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DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2003

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REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

For the year to 31 December 2003

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DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

DIRECTORS

T J Beattie

P Chalmers (resigned 10/02/2003)

B Connolly

C Ford (resigned 10/02/2003)

D L Gibson

R Gould (resigned 28/01/2004)
D E Hunter (appointed 28/01/2004)
J T J Loughrey (resigned 10/02/2003)

W Macleod D H Nobie

A Russell (resigned 10/02/2003)

M C Roughhead

S Shah (resigned 09/06/2003)

D Tait

W Wedgwood

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

For the year to 31 December 2003

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2003.

Principal Activities, Review of the Business and Future Developments

The principal activities of the company were taking bookings for serviced accommodation providers, handling Brochure Requests and providing information to tourists about Scotland.

The company was incorporated on 11 January 2002 as a joint venture through partnership between Sema UK Limited. TourCo (a company set up to represent VisitScotland and 13 of Scotland's Area Tourist Boards) and Partnerships UK. The total investment in the company to date is £7.5 million of share capital and loan stock.

On 29 January 2004 Sema Limited (parent company of Sema UK Limited) was acquired by Atos Origin SA from Schlumberger. On 1 March 2004 Sema UK Limited changed its name to Atos Origin IT Services Limited.

The last year has seen many developments within the company. The contact centre handled over 420,000 calls throughout the year with over 113,000 bed nights booked representing over £7,500,000 of business to the Scottish Tourism Industry.

In March the new look visitscotland.com website was launched and in September the on-line booking functionality was released.

In April the process of installing booking software into Tourist Information Centres around Scotland began, with 41 being installed by the end of the year. Over the next 12 months the process of installing booking software into Tourist Information Centres should be complete and additional functionality added to the website.

Results and Dividends

The results of the Company are shown on page 5.

The results show a loss for the financial year of £2,374,774. The directors do not recommend payment of a dividend and the loss for the period has been transferred to reserves.

Directors

The names of the present directors of the Company and details of changes during the year can by found on page 1.

Directors' Interests

No director held a beneficial interest in the shares of the Company during the year.

Political and Charitable Contributions

During the year the Company made no political donations, however, charitable donations of £250 were made during the year. The donations were as follows:

> **Breast Cancer Institute** £200 Sick Kids £50

Auditors

The auditors' PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, have indicated their willingness to continue in office and resolution concerning their reappointment as auditors will be proposed at the annual general meeting.

By order of the Board

lan Farrington

Company Secretary

Date:

16-6-04

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year that 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;
- 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 the Company will
 continue in business.

The directors confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that 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.

Independent auditors' report to the members of

eTourism Limited

We have audited the financial statements which comprise the profit and loss account, the balance sheet and the cash flow statement and the related notes which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out in the statement of accounting policies.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors' responsibilities for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards are set out in the statement of directors' responsibilities.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and United Kingdom Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. This report, including the opinion, has been prepared for and only for the company's members as a body in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving this opinion, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

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 if, in our opinion, the directors' report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the 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 directors' remuneration and transactions is not disclosed.

We read the other information contained in the annual report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the financial statements. The other information comprises of only the directors' report.

Basis of audit 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 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 of the state of the company's affairs at 31 December 2003 and of its loss and cash flows for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

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Glasgow

17 Jul 2004

Date

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

For the year to 31 December 2003

	Notes	2003 £	2002 £
Turnover - Continuing operations	2	2,349,780	878,974
Operating costs		(2,139,941)	(842,196)
Gross Profit - Continuing operations		209,839	36,778
Administration expenses Selling & Marketing expenses Other income		(2,298,628) (137,779) 208,277	(1,233,391) (61,305) 146,723
Operating loss – Continuing operations		(2,018,291)	(1,111,195)
Net Interest payable	3	(356,483)	(137,716)
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation Taxation	4 6	(2,374,774)	(1,248,911)
Loss on ordinary activities after taxation		(2,374,774)	(1,248,911)
Profit & loss reserve as at 31 December 2002		(1,248,911)	<u>-</u>
Profit & loss reserve as at 31 December 2003		(3,623,685)	(1,248,911)

A statement of recognised gains and losses is not shown as all gains and losses are recognised in the profit and loss account.

There is no difference between the loss on ordinary activities before taxation and the retained loss for the financial period stated above and their historical cost equivalents.

BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 December 2003

	Notes	2003 £	2002 £
Fixed assets Tangible Assets	7	2,526,118	1,299,386
Current assets Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	8	540,962 5,001,914	606,244 6,766,577
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	5,542,876 (4,192,679)	7,372,821 (2,421,118)
Net current assets		1,350,197	4,951,703
Total assets less current liabilities		3,876,315	6,251,089
Creditors: amounts falling due after More than one year			
Loans	10	(7,400,000)	(7,400,000)
		(3,523,685)	(1,148,911)
Capital and reserves Called up share capital Profit and loss account	12	100,000 (3,623,685)	100,000 (1,248,911)
Equity shareholders' funds	13	(3,523,685)	(1,148,911)

The notes on pages 9 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the board of directors and signed on its behalf by:

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Date:

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

For the year to 31 December 2003

	Notes	2003 £	2002 £
Net cash outflow from operating activities	i	(1,936,181)	(378,619)
Servicing of finance and returns on investments Interest received		213,860	184,196
Cash inflow from returns on investment and servicing of financing		213,860	184,196
Taxation		-	-
Capital expenditure and financial investment	ïi	(42,342)	(539,000)
Net cash outflow before use of management of liquid resources and financing		(1,764,663)	(733,423)
Management of liquid resources Decrease/(Increase) in short term deposits		1,552,975	(6,167,837)
Financing	iii	•	7,500,000
(Decrease)/Increase in cash		(211,688)	598,740
Note i Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash outfl	ow from operating activities	2003 £	2002 £
Operating loss Depreciation charges Decrease/(Increase) in debtors (Decrease)/Increase in creditors		(2,018,291) 274,268 65,282 (257,440)	(1,111,195) 71,956 (606,244) 1,266,864
Net cash outflow from operating activities		(1,936,181)	(378,619)

NOTES TO CASH FLOW STATEMENT

For the year to 31 December 2003

		2003 £	2002 £
Note ii Capital expenditure Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets		42,342	539,000
Note iii Financing			
Loans received Share capital received			7,400,000 100,000
		-	7,500,000
Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net debt			
		2003 £	2002 £
(Decrease)/increase in cash in the period Cash inflow from increase in debt		(211,688)	598,740 (7,400,000)
Cash (inflow)/outflow from (decrease)/increase in liquid resources		(1,552,975)	6,167,837
Change in net debt resulting from cash flows		(1,764,663)	(633,423)
Net debt at 31 December 2002		(633,423)	<u>-</u>
Net debt at 31 December 2003		(2,398,086)	(633,423)
	At 31 Dec 2002 £	Cash Flows £	At 31 Dec 2003 £
Cash in hand, at bank	598,740	(211,688)	387,052
Liquid Resources*	6,167,837	(1,552,975)	4,614,862
Debt due after 1 year	(7,400,000)	<u> </u>	(7,400,000)
TOTAL	(633,423)	(1,764,663)	(2,398,086)

^{*} Liquid resources include term deposits of less than one year.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

For the year to 31 December 2003

1 Accounting Policies

The following are the accounting policies adopted by the Company:

a. Basis of Preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards. The accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis as the directors believe there are sufficient funds available to meet the company's liabilities as they fall due, including a Supplementary Funding Guarantee of £3 million in favour of the Company.

b. Turnover

Turnover represents the sales value of goods and services supplied to external customers, excluding value added tax

c. Tangible Fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided on a straightline basis over the expected useful lives of each category of tangible fixed assets at the following rates:

Computer equipment

20%

Development costs

20%

No depreciation is provided on assets under construction.

d. Foreign currencies

Profit and loss account transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the exchange rate in operation on the transaction date. Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates in operation at the balance sheet date. All revaluation differences and realised foreign exchange differences are taken to the profit and loss account.

e. <u>Deferred taxation</u>

The charge for taxation is based on the results for the period and takes into account full provision for deferred tax, using the approach set out in FRS 19 'Deferred tax' in respect of timing differences on a non-discounted basis.

Deferred tax assets are recognised in the financial statements only to the extent that is more likely than not they will crystallise in the immediate future.

f. Pension contributions

The expected cost of providing pension benefits to employees is charged to the profit and loss account over the period benefiting from the employees' services.

g. Cash Flow Statement

The cash flow statement has been prepared in accordance with FRS 1 (revised 1996) "Cash Flow Statements".

h. Operating leases

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account, as incurred, over the lease term.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

For the year to 31 December 2003

2 Turnover

Net Interest Payable

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Turnover consists entirely of sales made in the United Kingdom exclusive of Value Added Tax.

•		2003 £	2002 £
	Interest (payable)/receivable in respect of:		
	Loan interest Bank Interest	(570,343) 213,860	(321,912) 184,196
		(356,483)	(137,716)
4	Loss Before Taxation	2003 £	2002 £
	Loss before taxation is stated after charging the following:		
	Depreciation of tangible fixed assets (note 7)	274,268	71,956
	Auditors' remuneration – audit services Operating leases:	17,700	19,000
	- plant and machinery	3,757	794
	- land and buildings	368,504	221,660
5	Staff Costs		
		2003 £	2002 £
	Wages and salaries	1,784,130	754,717
	Social security costs	141,564	58,578
	Other pension costs	35,085	6,329
		1,960,779	819,624
		2003 Number	2002 Number
	The average number of employees during the trading year was:	94	58

Three employees have pension entitlements under the Sema Pension Scheme. This Scheme is a defined benefit scheme. Payments into the scheme amounted to £8,376 (2002: £5,129)

A further thirty-three employees have pension entitlements under the Schlumberger UK pension scheme, a defined contribution scheme. Payments into the scheme amounted to £26,709 (2002: £1,200)

The Sema Pension Scheme is run on a basis that does not enable individual companies within the group to identify their share of the underlying assets and liabilities. As permitted by FRS 17 the Company accounts for the scheme as a defined contribution scheme.

Full details of both pension schemes are disclosed in the financial statements of Schlumberger plc.

A total of £nil (2002: £2,088) was outstanding at the year-end.

Directors' Remuneration

There were no payments made to directors during the year.

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6 Taxation

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At 31 December 2003

At 31 December 2002

The standard rate of corporation tax for the year is 30%. The corporation tax credit for the period differs from 30%, for the reasons set out in the following reconciliation:

for the reasons set out in the following	ng reconciliation:		2003 £	2002
Loss on ordinary activities before ta	X		(2,374,774)	£ (1,248,911)
Tax credit on ordinary activities at s	andard rate		(712,432)	(374,673)
Factors affecting credit				
Disallowable costs Tax credit on current year loss not not reach the contract of the contract of the costs of			2,295 621,827 88,310	905 350,781 22,987
Current period tax credit			-	-
Tangible Fixed Assets	Development Costs £	Assets under construction	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost: At 1 January 2003 Additions Transfers At 31 December 2003	545,387 81,000 168,701 795,088	1,420,000	825,955 (168,701) 657,254	1,371,342 1,501,000
Depreciation: At 1 January 2003 Charge for period Transfers	32,800 142,817 10,799	-	39,156 131,451 (10,799)	71,956 274,268
At 31 December 2003	186,416	<u>-</u>	159,808	346,224
Net Book Amount:				

608,672

512,587

1,420,000

497,446

786,799

2,526,118

1,299,386

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

For the year to 31 December 2003

8	Debtors		
		2003	2002
		£	£
	Trade debtors	37,504	126,610
	Other debtors Prepayments and accrued income	141,876 361,582	148,913 330,721
		540,962	606,244
9	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
		2003 £	2002 £
		L	L
	Trade creditors	257,843	231,203
	Deferred income Other taxation and social security	27,239 44,213	301,563 36,701
	Other creditors	10,276	83,252
	Accruals	3,853,108	1,768,399
		4,192,679	2,421,118
			
10	Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		
		2003	2002 £
		£	L
	Long term loan	7,400,000	7,400,000
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	In one year or less, or on demand	_	_
	In more than one year but not more than two years	1,057,143	-
	In more than two years but not more than five years	3,171,428	3,171,429
	In more than five years	3,171,429	4,228,571
		7,400,000	7,400,000
	Split Sema UK Limited	4 440 000	4 440 000
	TourCo	4,440,000 1,850,000	4,440,000 1,850,000
	Partnerships UK	1,110,000	1,110,000
		7,400,000	7,400,000
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The long term loan represents an unsecured loan from the three shareholders. It is repayable from 19 April 2005. Interest accrues on the loan from 1 January 2004 at a rate of 10% per annum.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

For the year to 31 December 2003

11 Deferred Taxation

As a result of the company's start-up situation, taxable losses have been incurred which are available for offset against future taxable profits.

A deferred tax asset has not been recognised in respect of the losses, as the company does not expect to realise the benefit of these losses within the immediate future.

The value of the deferred tax asset not recognised measured at 30% is £1,083,905 (2002: £373,768)

		2003 £	2002 £
	Deferred tax unprovided is analysed as follows:		
	Losses Other timing differences	962,112 121,793	350,781 22,987
		1,083,905	373,768
12	Share Capital	2003 £	2002 £
	Authorised: 100,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	100,000	100,000
	Allotted,called-up and fully-paid: 100,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	100,000	100,000
13	Reconciliation of Movement in Shareholders' Funds	2003 £	2002 £
	Opening shareholders' funds Loss for period	(1,148,911) (2,374,774)	100,000 (1,248,911)
	Closing shareholders' funds	(3,523,685)	(1,148,911)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

For the year to 31 December 2003

14 Guarantees and Other Financial Commitments

The Company had commitments under non-cancellable operating leases to pay the following amounts during the ensuing year:

	2003 £	2002
In respect of land & buildings Commitments expiring:		L
- between one and five years	400,392	396,600
In respect of plant & machinery Commitments expiring:		
- between one and five years	10,707	1,762

15 Related Party Transactions

During the period transactions occurred with shareholders of the company in the normal course of business. The transactions are detailed below.

	Sales made to related parties £	Recharges made to related parties £	Other Income from related parties £	Purchases made from related parties £	Amounts owed by related parties £	Amounts owed to related parties £
Sema UK Limited	498	48,085	208,277	2,334,502	9,115	2,508,532
TourCo	-	-	-	100,000	-	75,000
Visitscotland	990,431	15,949		2,682	128,489	
	990,929	64,034	208,277	2,437,184	137,604	2,583,532

Included within amounts owed to related parties is £2,291,000 accrued for the purchase of fixed assets from Sema UK. Details of the loan outstanding to the three shareholders can be found in Note 10 along with accrued interest in Note 3.

16 Ownership

The company is jointly owned and controlled by Sema UK Limited (60%), incorporated and registered in England & Wales, which was sold to Atos Origin SA on 29th January 2004, TourCo Limited (25%), incorporated and registered in Scotland and Partnerships UK plc (15%), incorporated and registered in England & Wales.

Schlumberger plc, a company registered in England, was as at 31 December 2003 the parent undertaking of the smallest group of undertakings of which eTourism Limited is a member and for which Group financial statements are drawn up.

Schlumberger Limited, a company incorporated in the Netherlands Antilles, was the ultimate parent company as at 31 December 2003.

Copies of the financial statements of Schlumberger plc can be obtained from 8th Floor, South Quay Plaza 2, 183 Marsh Wall, London, E14 9SH and Schlumberger Limited from 153 East 53rd Street, New York, NY 10022-4624 USA.