# ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2003

FOR

OCTEC LTD



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## COMPANY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2003

**DIRECTORS:** 

G Cain

N Bonsor S Hogg P Collins T McKenzie M Binyon G Smith G Coutts

SECRETARY:

N Bonsor

REGISTERED OFFICE:

Unit 12-13

The Western Centre

Western Road BRACKNELL Berkshire RG12 1RW

REGISTERED NUMBER:

2393111

**AUDITORS:** 

**BJCA LLP** 

Registered Auditor Chartered Accountants

3 Hammet Street

Taunton Somerset TA1 1RZ

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2003

The directors present their report with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 January 2003.

### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The principal activity of the company in the year under review was that of developing and manufacturing devices using applied image processing techniques. The company's activities are mainly conducted in the UK, with a US branch providing sales support to certain US customers.

#### **REVIEW OF BUSINESS**

The results for the year and financial position of the company are as shown in the annexed financial statements.

The company continues to successfully introduce new products and securing new contracts and expects to continue to do so.

#### DIVIDENDS

No dividends will be distributed for the year ended 31 January 2003.

#### **DIRECTORS**

The directors during the year under review were:

G Cain

N Bonsor

S Hogg

P Collins T McKenzie

M Binyon

G Smith

G Coutts

The beneficial interests of the directors holding office on 31 January 2003 in the issued share capital of the company were as follows:

,,	31/1/03	1/2/02
Ordinary Shares £1 shares		
G Cain	12,500	12,500
N Bonsor	12,500	12,500
S Hogg	12,500	12,500
P Collins	12,500	12,500
T McKenzie	12,500	12,500
M Binyon	12,500	12,500
G Smith	12,500	12,500
G Coutts	12,500	12,500

No rights to subscribe for any shares or debentures of the company were granted to or exercised by the directors during the year.

## **CHARITABLE AND POLITICAL DONATIONS**

Charitable donations amounting to £3,045 (2002: £11,147) were made during the year.

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2003

## STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Company law requires the directors 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 of the company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

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

### **AUDITORS**

The auditors, BJCA LLP, will be proposed for re-appointment in accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985.

#### ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

N Bonsor - Director

Date: 26 Nov 2003

## REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO OCTEC LTD

## **UNDER SECTION 247B OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985**

We have examined the abbreviated accounts on pages five to sixteen, together with the full financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 January 2003 prepared under Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985.

This report is made solely to the company, in accordance with Section 247B of the Companies Act 1985. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company those matters we are required to state to it in a special 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 company, for our work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

## Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated accounts in accordance with Section 246A of the Companies Act 1985. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to whether the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with Section 246A(3) of the Act to the Registrar of Companies and whether the accounts to be delivered are properly prepared in accordance with that provision and to report our opinion to you.

#### Basis of 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 accounts and that the abbreviated accounts 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 accounts prepared in accordance with Section 246A(3) of the Companies Act 1985, and the abbreviated accounts on pages five to sixteen are properly prepared in accordance with that provision.

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**BJCA LLP** Registered Auditor Chartered Accountants 3 Hammet Street Taunton Somerset TA1 1RZ

Date: 28 11 2003

## ABBREVIATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2003

		31/1/03	31/1/02
	Notes	£	£
GROSS PROFIT		3,200,243	3,703,368
Administrative expenses		2,704,818	3,314,144
OPERATING PROFIT	3	495,425	389,224
Interest receivable and similar income		30,769	69,066
		526,194	458,290
Interest payable and similar charges	4	1,620	6,779
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTI BEFORE TAXATION	VITIES	524,574	451,511
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	5	126,012	118,780
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL AFTER TAXATION	_ YEAR	398,562	332,731
Retained profit brought forward	i	1,352,938	1,020,207
RETAINED PROFIT CARRIED	FORWARD	£1,751,500	£1,352,938

## **CONTINUING OPERATIONS**

None of the company's activities were acquired or discontinued during the current and previous years.

## TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the profits for the current and previous years.

## ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET **31 JANUARY 2003**

		31/1	/03	31/1.	/02
FIVED ACCETO.	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS: Tangible assets Investments	6 7		434,474		117,408
			434,474		117,408
CURRENT ASSETS:				450.070	
Stocks	8	552,563		456,276	
Debtors	9	1,140,762		1,719,545	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,065,854		2,061,335	
		2,759,179		4,237,156	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	10	1,342,153		2,901,626	
NET CURRENT ASSETS:			1,417,026		1,335,530
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES:			£1,851,500		£1,452,938
CAPITAL AND RESERVES: Called up share capital Profit and loss account	13		100,000 1,751,500		100,000 1,352,938
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS:	14		£1,851,500		£1,452,938

These abbreviated accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to medium-sized companies.

## ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

N Bonsor - Director

Approved by the Board on At Nov 2003

## CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2003

		31/1/03		31/1/0	02
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Net cash outflow from operating activities	1		(440,987)		(132,868)
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	2		29,149		62,287
Taxation			(142,242)		(127,364)
Capital expenditure	2		(427,993)	-	(68,573)
			(982,073)		(266,518)
Financing	2		(42,561)		(69,076)
Decrease in cash in the period			£(1,024,634)	:	£(335,594)
Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds	3				
Decrease in cash in the period Cash outflow		(1,024,634)		(335,594)	
from decrease in debt and lease financing		29,851		53,467	
Change in net funds resulting from cash flows			(994,783)		(282,127)
Movement in net funds in the period Net funds at 1 February	d		(994,783) 1,982,631		(282,127) 2,264,758
Net funds at 31 January			£987,848		£1,982,631

## NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2003

## 1. RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING PROFIT TO NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	31/1/03 £	31/1/02 £
Operating profit	495,425	389,224
Depreciation charges	110,927	119,978
Increase in stocks	(96,287)	(145,583)
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors	567,673	(799,191)
(Decrease)/Increase in creditors	<u>(1,518,725</u> )	302,704
Net cash outflow		
from operating activities	(440,987)	<u>(132,868</u> )

## 2. ANALYSIS OF CASH FLOWS FOR HEADINGS NETTED IN THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	31/1/03 £	31/1/02 £
Returns on investments and servicing of finance Interest received Interest paid Interest element of finance lease	30,769 (562)	69,066 (2,012)
rentals payments	(1,058)	<u>(4,767</u> )
Net cash inflow for returns on investments and servicing of finance	<u>29,149</u>	62,287
Capital expenditure Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(427,993)	(68,573)
Net cash outflow for capital expenditure	(427,993)	(68,573)
Financing		
Loan repayments in year Capital element of finance	(12,710)	(15,609)
lease payments	(29,851)	(53,467)
Net cash outflow from financing	<u>(42,561</u> )	<u>(69,076</u> )

## NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2003

## 3. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.2.02 £	Cash flow £	At 31.1.03 £
Net cash:			
Cash at bank and in hand	2,061,335	(995,481)	1,065,854
Bank overdraft	(48,853)	(29,153)	(78,006)
	2,012,482	(1,024,634)	987,848
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Debt: Finance leases	(29,851)	_29,851	
	(29,851)	29,851	
Total	1,982,631	(994,783)	987,848
Analysed in Balance Sheet			
Cash at bank and in hand	2,061,335		1,065,854
Bank overdraft	(48,853)		(78,006)
Finance leases within one year	(29,851)		
	1,982,631		987,848

### NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2003

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been preared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with Applicable Accounting Standards.

#### Turnover

Turnover is the total amount receivable by the company for goods supplied and services provided, excluding VAT and trade discounts.

#### Tangible fixed assets

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

Leasehold property

- Over the period of the lease

Fixtures and fittings

- 15% on reducing balance

Computer equipment

- 25% on reducing balance

#### Stocks

Stock and work in progress are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Cost includes all direct expenditure and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

#### Deferred tax

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date.

#### Research and development

Expenditure on research and development is written off in the year in which it is incurred.

#### Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating result.

### Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account as incurred.

### **Pensions**

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. Contributions payable for the year are charged in the profit and loss account.

#### **Fixed Asset Investments**

Investments are included at cost less amounts written off.

### NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2003

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

## Long-term contracts

Profit on long-term contracts is recognised on a prudent basis as work is executed provided the outcome of each contract can be assessed with reasonable certainty. Where the outcome cannot be so assessed the costs attributable to the contract, net of any amounts matched against turnover and recognised as costs in the profit and loss account, are carried forward as work in progress within stocks.

Where the outcome can be assessed with reasonable certainty, the profit attributable to the contract is recognised in proportion that the costs incurred at the balance sheet date bear to the expected total costs on the contract. Where an overall loss is anticipated it is provided in full. Turnover thus recognised in the accounts reflects the costs and profits or losses arising to the balance sheet date.

The amount by which turnover exceeds payments received on account is included within debtors under prepayments and accrued income. The balance of payments received on account in excess of recorded turnover is classified within creditors under accruals and deferred income.

## 2. STAFF COSTS

STAFF COSTS		
	31/1/03	31/1/02
	£	£
Wages and salaries	2,193,154	3,020,631
Social security costs	248,567	329,150
Other pension costs	82,149	44,579
_	2,523,870	3,394,360
The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follow	s: 31/1/03	31/1/02
Directors	8	8
Engineering and production	26	21
Sales and administration	_6	_5

## NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2003

## 3. **OPERATING PROFIT**

The operating profit is stated after charging/(crediting):

	Hire of plant and machinery Depreciation - owned assets Foreign exchange differences Operating lease rentals Auditors remuneration	31/1/03 £ 1,824 110,927 99,215 106,300 14,000	31/1/02 £ 5,565 119,978 (29,056) 92,887 10,200
	Directors' emoluments Directors' pension contributions to money purchase schemes	1,058,988 25,591	2,142,295 26,511
	The number of directors to whom retirement benefits were accruing was	as follows:	
	Money purchase schemes		8
	Information regarding the highest paid director is as follows:	31/1/03 £	31/1/02 £
	Emoluments etc Pension contributions to money purchase schemes	136,017 1,953	276,791 2,170
4.	INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES	31/1/03 £	31/1/02 £
	Bank interest Hire purchase	562 1,058	2,012 _4,767
		1,620	6,779
5.	TAXATION		
	Analysis of the tax charge The tax charge on the profit on ordinary activities for the year was as fo	llows: 31/1/03 £	31/1/02 £
	Current tax: UK corporation tax Underprovided in prior year	114,902 	128,343 
	Total current tax	114,902	135,754
	Deferred taxation	11,110	(16,974)
	Tax on profit on ordinary activities	126,012	118,780

## NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2003

#### 5. **TAXATION** - continued

Factors affecting the tax charge
The tax assessed for the year is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK. The difference is explained below:

	31/1/03 £	31/1/02 £
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	524,574	451,511
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 30% (2002 - 30%)	157,372	135,453
Effects of: Expenses not deductible for tax purposes Capital allowances in excess of depreciation Marginal rate relief Underprovided in prior year	3,451 (17,865) (28,056)	2,082 15,551 (24,743) 7,411
Current tax charge	114,902	135,754

#### 6. **TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

		<b>Fixtures</b>		
	Leasehold property	and fittings	Computer equipment	Totals
	£	£	£	£
COST:				
At 1 February 2002	-	353,904	555,279	909,183
Additions	103,844	272,236	51,913	427,993
At 31 January 2003	103,844	626,140	607,192	1,337,176
DEPRECIATION:				
At 1 February 2002	-	324,398	467,377	791,775
Charge for year	7,637	48,286	55,004	110,927
At 31 January 2003	7,637	372,684	522,381	902,702
NET BOOK VALUE:				
At 31 January 2003	<u>96,207</u>	<u>253,456</u>	84,811	434,474
At 31 January 2002		29,506	87,902	117,408

## NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2003

## 7. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

COST: At 1 February 2002 and 31 January 2003	<u></u>
PROVISIONS: At 1 February 2002 and 31 January 2003	_12,044
NET BOOK VALUE: At 31 January 2003	
At 31 January 2002	=

At 31 January 2002 the company held one third of the allotted ordinary share capital of Europart SARL, a corporation incorporated in France.

## 8. STOCKS

Stock Work in progress	312,025	
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Work in progress	228,208	115,647
Finished goods	12,330	<u>47,781</u>
	552,563	456,276
DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
	31/1/03	31/1/02
	£	£
Trade debtors	961.013	1,406,535
	•	188,783
Taxation debtors	•	81,003
Other debtors	26,250	26,250
Deferred tax	5,864	16,974
	1 140 762	1,719,545
	Trade debtors Prepayments and accrued income Taxation debtors Other debtors	DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR         31/1/03 £           Trade debtors         961,013           Prepayments and accrued income Taxation debtors         62,033           Taxation debtors         85,602           Other debtors         26,250

Included in other debtors are amounts falling due after more than one year of £26,250, (2002: £26,250).

Deferred tax is recoverable by the reduction of future corporation tax liabilities, such liabilities falling due for payment after more than one year.

## NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2003

10.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
		31/1/03 £	31/1/02 £
	Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 11)	78,006	61,563
	Finance leases (see note 12) Trade creditors	- 106,471	29,851 123,129
	Payments on account Other creditors	10,000 181,357	20,000 192,757
	Social security and other taxes	48,361	53,684
	Taxation Accrued expenses	108,353 809,605	135,693 2,284,949
		1,342,153	2,901,626
11.	LOANS AND OVERDRAFTS		
	An analysis of the maturity of loans and overdrafts is given below:		
		31/1/03 £	31/1/02 £
	Amounts falling due within one year or on demand:		
	Bank overdrafts Bank loans	78,006 	48,853 12,710
		78,006	61,563
12.	OBLIGATIONS UNDER LEASING AGREEMENTS		
		Finance leases	
		31/1/03 £	31/1/02 £

Gross obligations repayable: Within one year

Net obligations repayable: Within one year

29,851

29,851

## NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2003

## 12. OBLIGATIONS UNDER LEASING AGREEMENTS - continued

The following payments are committed to be paid within one year:

				Land and buildings operating leases	
				31/1/03 £	31/1/02 £
	Expiring: Within one ye Between one	ear and five years		108,900	105,000
13.	CALLED UP	SHARE CAPITAL			
	Authorised: Number:	Class:	Nominal value:	31/1/03 £	31/1/02 £
	500,000	Ordinary Shares	£1	500,000	500,000
	Allotted, issu Number: 100,000	ed and fully paid: Class: Ordinary Shares	Nominal value: £1	31/1/03 £ 100,000	31/1/02 £ 100,000
14.	RECONCILI	ATION OF MOVEMENTS IN S	HAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	31/1/03 £ 398,562	31/1/02 £ 332,731
		n to shareholders' funds areholders' funds		398,562 1,452,938	332,731 1,120,207
	Closing sha	areholders' funds		1,851,500	1,452,938
	Equity intere	ests		1,851,500	1,452,938