

Napier University Ventures Limited

Annual Report and Accounts

For the year ended 31 July 2008

Company Number: SC103082

Napier University Ventures Limited

Report of the Directors

Year Ended 31 July 2008

The Directors have pleasure in presenting their report together with the audited Accounts for the year ended 31st July 2008.

Activities

The principal activity of the Company is to provide and to assist in providing research, consultancy, training and general education services. The Profit and Loss Account of the Company is set out on page 5.

Business Review

The income of Napier University Ventures Ltd for the year has decreased by 0.1% to £3,610,259 from £3,613,685 in 2007.

The directors anticipate that the company's financial performance for the next year will improve and that underlying growth will be sustained for the foreseeable future thereby supporting a growing Gift Aid Donation to Napier University in line with the University's strategic plan. A Gift Aid payment of £1,104,758 was made to the University during the year (2007 – £1,288,334).

The Company is grateful to all members of academic and administrative staff who contribute to our work with Industry and Commerce.

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The directors believe that the principal risks and uncertainties affecting the company's financial performance include not delivering improved project activity levels resulting in anticipated growth not being achieved.

Company Structure

The Company is limited by guarantee. The liability of each of the guarantors in the event of a winding up is limited to £1. At 31st July 2008 there were 4 guarantors in the register of members.

Directors

The Directors who served the Company during the year to 31st July 2008 were:

Prof. J Stringer
Dr A Cubie (resigned 1 August 2008)
Dr G Webber
E R Gibson

Dr A Cubie resigned as a Director of the Company with effect from 1st August 2008. Professor George Borthwick, CBE, is expected to be appointed as a Director in December 2008.

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Report of the Directors

Year Ended 31 July 2008

Disclosure of information to auditors

At the date of making this report each of the company's directors, as set out above, confirm the following:

- so far as each director is aware, there is no relevant information needed by the company's auditors in connection with preparing their report of which the company's auditors are unaware, and
- each director has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself aware of any relevant information needed by the company's auditors in connection with preparing their report and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

Statement of directors' responsibilities for the financial statements

The directors are responsible for preparing 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). The financial statements are required by law to 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 these 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; and
- 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 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.

The directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information on the company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of the financial statements and other information included in annual reports may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part VII of the Companies Act 1985.

Dr G Webber
Secretary

EDINBURGH

11 December 2008

Napier University Ventures Limited

Independent Auditors' Report to the members of Napier University Ventures Limited

Year Ended 31 July 2008

We have audited the financial statements of Napier University Ventures Limited for the year ended 31 July 2008 which comprise the profit and loss account, the balance sheet and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. 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 auditors' 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 auditors

The directors responsibilities for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) 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 International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

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 whether in our opinion the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements.

In addition, we report to you if, in our opinion, 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 other transactions is not disclosed.

We read the Directors' Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) 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.

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of Napier University Ventures Limited

Year Ended 31 July 2008

Opinion

In our opinion:

- the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of affairs of the company as at 31 July 2008 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985; and
- the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements.

Grant Thornton UK LLP
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors
Edinburgh

11th December 2008

Napier University Ventures Limited

Profit and Loss Account

Year Ended 31 July 2008

	Notes	2008 £	2007 £
Turnover		3,610,259	3,613,685
Consultancy Expenses		(2,168,925)	(2,597,946)
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Gross Profit		1,441,334	1,015,739
Administrative Expenses		(66,366)	30,420
Gift Aid Donation	3	(1,104,758)	(1,288,334)
Interest Receivable		47,449	36,099
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		(1,123,675)	(1,221,815)
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Profit / (Loss) on ordinary activities before taxation	4	317,659	(206,076)
Tax on Profit on ordinary activities	5	-	-
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Profit / (Loss) on ordinary activities after taxation	11	317,659	(206,076)
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All company activities are continuing.

There are no recognised gains and losses other than the profit and loss for the years.

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 July 2008

	Notes	£	2008 £	£	2007 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Fixed Assets	6		59,120		65,217
Investments	7		4,176		4,176
			63,296		69,393
Current Assets					
Debtors	8	2,158,489		1,287,806	
Cash at Bank and in Hand		329,778		734,580	
			2,488,267		2,022,386
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	1,389,858		1,247,733	
			1,098,409		774,653
Total Assets less Current Liabilities			1,161,705		844,046
Total Net Assets			1,161,705		844,046
Capital and Reserves					
Revaluation Reserve	10		58,374		59,995
General Reserve	11		1,103,331		784,051
			1,161,705		844,046
Total Funds			1,161,705		844,046

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part VII of the Companies Act.

The Accounts were approved by the Board of Directors on 11 December 2008 and were signed on its behalf by:

DR G WEBBER, Director

E R GIBSON, Director

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Notes to the 2007-08 Accounts

1. Fundamental Accounting Concept

The Directors anticipate making a Gift Aid payment to Napier University, which still leaves the company in a net asset position. Napier University, as it exercises a dominant influence, has committed to providing continuing support and on this basis the directors consider it appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

2. Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of Accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of land and buildings, and in accordance with applicable accounting standards. Investments in associated undertakings are valued at cost unless the directors consider a reduction is appropriate.

(b) Turnover

Turnover, represents the value of goods and services (net of VAT) supplied in respect of training, research and consultancy services provided in the period along with any attributable grant income (see note 2e).

(c) Consultancy Expenses

Consultancy expenses as shown in the accounts represent all direct expenditure relating to the services provided in the period. Profit is calculated on a prudent basis to reflect the proportion of work carried out at the year-end, by recording turnover and related costs as project activity progresses. Full provision is made for losses on all contracts in the year in which they are first foreseen.

(d) Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Fixed assets, other than land and buildings which is included at valuation (see Note 6), are stated at their purchase cost together with any incidental expenses of acquisition. On adoption of FRS 15, the Company has followed the transitional provisions to retain the book value of land and buildings, which were revalued in 1992, but not to adopt a policy of revaluation in the future.

Depreciation is provided by the straight-line method at percentages designed to write off the book value of assets over the term of their expected useful life. The principal rates range from 2% (for Land & Buildings) to 25% (for equipment/vehicles).

(e) Grants Received

Grants related to fixed assets are credited to a deferred income account and are released to revenue over the expected useful life of the related asset by equal annual amounts. Revenue based grants are credited to the profit and loss account in the year to which they relate.

(f) Taxation

The payment of taxation is deferred or accelerated because of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for accounting and taxation purposes. Full provision for deferred taxation is made under the liability method, without discounting, on all timing differences that have arisen, but not reversed by the balance sheet date, unless Financial Reporting Standard 19 does not permit such provision.

(g) VAT

The company is partially exempt for VAT purposes. Non-recoverable VAT is charged to the profit and loss account.

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3. Gift Aid Donation	2008 £	2007 £
Gift Aid Donation to Napier University	1,104,758	1,288,334
4. Profit / (Loss) on ordinary activities before taxation		
Profit / (Loss) is stated after charging: -		
Auditors' remuneration	1,939	1,600
Depreciation	6,097	6,098
5. Corporation Tax		
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	-	-
Current tax reconciliation		
Profit / Loss on ordinary activities before tax	317,659	(206,076)
Theoretical tax at UK corporation tax rate of 29.33% (2007 - 30%)	93,180	(61,823)
Effects of:		
Expenditure not tax deductible	2,482	68,251
Depreciation in excess of capital allowances	2,568	-
Short term timing differences	(98,706)	(6,428)
Non-qualifying depreciation	476	-
Current tax charge for the period	-	-

Factors that may affect future tax charges

The company has an unrecognised deferred tax asset of £34,360 (2007 £22,553). This asset has not been recognised as the company gifts all profits to Napier University under the Gift Aid Scheme and therefore will not be able to recover the asset in the foreseeable future.

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6. Tangible Fixed Assets	Freehold Land & Buildings £	Equipment, Furniture & Fittings £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 August 2007 and 31 July 2008	81,075	17,903	98,978
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Depreciation			
At 1 August 2007	21,081	12,680	33,761
Depreciation for the year	1,622	4,475	6,097
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At 31 July 2008	22,703	17,155	39,858
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Net book value at 31 July 2008	58,372	748	59,120
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Net book value at 31 July 2007	59,994	5,223	65,217
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The Company's freehold land and buildings have been valued by the directors at an amount equivalent to its original cost to Napier University.

7. Investments	2008 £	2007 £
Cost at 1 August	24,461	24,461
Provision for diminution in value	(20,285)	(20,285)
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Value at 31 July	4,176	4,176
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The Company's investments are held in the shares of seven unlisted companies, two of which qualify as associated companies.

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7. Investments (Cont'd)

Associated Companies

At 31 July 2008 the Company held:

- 34% of the issued share capital of Freelight Systems Ltd., a company established to exploit the commercial potential of polymer technology developed within Napier University. Value of net liabilities £17,457 at 30 November 2006.
- 29% of the issued ordinary share capital of CardioDigital Ltd., a company established in March 2001 to exploit the commercial potential of proprietary patents in the field of unique medical software. Value of net liabilities £190,998 at 31 December 2007.

	2008	2007
	£	£
8. Debtors: Amounts due within one year		
Trade Debtors	859,089	341,342
Other Debtors	431	431
Accrued Income	194,255	230,788
Prepayments	3,840	5,385
Amounts due from Napier University	1,100,874	709,860
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	2,158,489	1,287,806
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9. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		
Other Creditors	79,664	82,280
Accruals	383,135	530,895
Deferred Income	927,059	634,558
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	1,389,858	1,247,733
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	2008 £	2007 £
10. Revaluation Reserve		
Balance at 1 August	59,995	61,616
Transfer to Profit and Loss Account	(1,621)	(1,621)
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Balance at 31 July	58,374	59,995
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11. General Reserve		
Balance at 1 August	784,051	988,506
Profit / (Loss) for the Year	317,659	(206,076)
Transfer from Revaluation Reserve	1,621	1,621
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Balance at 31 July	1,103,331	784,051
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12. Cash Flow Statement

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 is entitled to the exemptions available in Section 246 to 247 of the Companies Act 1985 for small companies.

13. Parent Undertaking

The Company is not a legal subsidiary of Napier University. However, as the University exercises a dominant influence it is treated as a subsidiary for financial reporting. Copies of the accounts of Napier University can be obtained from Craighouse Campus, Edinburgh, EH10 5LG.