council of Management retire by rotation at the Annual General Meeting and may be re-elected. The Council has been constituted so that business, finance, legal, human resources and academic fields are represented. New members undergo an induction programme to ensure that they are fully acquainted with all aspects of the organisation including an opportunity to meet key employees. In addition, they are fully briefed on their legal obligations under charity and company law

Techniquest's President is Professor Dame Jean Thomas, FRS, FMedSci, who supports the company and its mission. Professor Thomas follows a succession of Presidents who have helped raise the profile and promoted the objectives of Techniquest in the highest scientific and academic circles

The Council of Management is responsible for the company's strategy and policy framework. Council meets bi-monthly and there are separate sub-committees covering finance and audit. It also has overall responsibility for ensuring that the company has appropriate systems of controls, financial and otherwise. It delegates day-to-day control of operations to the Chief Executive Officer and other senior executives. The Senior Management Team meet formally on a weekly and monthly basis.

Risk management

The Council of Management acknowledges that Techniquest needs to accept that a certain level of risk is unavoidable otherwise it could not operate within its chosen environment. However, Techniquest seeks to minimise the levels of risks wherever possible

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During the current period the risk management policy has been reviewed and amended. The Council of Management has a responsibility for the formal risk management process. This involves identifying the types of risk the company faces, prioritising them in terms of potential impact and likelihood of occurrence, and identifying means of mitigating the risks. A register of risks is maintained and reviewed by the Senior Management Team and the Audit Committee.

The Key Risk Areas identified by Techniquest are

- Reputation
- Securing Grant funding, including the Welsh Assembly Government core funding
- Visitor numbers
- Health and Safety issues
- Project performance

All risk areas are closely monitored by management, and appropriate action taken

Building

Techniquest's land and buildings in Cardiff Bay are held principally freehold with a small leasehold element. The land and buildings are recorded in the accounts at nil cost as they were gifted to the company. The land and buildings have been valued by an independent professional firm of chartered surveyors on a depreciated replacement cost (DRC) basis at £7.5 million and its value were it to be used for an alternative use with the overage agreement in place is £1.2 million. The trustees have not adopted a policy of revaluation in the accounts.

Objectives and activities

Objects

The principal object of the company, as set out in its memorandum of association, is to promote the advancement of education and learning, particularly amongst children, of science and technology and in particular to do so by maintaining and carrying on an exhibition to explore various scientific concepts and to encourage an awareness amongst such children of the significance of science and technology in society

Aims

Techniquest's aim is to promote the advancement of education and improve the public perception of science and technology by establishing permanent and temporary interactive exhibitions across Wales, together with supporting educational programmes and a series of outreach programmes to allow the Techniquest experience to be enjoyed by those unable to visit a permanent exhibition.

The charity's activities benefit from financial support from the Welsh Assembly Government, for which the Council of Management is most grateful

Activities

Techniquest is a well-respected and active participant in the worldwide science centre movement and runs a 3,500 square metre purpose-built science and discovery centre in Cardiff Bay for public and educational visitors. The organisation also maintains exhibit design and production facilities in Cardiff

A range of outreach services for schools and communities is provided, including portable curriculum-linked exhibits, mobile planetarium shows, and presenter-led shows and workshops. Schools outreach services are operated through a system of local Hubs.

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Techniquest provides support services to Techniquest @ NEWI, an independent centre at the North East Wales Institute in Wrexham. The centre features Techniquest-style exhibitions and programmes, and acts as the Hub for schools outreach services for north east Wales. The centre also develops its own programmes and develops new initiatives particularly in relation to higher education.

Techniquest operates the schools outreach programme in north west Wales from a Hub based at the Electric Mountain visitor centre in Llanberis, Gwynedd A small interactive science exhibition is also available to visitors at the centre

Techniquest also maintains a popular interactive science exhibition within the Oakwood theme park in south west Wales

The Charity has a strong international reputation, and projects are frequently undertaken with partners outside Wales, where the costs for developing new programmes and exhibits is shared with other science centres. Techniquest also provides consultancy services to those setting up new science and discovery centres.

Techniquest is active in the research and evaluation of its own exhibitions and programmes. It works closely with the academic community and participates in collaborative research projects that contribute to the wider knowledge of the impact of science centres on society.

Achievements and performance

Audiences

In line with its all-Wales strategy, Techniquest has made considerable progress in developing both the number and diversity of audiences it serves, and is grateful to the many partners who have helped make this possible.

The overall audience for Techniquest programmes taking place in Wales in the 12 month period was 357,871, with a further 23,670 engaged through outreach taking place outside Wales. These results are shown in the table below in terms of school and public audiences separately

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Public audiences	
Techniquest Cardiff Bay	139,018
Techniquest@Oakwood	50,000
Techniquest@NEWI	24,147
Techniquest@Llanberis	11,791
Outreach from Techniquest@NEWI	11,117
Outreach from Cardiff Bay	39,062
Total public	275,135
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Schools audiences	10.575
Techniquest Cardiff Bay	48,575
Techniquest@Llanberis	588
Techniquest@NEWI	8,012
Outreach from Techniquest@NEWI	7,273
Outreach from Techniquest Cardiff Bay	33,209
Outreach from Techniquest@Llanberis	8,749
Total schools	106,406
Web	
Unique visitors	364,434
Individual hits	1,789,462

The total on-site attendance at Techniquest's main site in Cardiff Bay was 187,593 for the period (2007:179,431). Visitors enjoyed exhibitions comprising of 130 exhibits specially designed to break down barriers and to motivate future learning and participation in science and technology. A total of 19 different science events were also provided for public visitors in the science theatre, planetarium and laboratory during this period. A new format of summer engagement events provided free programmes for visitors in outdoor spaces adjacent to the main site, as well as a range of indoor activities. This proved popular, helping to increase accessibility and reach new audiences.

During the year Techniquest received 48,575 students in booked groups (2007–47,221 students over 12 months) at its Cardiff Bay site. This small increase follows specific actions based on research undertaken last year. This is particularly encouraging given the continuing adverse trends which include an approximate 3% fall in school rolls year-on-year and increased competition for school visits.

When planning a trip to Techniquest, schools could select from 66 education programmes aimed at early years to post-16 audiences as part of a structured visit. In addition to covering many different areas of the curriculum, these programmes broaden participation by targeting different ages, abilities, interests and backgrounds.

In line with its all-Wales strategy, Techniquest continued to expand its outreach services to help reach public and schools audiences who find it difficult to visit the permanent sites. This work is particularly important in reaching remote and rural communities. Outreach overall reached 19% more people in Wales compared with the equivalent period during the previous year. Schools outreach was particularly successful, up by 70% to 47,590 pupils.

A large number of people visited venues with Techniquest exhibits and programmes at other locations in the UK and overseas

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Partnerships and projects

Techniquest places a high value on working with a variety of partners and a wide range of collaborative and partnership projects have taken place

The strategic partnership with Cardiff University established in 2006 continues to grow strongly. In particular a consortium led by Cardiff University and including Techniquest was successful in gaining the status of Beacon for Public Engagement, one of just six in the UK. The Beacon, which will be active for four years initially, provides a framework for increased collaboration around public debate on contemporary science research, and support in reaching disadvantaged audiences across Wales. The other partners in the consortium are the University of Glamorgan, Amgueddfa Cymru and BBC Wales.

The partnership with the North East Wales Institute (NEWI), which hosts the Techniquest@NEWI science centre in Wrexham, is a key relationship that continues to thrive Since its launch in 2002 Techniquest@NEWI has become a well established centre, and changes to the management and funding arrangements between Techniquest and Techniquest@NEWI were agreed during the year to reflect this, enabling greater autonomy whilst maintaining close coordination on certain areas such as the development and delivery of educational programmes

Towards the end of the year Techniquest applied to become the STEMNET broker for Wales, in partnership with Techniquest@NEWI. STEMNET is a national organisation that aims to ensure that more young people in the UK make a choice to enter science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) related careers at all levels, and future generations are properly informed about the science and technology that surrounds them We have since heard that this bid has been successful, and the three-year contract represents an important additional role for the organisation

Techniquest was active in two major projects designed to improve partnership working between UK science and discovery centres/museums. These involving working with the Science Museum, INTECH (Winchester), Science Oxford, and The Observatory Science Centre in Sussex. One project concerned devising new ways to support pupils' transition from primary to secondary schools, and the other focussed on strengthening the training of science show presenters.

Techniquest has continued to be responsible for the science communication arm of the Wales Gene Park initiative, a major partnership with Cardiff University, the National Health Service Trust for Wales and others. It also collaborates in an MSc in Science, Media and Communication, offered by Cardiff University

Techniquest continued to run the 'mathcymru' programme, providing a wide range of resources and events around the theme of maths, including the National Maths Week event for Wales

The Wales representative for the British Association for the Advancement of Science is based at Techniquest and the two organisations work closely together

Techniquest has worked closely with Cardiff County Council and G24 Innovations on various activities including sending a Cardiff school teacher to Antartica.

The Chief Executive Officer is a member of the steering group for the National Grid for Learning and is Treasurer for Ecsite uk, the body that represents science centres in the UK

A total of 433 practising teachers received direct support by attending CPD (continuing professional development) courses run by Techniquest Some of these were provided through the Gatsby-funded Teacher-Scientist Network scheme

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International activities

Techniquest was an active participant at international conferences within the informal science education sector, presenting a number of talks to other delegates

Exhibits, teaching materials and consultancy services have been supplied in the past year to a number of science centres in Turkey, UAE, USA, Ireland, Malaysia, Palestine, Israel, Italy (Pavia), Poland, Belgium and Spain

Techniquest provided exhibits and staff for the Cork International Science Festival in Ireland.

Techniquest participated in events and activities of the International Action on Global Warming (IGLO) initiative, coordinated by the Association for Science and Technology Centres based in Washington DC This included participation in the international Live Earth event on the 7th July 2007

Techniquest contributed to a study by Professor Trautman of Ithaca Science Centre, New York, USA of European museum coverage of global climate change, leading to a report entitled 'A Change in the Weather' published in December 2007.

Financial review

The consolidated statement of financial activities is set out on page 18 of the financial statements. A summary of the financial results and the work of the charity is set out below.

Results

The consolidated results for the year to 31 March 2008 are set out in the Consolidated statement of financial activities on page 18. A loss of £170,305 resulted for the year compared with a loss of £246,890 for the eight month period to 31 March 2007. The trustees and the executive management are disappointed with the results for the year. The reserves as at 31 March 2008 amounted to £1,121,671.

The Welsh Assembly Government provided substantial funds to Techniquest to help the delivery of its educational objectives for which the Council is most grateful. Other sources of income include additional grants and sponsorship from various sources, admission charges for the Cardiff Bay and Llanberis visitor centres and commercial income from retail and exhibit sales activities.

The results of the trading subsidiary, Techniquest Enterprises Limited, showed a net loss for the financial year of £4,890 (2007 £8,863) after charitable donations to the parent charity of £23,550 (2007 £0). The activities of the trading subsidiary principally comprise the manufacture, sale and hire of exhibits to a worldwide market.

Reserves

The reserves policy is to retain a sum broadly equal to four months of the company's total operating expenses, together with a sum for development

Investment Policy

The organisation maintains cash balances to support the reserves policy. Cash balances are invested with major banking institutions so as to maximise interest receivable within a risk-free environment

Dividend

The payment of a dividend or any other distribution to members is not permitted under the terms of Techniquest's Memorandum of Association

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Supplier Payment Policy

The company does not follow any standard codes of payment but aims to settle supplier accounts in accordance with their individual terms of business. The number of day's purchases outstanding at the period-end in respect of the company was 45 (2007) 45)

Tax Status

Techniquest is a registered charity and, therefore, no provision has been made for taxation. However, trading profits of Techniquest Enterprises Limited are subject to taxation.

Employees

The company recognises the importance and benefits of keeping employees informed as to current issues relating to the business. During the period under review the in-house web pages known as Inform have been revised and are now the main communication tool. It is also through the Inform pages that employees are encouraged to put forward suggestions for improvements and to date 460 ideas have been submitted, these are dealt with through the Future Planning Committee which meets each month. In addition, the Chief Executive communicates current matters of interest as part of a monthly newsletter which is distributed to all members of staff.

Disabled Persons

The company has a policy of encouraging the employment of disabled persons wherever this is practicable and makes reasonable adjustments to working conditions or to physical features of its premises where disabled persons are placed at a substantial disadvantage in comparison with people who are not disabled.

Plans for future periods

The organisation is following a long-term strategic development plan to widen its impact. Elements of the plan for 2008/09 are flexible to allow the organisation to respond to grant and sponsorship opportunities that may arise, but key objectives for the year include

- To increase the range of schools outreach services, made available through regional hubs
- To initiate new STEMNET activity aimed at brokering science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) enrichment and enhancement support for schools in Wales
- To provide new community outreach experiences to visitors off-site
- To implement new methods for obtaining feedback from teachers to monitor and improve services
- To initiate an expanded programme of public engagement activities focussing on contemporary science through the new Beacons for Wales partnership
- To maintain a high international profile and participate in a range of prestigious international projects

Statement of the responsibilities of the members of the Council of Management

The members of the Council of Management are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accounting Practice) and the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (revised 2005)

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Company law requires the members of the Council of Management to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming and outgoing resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements,
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue on that basis

which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware

- there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware, and
- the members of the Council of management have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information

The members of the Council of Management are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Auditor

A resolution to re-appoint Grant Thornton UK LLP as auditor for the ensuing year will be proposed at the annual general meeting in accordance with section 385 of the Companies Act 1985

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part VII of the Companies Act 1985

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

J M Lewis Secretary



REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR TO THE MEMBERS OF TECHNIQUEST LIMITED

We have audited the group and parent charitable company financial statements (the "financial statements") of Techniquest Limited for the year ended 31 March 2008 which comprise the principal accounting policies, the group statement of financial activities, the group summary income and expenditure account, the group and charitable company balance sheets, the group cash flow statement and notes 1 to 20 These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed

Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditors

The responsibilities of the trustees (who are also the directors of Techniquest Limited for the purposes of company law) for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) are set out in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland)

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 whether the information given in the Trustees' Report is consistent with the financial statements.

In addition we report to you if, in our opinion, the charitable 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 trustees' remuneration and transactions with the charitable company is not disclosed

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 Trustees' Report.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR TO THE MEMBERS OF TECHNIQUEST LIMITED (CONTINUED)

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) 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 judgments made by the trustees in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the group's and charitable 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, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the group's and the parent charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2008 and of the group's incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended,
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985, and
- the information given in the Trustees' Report is consistent with the financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2008

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GRANT THORNTON UK LLP REGISTERED AUDITORS CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Cardiff 10 September 2008

Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards, as modified by the inclusion of the Council of Management's estimated valuation of certain exhibits of machinery and equipment, which have been donated by supporters of Techniquest. The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (SORP 2005) and the Companies Act 1985.

Consolidation

The consolidated accounts incorporate the accounts of the company and all group undertakings. These are adjusted, where appropriate, to conform to group accounting policies. As a consolidated statement of financial activities is published, a separate statement of financial activities for the parent company is omitted from the group accounts by virtue of section 230 of the Companies Act 1985 and paragraph 423 of the Statement of Recommended Practice (Issued 2005).

Company status

Techniquest is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are the Council of Management named on page 3. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the company.

Fund accounting

Restricted funds are to be used for specified purposes laid down by the donor. Such purposes are within the overall aims of the organisation. Expenditure for those purposes is charged to the fund, together with a fair allocation of overheads and support costs.

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources received or generated for expenditure on the general objectives of the charity

Designated funds are unrestricted funds which have been designated for specific purposes by the Trustees, for necessary work in connection with the ongoing provision of services, yet fail to meet the stringent criteria of contractual obligation set out in FRS12

Incoming resources

Donations and gifts

All monetary donations and gifts are included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable, provided that there are no donor-imposed restrictions as to the timing of the related expenditure, in which case recognition is deferred until the pre-condition has been met.

Grants receivable

Revenue grants are credited as incoming resources when they are receivable provided conditions for receipt have been complied with, unless they relate to a specified future period, in which case they are deferred.

Accounting policies (continued)

Grants for the purchase of fixed assets are credited to restricted incoming resources when receivable. Depreciation on the fixed assets purchased with such grants is charged against the restricted fund.

All other income is included in the statement of financial activities when received or when the charity is legally entitled to the income

Resources expended

Grants payable

Grants payable are accounted for in the period in which the performance conditions attaching to the grant payment are met or, where no performance conditions apply, when a legal or constructive obligation arises

Other expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates

- Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income and the costs of trading for fundraising;
- Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them,
- Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory
 requirements of the charity and include the audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management
 of the charity;
- All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the Statement of Financial Activity on
 a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated
 directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis

Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost less estimated residual value on a straight line basis as follows.

Leasehold improvements
Plant, machinery and equipment
Fixtures, fittings and equipment
Exhibits
Franchised exhibits
Motor vehicles

20% per annum
20 - 33% per annum
20 - 33% per annum
6 66 - 20% per annum
over the life of the franchise agreement
25% per annum

Accounting policies (continued)

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items

Work in progress

Work in progress is valued on the basis of direct costs plus attributable overheads based on normal level of activity. Provision is made for any foreseeable losses where appropriate. No element of profit is included in the valuation of work in progress.

Pension costs

The company operates defined contribution pension schemes for employees. The assets of the schemes are held separately from those of the company. The annual contributions payable are charged to the statement of financial activities.

Taxation

As a charity, Techniquest is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or \$256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the Charity.

Techniquest has a subsidiary which is potentially subject to tax.

Deferred tax is recognised on the subsidiary's results in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events have occurred at that date that will result in an obligation to pay more, or a right to pay less or to receive more tax

Deferred tax is measured on an undiscounted basis at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which timing differences reverse, based on tax rates and laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date

Consolidated statement of financial activities

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total funds for the year to 31 March 2008	Total funds for the 8 month period to 31 March 2007
Incoming resources					۵
Incoming resources from					
generated funds:					
Voluntary income	3	136,120	236,976	373,096	8,010
Activities for generating					
funds	1	678,434	-	678,434	531,981
Investment income	2	41,531	-	41,531	43,750
Incoming resources from					
charitable activities:					
Grants receivable	3	1,165,000	141,285	1,306,285	866,441
Admission fees	3	769,794	-	769,794	511,736
Total incoming resources	1	2,790,879	378,261	3,169,140	1,961,918
Resources expended Cost of generating funds: Costs incurred in					
generating funds	5	481,486	-	481,486	519,714
Charitable activities	4	2,461,200	378,261	2,839,461	1,665,070
Governance costs	6	18,498	-	18,498	24,024
Total resources expended	l	2,961,184	378,261	3,339,445	2,208,808
Net outgoing resources	7	(170,305)		(170,305)	(246,890)
Balances brought forward		1,291,976		1,291,976	1,538,866
Balances carried forward		1,121,671	•	1,121,671	1,291,976

The charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above.

All of the activities of the charity are classed as continuing

Consolidated income and expenditure account

	Note	For the year to 31 March 2008	For the 8 month period to 31 March 2007 £
Income		3,127,609	1,918,168
Total expenditure		(3,339,445)	(2,208,808)
Operating deficit		(211,836)	(290,640)
Other income Investment income	2	41,531	43,750
Net deficit for the financial year		(170,305)	(246,890)

All of the activities of the charity are classed as continuing

Consolidated balance sheet

	31 March 2008		31 March 2007
	Note	£	£
Fixed assets	•		117.666
Tangible assets	9	280,902	117,696
Current assets			
Stock	10	94,719	269,956
Debtors	11	428,340	167,375
Cash at bank		714,010	1,258,687
		1,237,069	1,696,018
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(396,300)	(521,738)
Net current assets		840,769	1,174,280
Net assets		1,121,671	1,291,976
Funds			
Unrestricted			
Designated funds		-	-
General funds		1,121,671	1,291,976
Total unrestricted funds Restricted	13	1,121,671	1,291,976
Funds in surplus		-	_
Funds in deficit		-	-
Total restricted funds	13/14	-	•
TOTAL FUNDS		1,121,671	1,291,976

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part VII of the Companies Act 1985

These financial statements were approved by the members of the board on the PSoph Q and are signed on their behalf by

J B McDowall Council Member

The accompanying accounting policies and notes form part of these financial statements

Balance sheet

	Note	31 March 2008 £	31 March 2007 £
Fixed assets Tangible assets Investment	9	280,902	117,696
Current assets		280,904	117,698
Stock Debtors Cash at bank	10 11	46,587 373,534 662,695	233,112 140,194 1,200,205
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	1,082,816 (323,996)	1,573,511 (486,250)
Net current assets		758,820	1,087,261
Net assets		1,039,724	1,204,959
Funds Unrestricted Designated funds General funds		1,039,724	1,204,959
Total unrestricted funds Restricted Funds in surplus Funds in deficit	13	1,039,724	1,204,959
Total restricted funds	13/ 14	-	
TOTAL FUNDS		1,039,724	1,204,959

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These financial statements were approved by the members of the board on the 95400 and are signed on their behalf by

J B McDowall Council member

The accompanying accounting policies and notes form part of these financial statements

Consolidated cash flow statement

		For the year to 31 March 2008 £	For the 8 month period to 31 March 2007 £
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities	16	(377,059)	18,451
Returns on investments and servicing of finance		41,531	43,750
Capital expenditure		(209,149)	(88,495)
Decrease in cash		(544,677)	(26,294)

Notes to the financial statements

1 Activities for generating funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total funds for the year to 31 March 2008	Total funds for the 8 month period to 31 March 2007
	£	£	£	£
Shop and Café	199,353	-	199,353	116,286
Product sale and hire	479,081		479,081	415,695
	678,434	_	678,434	531,981

2 Investment income

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total funds for the year to	Total funds for the 8 month period to
	Funds	Funds	31 March 2008	31 March 2007
	£	£	£	£
Bank deposit interest	41,531	-	41,531	43,750
	41,531	<u> </u>	41,531	43,750

3 Incoming resources from charitable activities and voluntary income

a) Income from charitable activities and voluntary income

					Total funds
				Total funds	for the 8
				for the year	month period
	Donations			to	to
	and	Grants	Admission	31 March	31 March
	sponsorship	receivable	income	2008	2007
UNRESTRICTED	£	£	£	£	£
Design	72,899	-	-	72,899	-
Estate and infrastructure	6,211	1,050,000	45,245	1,101,456	734,596
Development	-	-	-	-	5,040
Operations	6,414	115,000	724,549	845,963	552,110
Consultancy	50,596	•	•	50,596	-
Total unrestricted income	136,120	1,165,000	769,794	2,070,914	1,291,746

Incoming resources from charitable activities and voluntary income (continued)

					Total funds
				Total funds	for the 8
				for the year	month period
	Donations			to	to
	and	Grants	Admission	31 March	31 March
	sponsorship	receivable	income	2008	2007
RESTRICTED	£	£	£	£	£
Design	153,817	-	-	153,817	•
Development	55,965	-	-	55,965	-
Operations	27,194	141,285	-	168,479	94,441
Total restricted income	236,976	141,285	-	378,261	94,441
Total income 2008	373,096	1,306,285	769,794	2,449,175	
Total income 2007	8,010	866,441	511,736	1,386,187	

The Council of Management are grateful for the support received from numerous funders including those noted below:

Awards For All	£4,700
CAE Fund	£9,172
Countryside Council for Wales	£20,000
Ecsite	£ 110,000
Equitable Trust	£15,000
Gatsby Charitable Foundation	£6,375
Julian Hodge	£3,000
Principality	£5,000
Simon Gibon Charitable Trust	£5,000
Western Power Distribution	£5,000

b) Analysis of grants receivable

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	For the year to 31 March 2008	For the year to 31 March 2008	For the 8 month period to 31 March 2007	For the 8 month period to 31 March 2007
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Unrestricted	Restricted
	£	£	£	£
Grant income deferred at 1				
August 2007	-		-	-
Grants received in the period	1,165,000	141,285	772,000	94,441
	1,165,000	141,285	772,000	94,441
Utilised in the period on				
charitable activities	(1,165,000)	(141,285)	(772,000)	(94,441)
Grant income deferred at 31 March 2008	•	-	-	-

3 Incoming resources from charitable activities and voluntary income (continued)

At present there are no donor-imposed restrictions as to the timing of the related expenditure. A reconciliation of grants receivable during the period to incoming resources is shown below

Purpose of Grant	Source	For the year to 31 March 2008 Received	For the 8 month period to 31 March 2007 Received
		£	£
Restricted	Mathcymru	125,000	86,331
	Nuffield	16,285	-
	Education projects	•	8,110
Unrestricted	WAG	1,050,000	700,000
	NEWI	108,000	72,000
	Other projects	7,000	-
		1,306,285	866,441

4 Expenditure on charitable activities

UNRESTRICTED Design Estate and infrastructure Development Operations Movement on work in progress	Staff costs £ 87,855 411,025 194,190 749,495	Support costs £ 17,409 103,428 49,907 331,145	Property	Total funds for the year to 31 March 2008 £ 212,436 621,248 283,924 1,251,410 92,182	Total funds for the 8 month period to 31 March 2007 £ 175,396 474,249 164,900 756,084
Total unrestricted expenditure	1,442,565	594,071	424,564	2,461,200	1,570,629
	Staff costs	Support costs	Property	Total funds for the year to 31 March 2008	Total funds for the 8 month period to
RESTRICTED Design Operations	£ - 98,449	£ 153,817 125,995	£ -	£ 153,817 224,444	£ 94,441
Total restricted expenditure	98,449	279,812	-	378,261	94,441
Total expenditure 2008	1,541,014	873,883	424,564	2,839,461	***************************************
Total expenditure 2007	1,009,274	373,376	282,420	1,665,070	

Expenditure on charitable activities (continued)

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,		Estate and			Total funds for the year to	Total funds for the 8 month period to
	Design in	frastructure	Development	Operations	31 March	31 March
	£	£	£	£	2008 £	2007 £
Wages & salaries	75,068	382,321	184,650	823,833	1,465,872	959,729
Training & recruitment	-	19,202	•	300	19,502	17,597
Travel costs	12,787	9,502	9,540	23,811	55,640	31,948
Total staff costs	87,855	411,025	194,190	847,944	1,541,014	1,009,274

b) Analysis of support costs

					Total	Total funds
					funds for	for the 8
					the year	month
		Estate and			to	period to
	Design	infrastructure	Development	Operations	31 March	31 March
	£	£	£	£	2008 £	2007 £
Office costs	17,409	65,225	11,084	117,433	211,151	199,174
Exhibition costs	153,817	10,218	34,003	332,696	530,734	115,911
Professional & consultancy	-	27,985	4,820	7,011	39,816	58,291
Movement on work in progress	92,182	-	-	-	92,182	-
Total support costs	263,408	103,428	49,907	457,140	873,883	373,376

c) Analysis of property costs

					Total	Total funds
					funds for	for the 8
					the year	month
		Estate and			to	period to
	Design i	nfrastructure	Development	Operations	31 March	31 March
	£	£	£	£	2008 £	2007 £
Property management						
costs	23,553	20,904	8,753	37,530	90,740	32,115
Heat, light, water &						
rates	26,606	28,142	9,887	42,395	107,030	79,692
Insurance	8,716	8,121	3,239	13,887	33,963	25,642
Repairs & renewals	23,988	25,372	8,914	38,223	96,497	84,884
Cleaning & laundry	9,860	10,429	3,664	15,711	39,664	26,316
Vehicle	3,029	3,204	1,126	4,826	12,185	5,280
Depreciation	11,421	10,622	4,244	18,198	44,485	28,491
Total property costs	107,173	106,794	39,827	170,770	424,564	282,420

5 Costs incurred in generating funds

					Total funds
					for the 8
					month period
				Total funds for	to
	Shop and Pr	oduct sales	Other	the year to	31 March
	cafe	and hire	activities	31 March 2008	2007
	£	£	£	£	£
Wages & salaries	60,676	234,699	-	295,375	318,079
Materials	97,381	139,057	-	236,438	196,053
Property management costs	5,466	-	-	5,466	3,209
Overheads	3,099	8,961	329	12,389	2,373
Thailand provision	-	24,000	•	24,000	-
Movement in work in progress	•	(92,182)	-	(92,182)	-
					
Total	166,622	314,535	329	481,486	519,714

Governance costs

		Total funds
	Total funds	for the 8
	for the year	month period
	to	to
	31 March	31 March
	2008	2007
	£	£
Staff costs	-	10,674
Audit and accountancy (see note 7)	17,400	12,400
Trustees insurance	1,098	950
Total governance costs	18,498	24,024

Net outgoing resources

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8 Council of Management and employee information

a) Council of Management information

No member of the Council or person with a family or business connection with a member of the Council, received remuneration or expenses in the period, directly or indirectly, from either the charity or an institution or company controlled by the charity

b) Employee information

The average number of persons employed by the company during the period was as follows

		For the 8 month
	For the year	period to
	to 31 March	31 March
	2008	2007
Management	5	5
Administration	6	6
Support	118	111
	129	122

The aggregate payroll cost of these persons was as follows

	For the year	For the 8 month
	to 31 March	period to 31
	2008	March 2007
	£	£
Wages and salaries	1,829,876	1,133,463
Social security costs	161,899	102,173
Pension costs	35,315	18,972
	2,027,090	1,254,608
		

The number of employees whose emoluments, including pension contributions and bonuses, for the period were greater than £60,000 can be classified as follows

		For the 8
		month
	For the year	period to
	to 31 March	31 March
	2008	2007
£60,000 - £69,999	-	1
£70,000 - £79,999	1	-

Contributions were made to a defined contribution scheme for one (2007 one) higher paid employee.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Tangible fixed assets

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	Exhibits £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures, fittings & equipment £	Motor I vehicles £	mprovements to leasehold £	Total £
Cost At 1 April 2007 Additions Disposal	1,269,219 150,122	422,406 44,027	412,618	45,830 - -	876,090 15,000 -	3,026,163 209,149
At 31 March 2008	1,419,341	466,433	412,618	45,830	891,090	3,235,312
Depreciation At 1 April 2007 Charge for the period On disposal	1,258,799 645	377,090 32,876	360,385 4,698	36,103 7,724	876,090 -	2,908,467 45,943
At 31 March 2008	1,259,444	409,966	365,083	43,827	876,090	2,954,410
Net book value At 31 March 2008	159,897	56,467	47,535	2,003	15,000	280,902
At 31 March 2007	10,420	45,316	52,233	9,727	<u> </u>	117,696
Company		-				***************************************
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Company	Exhibits £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures, fittings & equipment £	Motor I vehicles	mprovements to leasehold £	Total £
Cost At 1 April 2007 Additions Disposals		machinery	fittings & equipment	vehicles	to leasehold	
Cost At 1 April 2007 Additions	£ 1,057,880	machinery £ 422,406	fittings & equipment	vehicles £	to leasehold £ 876,090	£ 2,791,745
Cost At 1 April 2007 Additions Disposals	£ 1,057,880 150,122	### ##################################	fittings & equipment £ 389,539	vehicles £ 45,830	876,090 15,000	£ 2,791,745 209,149
Cost At 1 April 2007 Additions Disposals At 31 March 2008 Depreciation At 1 April 2007 Charge for the year	£ 1,057,880 150,122 - 1,208,002 1,047,460	### ##################################	fittings & equipment £ 389,539 389,539 337,306	45,830 45,830 45,830 36,103	876,090 15,000 891,090	£ 2,791,745 209,149 3,000,894 2,674,049
Cost At 1 April 2007 Additions Disposals At 31 March 2008 Depreciation At 1 April 2007 Charge for the year On disposal	1,057,880 150,122 1,208,002 1,047,460 645	### ##################################	389,539	45,830 45,830 	876,090 15,000 - 891,090 - 876,090	2,791,745 209,149 3,000,894 2,674,049 45,943
Cost At 1 April 2007 Additions Disposals At 31 March 2008 Depreciation At 1 April 2007 Charge for the year On disposal At 31 March 2008 Net book value	1,057,880 150,122 1,208,002 1,047,460 645 1,048,105	### ### ##############################	fittings & equipment £ 389,539	45,830 45,830 45,830 36,103 7,724 43,827	876,090 15,000 - 891,090 - 876,090	2,791,745 209,149 3,000,894 2,674,049 45,943 2,719,992

All fixed assets are held for direct charitable purposes.

Techniquest

Company Limited by Guarantee

Consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2008

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

9 Tangible fixed assets (continued)

Techniquest's land and buildings in Cardiff Bay are held principally freehold with a small leasehold element. The land and buildings are recorded in the accounts at nil cost as they were gifted to the company. The land and buildings have been valued by an independent professional firm of chartered surveyors on a depreciated replacement cost (DRC) basis at £7.5 million and its value were it to be used for an alternative use with the overage agreement in place is £1.2 million. The trustees have not adopted a policy of revaluation in the accounts.

10 Stock

	Group		Company	
	31 March	31 March	31 March	31 March
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	£	£	£	£
Raw materials - work shop	5,476	4,381	5,476	4,381
Work in progress	53,861	228,731	41,111	228,731
Finished goods - shop	35,382	36,844	•	-
	94,719	269,956	46,587	233,112

11 Debtors

Group		Company	
31 March	31 March	31 March	31 March
2008	2007	2008	2007
£	£	£	£
298,201	117,507	258,392	90,897
-	-	11,134	-
55,248	6,521	29,117	7,067
74,891	43,347	74,891	42,230
428,340	167,375	373,534	140,194
	31 March 2008 £ 298,201 - 55,248 74,891	31 March 2008 2007 £ £ 298,201 117,507 55,248 6,521 74,891 43,347	31 March 31 March 2008 2007 2008 £ £ £ £ 298,201 117,507 258,392

12 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Group		Company	
	31 March	31 March	31 March	31 March
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	£	£	£	£
Trade creditors	115,134	230,136	101,588	219,266
Amounts owed to subsidiary undertakings	•	•	-	98,597
Taxation and social security	109,571	48,503	102,355	114,067
Other creditors	63,865	3,979	12,323	12,270
Accruals and deferred income	107,730	239,120	107,730	42,050
	396,300	521,738	323,996	486,250

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

13 Analysis of funds

Group

	Restricted Funds	General Unrestricted Funds	Designated Unrestricted Funds	Total
		£	£	£
Balance as at 1 April 2007	-	1,291,976	-	1,291,976
Net incoming resources	378,261	2,790,879	-	3,169,140
Utilised or released	(378,261)	(2,961,184)	-	(3,339,445)
Balance as at 31 March 2008	-	1,121,671		1,121,671

Company

		General	Designated	
	Restricted	Unrestricted	Unrestricted	
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Total
		£	£	£
Balance as at 1 April 2007	-	1,204,959	-	1,204,959
Total incoming resources	378,261	2,112,262	-	2,490,523
Utilised or released	(378,261)	(2,277,497)	-	(2,655,758)
Balance as at 31 March 2008	-	1,039,724		1,039,724

14 Analysis of net assets between funds

Group	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total funds 31 March	Total funds 31 March
	Funds	Funds	2008	2007
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	280,902	-	280,902	117,696
Net current assets	840,769	•	840,769	1,174,280
	1,121,671		1,121,671	1,291,976
Company			Total funds	Total funds
Company	Unrestricted	Restricted	· ·	-
Company	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total funds 31 March 2008	Total funds 31 March 2007
Company			31 March	31 March
Company Fixed assets	Funds	Funds	31 March 2008	31 March
. ,	Funds £	Funds £	31 March 2008 £	31 March 2007 £
Fixed assets	Funds £ 280,904	Funds £	31 March 2008 £ 280,904	31 March 2007 £ 117,698

15 Capital Commitments

The company had no capital commitments at 31 March 2008 or 31 March 2007

16 Reconciliation of net (outgoing)/incoming resources to cash flow from operating activities

		For the 8 months
	For the year to	ended 31
	31 March 2008	March 2007
	£	£
Net outgoing resources for the year	(170,305)	(246,890)
Interest receivable	(41,531)	(43,750)
Net outgoing resources excluding interest	(211,836)	(290,640)
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	-	722
Depreciation charge	45,943	28,491
Decrease in stocks	175,237	18,987
Increase in debtors	(260,965)	354,752
Decrease in creditors	(125,438)	(93,861)
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities	(377,059)	18,451

17 Analysis of net funds

	Cash in hand and at bank	Bank overdraft	Total
	£	£	£
As at 1 April 2007	1,258,687	-	1,258,687
Cash flows	(544,677)	-	(544,677)
As at 31 March 2008	714,010		714,010

18 Related party transactions

Included in the period end debtors is an amount of £2,628 (2007: £5,268) due to the Company from the Chief Executive Officer, Peter Trevitt, in relation to his accrued pension payments. This was the maximum amount outstanding in the period and no interest has been charged on this balance.

19 Pension commitments

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension charge for the year represents contributions payable by the company to the scheme and amounted to £35,315 (2007 £18,972). Contributions amounting to £7,439 (2007 Nil) were payable to the scheme at 31 March 2008.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

20 Subsidiary company

Techniquest has a wholly owned subsidiary, Techniquest Enterprises Limited, which is incorporated in England and Wales. Techniquest Enterprises Limited markets and retails goods and services at Techniquest's scientific exhibitions and sells and leases exhibits and exhibitions. All services have been consolidated on a line by line basis in the statement of financial activities. A summary of the results of the subsidiary is set out below

	For the year to 31 March 2008 £	For the 8 month period to 31 March 2007
Turnover	678,617	531,981
Cost of Sales	(504,099)	(413,740)
Gross Profit	174,518	118,241
Administrative expenses	(157,032)	(110,373)
Operating profit	17,486	7,868
Interest receivable	1,174	995
Charitable donation to parent	(23,550)	-
(Loss)/profit for the yea	(4,890)	8,863
The aggregate of the assets and liabilities was.		
88 8	2008	2007
	£	£
Assets	165,387	299,922
Liabilities	(83,259)	(212,904)
	82,128	87,108
Share capital	2	2
Profit and loss account	82,126	87,106
	82,128	87,108

On 1 April 2008 all the trade and assets of Techniquest Enterprises Limited were transferred to Techniquest Limited. Techniquest Enterprises Limited has become a dormant company from that date