#### THE CONNECTED DIGITAL ECONOMY CATAPULT LIMITED

# DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 13 MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 2013

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#### **COMPANY INFORMATION**

**DIRECTORS** 

R K Bryan (appointed 29 October 2012) S N Crockett (appointed 14 April 2013) D W A East (appointed 18 July 2013) A J Green (appointed 18 July 2013)

M A Garnett (appointed 24 February 2012 & resigned 29 October 2012) G J R Hutchins (appointed 21 January 2013 & resigned 18 July 2013)

N J Appleyard (appointed 18 July 2013)
D Docherty (appointed 16 October 2013)
L Shesgreen (appointed 16 October 2013)
I Baverstock (appointed 16 October 2013)
C Van Der Kuyl (appointed 16 October 2013)

W Hall (appointed 16 October 2013)

**COMPANY SECRETARY** 

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**REGISTERED NUMBER** 

07964699

**REGISTERED OFFICE** 

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR

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#### DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE 13 MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 2013

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the 13 months ended 31 March 2013

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND REVIEW OF BUSINESS

The Connected Digital Economy Limited ("CDEC") is a private company limited by guarantee and was incorporated in February 2012 as a not for profit research organisation. It commenced operations in January 2013.

Our vision is about 'Igniting new digital innovations to power sustained growth in the UK'

In addition to economic growth, we believe that CDEC's work will make a major contribution to the cost and effectiveness of UK public service delivery and impact the way we address major societal challenges

To achieve this vision, we will pursue a two part strategy

- 1. We will accelerate digital innovators from concept to commercialisation by building platforms and capabilities that address the main challenges in the data value chain
- 2. We will demonstrate the transformative impact and strategic relevance of digital innovation to UK business and public sector leaders in all sectors.

#### **Network of Catapults**

The Company forms part of a network of UK technology and innovation companies (named 'Catapults') established by the Technology Strategy Board These will drive economic growth through commercialisation of research between UK industry, SME's and academia

Although at the 31 March 2013, the Board of the Company consisted of two representatives of the Technology Strategy Board, it was not considered to be controlled by that entity. Both directors were appointed to oversee the incorporation of the Company and took no active part in the day to day activities of the business. This role was delegated to S.N. Crockett who was subsequently formally appointed as a director on 14 April 2013.

#### Sources of Income

The Company is currently funded by a government grant. In addition, it will seek to generate income from collaborative projects with industry and other grant funding organisation, and direct contract research.

#### DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE 13 MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 2013

#### **RESULTS**

Grant income for the period was £248,516 which was mainly incurred in the set up costs of the organisation During this period the Company had established temporary office space in London and hired the CEO and the Office Manager During this period engagement discussion with key stakeholders to inform the development of the business plan was carried out

#### DIRECTOR

The director who served during the period was

R K Bryan (appointed 29 October 2012)

M A Garnett (appointed 24 February 2012 & resigned 29 October 2012)

G J R Hutchins (appointed 21 January 2013 & resigned 18 July 2013)

S N Crockett was appointed director on 14 April 2013

#### **KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

The Company was in the start up phase at year end March 2013 Therefore there were no KPIs in the period In future periods the Company will report a wide range of KPI's to measure outcomes, the delivery and foundation building measures such as

- Value of grant funding received
- Value of collaborative projects
- Value of contract research
- · Number of projects undertaken
- SME involvement

#### PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The most significant risk for the Company is that the Government funding is reduced. At the Balance sheet date, £2m of funding to the end of Sept 2013 was in place and a commitment for a further five years at £10m per year was envisaged.

The Company monitors cash flow as part of its day-to-day control procedures. The Board considers cash flow projections on a regular basis and ensures that appropriate funds are available as necessary.

Given the infancy of the Company at the year-end date no significant risks were registered

#### **FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS**

The importance of digital economy services to SME business success cannot be overemphasised – Booz & Co estimates that use of digital technology can help SMEs to unlock £18.8 billion additional revenue worldwide. In order for the whole of the UK economy to benefit, we need to ensure that UK businesses in all sectors understand the relevance of digital applications and services and deploy the best available.

The Company is expected to receive £52m of core funding over the next five years from the Technology Strategy Board. Additional income is expected to be generated from collaborative and contract research.

#### **POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS**

In July 2013 the Technology Strategy Board approved the five year business plan with a commitment for £52m funding approved. The Company is awaiting final BIS approval.

#### DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE 13 MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 2013

#### **DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT**

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the surplus or deficit of the Company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- make judgments and accounting 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 adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. 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.

#### **DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITOR**

Each of the persons who are directors at the time when this Directors' Report is approved has confirmed that

- so far as that director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware, and
- that director has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a director in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information

#### **AUDITOR**

The auditor, James Cowper LLP, will be proposed for reappointment in accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006

This report was approved by the board on 15th November 2013 and signed on its behalf

S N Crockett

Director

### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CONNECTED DIGITAL ECONOMY CATAPULT LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of The Connected Digital Economy Catapult Limited for the 13 months ended 31 March 2013, set out on pages 6 to 15 The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

This report is made solely to the Company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's 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 and the Company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed

#### RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND AUDITOR

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors

#### SCOPE OF THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A description of the scope of an audit of financial statements is provided on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www frc org uk/auditscopeukprivate

#### **OPINION ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

In our opinion the financial statements

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 March 2013 and of its deficit for the 13 months then ended,
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006

#### OPINION ON OTHER MATTER PRESCRIBED BY THE COMPANIES ACT 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Directors' Report for the 13 month period for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CONNECTED DIGITAL ECONOMY **CATAPULT LIMITED**

#### MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us, or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns, or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made, or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit

Sue Staunton MA FCA CF (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of **James Cowper LLP** 

**Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor** 

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Date 15 Noush 20.3

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE 13 MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 2013

	Note	2013 £
INCOME Administrative expenses	2	248,516 (248,516)
SURPLUS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION  Tax on surplus on ordinary activities	5	(12)
DEFICIT FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD		(12)

All amounts relate to continuing operations

There were no recognised gains and losses for 2013 other than those included in the Income and Expenditure Account

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements

#### THE CONNECTED DIGITAL ECONOMY CATAPULT LIMITED

(A Company Limited by Guarantee) REGISTERED NUMBER: 07964699

#### BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2013

	2013		3
	Note	£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	6		9,719
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	7	59,442	
Cash at bank		419,389	
		478,831	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	8	(488,562)	
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES			(9,731)
NET LIABILITIES		-	(12)
		=	
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Income and expenditure account	11		(12)
	12		(12)
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The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf on

S N Crockett Director

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements

#### CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE 13 MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 2013

	Note	2013 £
Net cash flow from operating activities	13	429,573
Capital expenditure and financial investment	14	(10,184)
INCREASE IN CASH IN THE 13 MONTHS		419,389

# RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH FLOW TO MOVEMENT IN NET FUNDS/DEBT FOR THE 13 MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 2013

	2013 £
Increase in cash in the period	419,389
MOVEMENT IN NET DEBT IN THE 13 MONTHS	419,389
NET FUNDS AT 31 MARCH 2013	419,389

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 13 MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 2013

#### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### 1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards

#### 12 Going concern

The Connected Digital Economy Catapult Limited is operating under an interim funding agreement with the Technology Strategy Board (TSB). This agreement provides grant funding to assist with the set-up and building and maintaining of platforms. The intention is to receive funding for a further five year period.

The Catapult's long term strategy is to supplement grant funding with commercial research and development projects

#### 1.3 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases.

Office equipment

3 years straight line

#### 1.4 Operating leases

Rentals under operating leases are charged to the Income and Expenditure Account on a straight line basis over the lease term

#### 1.5 Deferred taxation

Full provision is made for deferred tax assets and liabilities arising from all timing differences between the recognition of gains and losses in the financial statements and recognition in the tax computation

A net deferred tax asset is recognised only if it can be regarded as more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are calculated at the tax rates expected to be effective at the time the timing differences are expected to reverse

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are discounted

#### 1.6 Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate ruling on the date of the transaction

Exchange gains and losses are recognised in the Income and Expenditure Account

### THE CONNECTED DIGITAL ECONOMY CATAPULT LIMITED

(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 13 MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 2013

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### 17 Pensions

The Company operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Company to the fund in respect of the period

#### 1.8 Government grants

The income recorded within the financial statements is represented by the government grants received from the TSB. The Connected Digital Economy Catapult Limited matches grant income with eligible costs when they have been incurred.

Grant income on capital expenditure is claimed as assets are depreciated

#### 2 TURNOVER

The whole of the turnover is attributable to grants received or receivable under the Company's interim funding agreement with the TSB

All turnover arose within the United Kingdom

#### 3 SURPLUS

The surplus is stated after charging

	2013
	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	
- owned by the Company	465
Auditor's remuneration	3,500
Auditor's remuneration - non-audit	2,000
Operating lease rentals other operating leases	29,547

During the period, no director received any emoluments

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 13 MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 2013

4.	STAFF COSTS			

	Staff costs were as follows	
		2013 £
	Wages and salaries	51,253
	Social security costs	6,728
	Other pension costs	9,237
		67,218
	The average monthly number of employees, including the directors, during the period was	as follows
		2013 No
	Management and administration	1
5	TAXATION	
		2013 £
	Analysis of tax charge in the period	
	Current tax (see note below)	
	UK corporation tax charge on surplus for the 13 months	1,859
	Deferred tax (see note 9)	
	Origination and reversal of timing differences	(1,847)
	Tax on surplus on ordinary activities	12
	Factors affecting tax charge for the period	
	The tax assessed for the period is higher than the standard rate of corporation tax in the differences are explained below	UK of 20% The
		2013 £
	Surplus on ordinary activities before tax	<u>-</u>
	Surplus on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 20%	-
	Effects of:	
	Short term timing difference leading to an increase (decrease) in taxation	1,859
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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 13 MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 2013

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

-		Office equipment £
	Cost	
	Additions	10,184
	At 31 March 2013	10,184
	Depreciation	
	At 24 February 2012	-
	Charge for the 13 months	465
	At 31 March 2013	465
	Net book value	
	At 31 March 2013	9,719
7	DEBTORS	
		2013
		£
	Other debtors	51,570
	Prepayments and accrued income	6,025
	Deferred tax asset (see note 9)	1,847
		59,442
		=====
8	CREDITORS. Amounts falling due within one year	
		2013
		£
	Trade creditors	82,339
	Corporation tax	1,859
	Other taxation and social security	9,836 12,932
	Other creditors Accruals and deferred income	381,596
		488,562

Accruals and deferred income includes £359,003 of deferred grant income

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 13 MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 2013

#### 9 DEFERRED TAXATION

	2013 £
At beginning of 13 months Credit for the year	1,847
At 31 March 2013	1,847
The deferred taxation balance is made up as follows	
	2013 £
Short term timing differences	(1,847)

#### 10. COMPANY STATUS

The Company is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital Each of the members is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the Company in the event of liquidation

Income and

#### 11. RESERVES

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	expenditure account £
Deficit for the period	(12)
	(12)
RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN MEMBERS' DEFICIT	
	2013 £
Opening members' funds Deficit for the 13 months	(12)
Closing members' deficit	(12)

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 13 MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 2013

#### 13 NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2013 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	465
Increase in debtors	(57,595)
Increase in creditors	486,703
Net cash inflow from operating activities	429,573

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 13 MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 2013

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

	2013 £
Capital expenditure and financial investment	
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(10,184)
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#### 15 ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	24 February 2012	Cash flow	changes	31 March 2013
	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand		419,389		419,389
Net funds		419,389	<u> </u>	419,389

#### 16. PENSION COMMITMENTS

The Company operates a defined contributions pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Company to the fund and amounted to £9,237. Contributions totalling £12,932, inclusive of employee contributions, were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date and are included in creditors.

#### 17 OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

At 31 March 2013 the Company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows

	Land and buildings 2013 £	Other 2013 £
Expiry date		
Within 1 year	57,108	16,770