

SOS Data Limited

Directors' report and financial statements

31 March 2000

Registered number 3270765



SOS DATA LIMITED

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SECRETARY	B M A Law
REGISTERED OFFICE	The Publishing House 1-3 Highbury Station Road London N1 1SE
REGISTERED NUMBER	3270765

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2000.

REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS

The company did not trade during the period to 31 March 2000.

DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS

The directors who held office during the year were as follows:

C Cooke

The interests of the director in the share capital of the ultimate parent company, Columbus Group PLC, are disclosed in the directors' report of the company's immediate parent company Hill Publishing Limited.

AUDITORS

In the opinion of the directors the company was not an excluded category of company within Section 249(1)(a) to (f) of the Companies Act 1985 and so is entitled to the exemptions provided by Section 249A of the Companies Act 1985 for the period ended 31 March 2000 and will continue to be so entitled in the following year. Accordingly, there is no necessity for the company to appoint auditors for each succeeding year in which the company is exempt. Any member or members holding in aggregate not less than 10% of any class of issued share capital may, by written notice deposited at the registered office at least one month prior to the balance sheet date, require the company to obtain an audit of the financial statements for that financial year.

By Order of the Board



B M A Law
Secretary

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 2000

	<i>Note</i>	31 March 2000		31 October 1999	
		£	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash	3	100		100	
		<u>100</u>		<u>100</u>	
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NET CURRENT ASSETS			100		100
			<u>100</u>		<u>100</u>
NET ASSETS			<u>100</u>		<u>100</u>
			=====		=====
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called up share capital	4		100		100
			<u>100</u>		<u>100</u>
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS			<u>100</u>		<u>100</u>
			=====		=====

In preparing the financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2000, the company has taken advantage of the exemption from the requirement to have these audited, and the directors confirms the following:-

- (1) The company is entitled to the exemption conferred by subsection (1) of section 249A of the Companies Act 1985.
- (2) No notice has been received under subsection (2) of section 249B of the Companies Act 1985.
- (3) The directors acknowledge their responsibility for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 221 of the Companies Act 1985, and preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at March 2000, and of its profit and loss for the financial period in accordance with the requirements of the section 226, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

The financial statements were approved by the board on

2000 and signed on its behalf by

C Cooke
Director



The notes on pages 4 and 5 form an integral part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2000

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards.

2. PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

During the period the company did not trade and received no income and incurred no expenditure. Consequently, during the period the company made neither a profit nor a loss.

3. CASH

	31 March 2000 £	31 October 1998 £
Cash	100	100
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4. SHARE CAPITAL

	31 March 2000 £	31 October 1998 £
<u>Authorisd, allotted, called up and fully paid</u>		
100 ordinary shares of £1 each	100	100
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5. ULTIMATE HOLDING COMPANY

The ultimate holding company is Columbus Group PLC, a company incorporated in England & Wales.

The consolidated financial statements of Columbus Group PLC (registered number 2470149) are available from the Registrar of Companies, Companies House, Crown Way, Cardiff. CF4 3UF.