FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31 DECEMBER 1996

Registered number: 2426542

HOUGHTON STONE

REGISTERED AUDITORS

Hambrook



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for the year ended 31 December 1996

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COMPANY INFORMATION

31 December 1996

NUMBER 2426542

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R W Huthwaite

SECRETARY R W Huthwaite

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Registered Auditors The Conifers Filton Road Hambrook

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

31 December 1996

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 1996.

Principal activity

The principal activity of the company is property investment. The company generated no turnover nor incurred any expenditure during the year and therefore no profit and loss account is included within these financial statements.

The company owns 90% of the share capital of a French company called Chaudanne Immobiliere Societe Civile which invests in properties in France.

Directors

The directors of the company during the year and their interests in the shares of the company as recorded in the register of directors' interests were as follows

	31 December 1996 Ordinary shares	1 January 1996 Ordinary shares	
R W Head	1	1	
R W Huthwaite	1	1	

Auditors

Houghton Stone have agreed to offer themselves for re-appointment as auditors of the company.

Small company exemptions

This report is prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

On behalf of the board

R-W Huthwaite Secretary

Henleaze House Harbury Road Bristol BS9 4PN

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 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.

On behalf of the board

R W Head Director

AUDITORS' REPORT

Auditors' report to the members of

Timeplug Limited

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 8 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 7.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 3, the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those 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 error or other irregularity. 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 as at 31 December 1996 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

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Houghton Stone Registered Auditors

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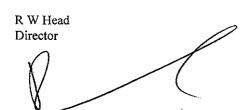
BALANCE SHEET

at 31 December 1996

			1996		1995	
	Note	£	£	£	£	
Fixed assets						
Investments	2		901		901	
Current assets						
Debtors	. 3	2		2		
•		2		2		
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	4	(901)		(901)		
Net current liabilities			(899)		(899)	
Total assets less current liabilities		•	2	•	2	
Capital and reserves		:		:		
Called up share capital	6		2		2	
Total shareholders' funds	5	•	2	• -	2	

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The financial statements on pages 5 to 8 were approved by the board of directors on 30/10/97 and signed on its behalf by:



NOTES ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31 December 1996

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost accounting rules.

The company has taken advantage of the exemption from preparing a cash flow statement conferred by Financial Reporting Standard No. 1 on the grounds that it qualifies as a small company under the Companies Act 1985.

Consolidation

The company has claimed exemption under section 248 of the Companies Act 1985 from the preparation of group accounts on the grounds that the group is small.

These financial statements present information about the company as an individual entity and not about its group.

Investments

Investments held as fixed assets are stated at cost less provision for any permanent diminution in value.

NOTES ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31 December 1996

2 Fixed asset investments

Cost	Investments other than loans £
1 January 1996 and at 31 December 1996	901
Net book amount	
31 December 1996	901
1 January 1996	901

The company owns 90% of the issued share capital of Chaudanne Immobiliere Societe Civile a company incorporated in France which invests in properties in France.

The company has not been required to prepare audited accounts under French law but the following details have been extracted from its books:

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Assets - property at cost	735,000
Liabilities - mortgage	574,424
Share capital	10,000
Turnover	nil

The company also holds 100% of the voting rights of a company called Design & Build Consultancy Limited - a company registered in England & Wales.

The following details have been extracted from the audited accounts of the company as at 30 April 1997.

Assets	98,107
Liabilities	97,178
Share capital	3
Turnover	131,838

NOTES ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31 December 1996

3	Debtors			100	,		400-
	Amounts falling due within one year			1996 £	D		1995 £
•	Other debtors				2		2
4	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			400	_		
				1996 £	,		1995 £
	Amounts owed to group undertakings and undertakings in which the company has a participating interest			001			201
	nas a participating micrest			901	.		901
5	Reconciliation of movements in sharehole	ders' funds		1996 £	5		1995 £
	Profit for the financial year representing a Net addition to shareholders' funds						-
	Opening shareholders' funds			. 2	2		2
	Closing shareholders' funds			2	- ? =		72
6	Called up share capital		1996			1995	
		Number of shares		£	Number of shares		£
	Authorised						
	Ordinary shares of £1	1,000		1,000	1,000		1,000
	Allotted called up and fully paid						
	Ordinary shares of £1	2		2 =	2		2