

Statement on behalf of the Board

I am pleased to report good progress in the six months to 31 August 2003.

During this period, Valid Information Systems Ltd was sold and the fund received a payment of just over £1.4m for its shareholding. In addition, the fund should receive a further £1m, over a period of 2 years following the sale. But these additional payments are based on Valid achieving certain performance targets and therefore have not been recognised in the accounts (although an indicative Net Asset Value per Share is given below the balance sheet to show the effect of these future payments, discounted by 50%, on the actual NAV per share of £1.30p). Along with all the other shareholders, OTVCT signed the normal warranties and could, therefore, in theory, have to repay the proceeds. The Board intends to pay a dividend to shareholders as soon as it may prudently do so.

As usual some other investees fared well but others, such as Getmapping, experienced problems. The overall result was that the net assets per share increased from £1.15 on 28 Feb 2003 to £1.30 on 31 August 2003.

On behalf of the Board
John Jackson
Chairman

Unaudited Financial Information

Summarised Statement of Total Return for the Period

	Six months 1 Mar 03 to 31 Aug 03 £'000	Six months 1 Mar 02 to 31 Aug 02 £'000	Year 1 Mar 02 to 28 Feb 03 £'000
Gain / (loss) on investments	791	(57)	(201)
Income	14	3	29
Expenses	(65)	(76)	(157)
	—	—	—
Net return before taxation	740	(130)	(329)
Tax on ordinary activities	-	-	-
	—	—	—
Return attributable to equity shareholders	740	(130)	(329)
Dividends in respect of equity shares	-	-	-
	—	—	—
Transfers to / (from) reserves	740	(130)	(329)
	—	—	—
Revenue loss per share	(1.07)p	(1.50)p	(2.64)p
	—	—	—
Capital return / (loss) per share	16.29p	(1.18)p	(4.14)p
	—	—	—
Total return / (loss) per ordinary share	15.22p	(2.68)p	(6.78)p

Summarised Balance Sheet

	31 Aug 03 £'000	31 Aug 02 £'000	28 Feb 03 £'000
Unquoted investments	4,923	5,646	5,517
Quoted investments	124	162	147
Other net current assets	1,278	(24)	(79)
	—	—	—
Net assets	6,325	5,784	5,585
	—	—	—
Capital and Reserves			
Called up share capital	485	485	485
Share premium: Share issues	4,368	4,368	4,368
Expenses on share issues	(261)	(261)	(261)
	—	—	—
	4,592	4,592	4,592
Capital reserve - unrealised	1,839	2,445	2,186
realised	348	(905)	(790)
Revenue reserve	(454)	(348)	(403)
	—	—	—
	6,325	5,784	5,585
	—	—	—
Net asset value per share	130p	119p	115p
	—	—	—
Net asset value per share (recognising future payments from sale of Valid shares, discounted by 50%)	141p	—	—

Cash Flow Statement for the Period

	Six months 1 Mar 03 to 31 Aug 03 £'000	Six months 1 Mar 02 to 31 Aug 02 £'000	Year 1 Mar 02 to 28 Feb 03 £'000
Net cash outflow from operating activities	(14)	(30)	(13)
Capital expenditure and financial investment			
Disposal of investments	1,407	32	33
	—	—	—
Net cash inflow from capital expenditure and financial investment	1,407	32	33
	—	—	—
Increase in cash	1,393	2	20

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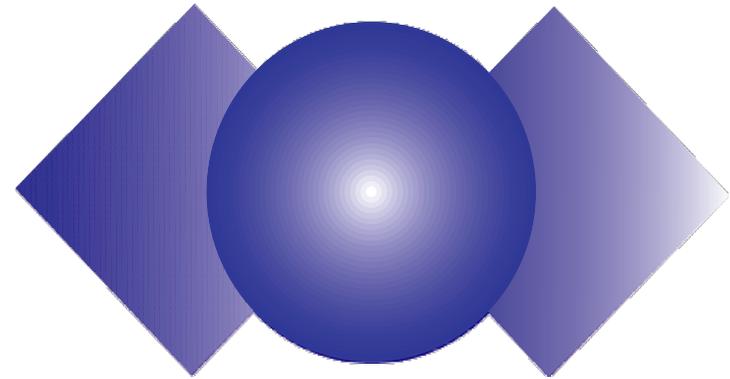
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Notes to the Unaudited Financial Information on pages 2 and 3

- 1 The financial information for each of the interim periods ended 31 August 2003 and 31 August 2002 is unaudited and does not constitute statutory accounts within the meaning of the Companies Act 1985. It has been prepared using accounting policies consistent with those set out in the company's statutory accounts for the year ended 28 February 2003. The financial information for the year ended 28 February 2003 has been extracted from the company's statutory accounts for that period which contained an unqualified audit report and which have been filed with the Registrar of Companies.
- 2 The calculation of earnings per share for the period is based on the return attributable to shareholders divided by the weighted average number of shares in issue during the period.
- 3 Listed investments are stated at market value based upon middle market prices at the accounting period end. The unrealised depreciation or appreciation on the valuation of investments and the gains and losses arising on the disposal of investments are dealt with in the capital reserve.
- 4 Along with other investors, OTVCT signed the warranties which were associated with the sale of Valid Information Systems Ltd. No claims under the warranties have been made and none are expected; no provision has therefore been made in the accounts. However, in theory claims could be made under the warranties, and the Board therefore considers it prudent to retain the sale proceeds against any possible future claims. The Board intends to declare a dividend in respect of the realised gain on the sale of Valid as soon as it considers it prudent to do so.
- 5 Copies of the Interim Statement are being sent to shareholders and further copies can be obtained from the Company's Registered Office.

Oxford Technology

Venture Capital Trust plc



Interim Statement

For the period
1 March 2003 to 31 August 2003