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# THE U.K. CENTRE FOR ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT

## DIRECTORS' AND TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2000





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### Legal and Administrative Information

**Company Number** 

1811707

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289469

**Registered Office** 

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**Directors and Trustees** 

Sir Michael Colman

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J Winward

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Lakin Rose Enterprise House

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## DIRECTORS' AND TRUSTEES' REPORT For the year ended 31 March 2000

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

### Organisation and structure

The U.K. Centre for Economic and Environmental Development (UK CEED) is constituted as a company limited by guarantee and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. It is a registered charity.

The Board of Directors and Trustees meets regularly to review the charity's operations, but the day to day running of the charity is undertaken by the Executive Director, who is not a member of the Board, together with the employed staff of the charity.

### Objects and aims

The charity's principal aim continues to be to bring about a constructive partnership between development and conservation interests in the UK and to promote the integration of economic analysis into environmental policy making.

### Review of activities

The year just ended has seen the busiest period in UK CEED's sixteen years existence. The Centre has been involved in a growing number of high profile projects, the highlight of which was perhaps the holding of the UK's second Consensus Conference. A number of projects were completed during the year, such as the EU Life project for the UK Countryside agencies, whilst new projects were started, including the launch of Inland, Coastal and Estuarine Waters magazine (ICE), a new water environment magazine. The Centre has also relocated to Peterborough after nine years in Cambridge.

The period has also provided a crucial test for the Centre's financial stability. For the first time since the Centre's foundation, UK CEED has had to operate without core funding support from the government. There is no doubt that the loss of £24,000 per annum has been keenly felt and this is reflected in the disappointing figures for the year. However, the new financial systems brought in over the last 18 months coupled with the increasing contribution that project funding is making to core costs have ensured that the Centre is able to plan confidently for the future. The recent office relocation, although making a negative contribution to the finances towards the end of this financial year, will begin making a major positive contribution to the finances over the coming years, with office costs having been reduced by two-thirds.

The year ahead will see a number of new and exciting initiatives designed both to keep UK CEED at the forefront of the sustainable development agenda, but also to contribute towards improved financial stability. Amongst these will be the launch of UK CEED's new Centre for Sustainable Communications and the first national conference promoted through UK CEED's ICE magazine.

#### Financial review

The finances continue to be relatively stable, with total income relatively unchanged, despite the loss of core funding noted above. However the underlying position remains fragile and vulnerable to late payment of grants and project support. The building of an adequate reserve to provide a safety net remains a high priority.

Expenditure on core costs has remained relatively unchanged, whilst expenditure on projects for the year was increased markedly from last year. The latter reflects the high costs of staging the Consensus Conference, which nonetheless generated a net surplus for the Centre, and the increased printing and stationery costs resulting from the production of ICE magazine. Nevertheless, all of the projects during the year generated net surpluses.

The surplus generated by project activities was not in itself enough to offset the loss of £24,000 of government core funding for the year. However, new projects and savings in office costs will push the Centre's activities back into the black for the year ahead.

As noted above, the new office will yield significant cost savings over the coming year, although early savings from the relocation were offset by the exit costs from the relocation.

### **Projects**

Consensus Conference

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This year saw the culmination of the year-long Consensus Conference project which was designed to elicit the views of a Citizens' Panel on the complex issues relating to the long term management of radioactive waste in the UK. Both the Panel and UK CEED, as organisers, were congratulated on what was widely recognised as an innovative, stimulating and influential example of public participation. On more than one occasion the Panel's report has been cited by government and industry as playing a key role in policy development in this area.

### Digital Futures

UK CEED, Forum for the Future and other organisations have joined to undertake Digital Futures, a 1 year government-backed inquiry into the environmental and social impacts of e-commerce, the Digital Futures inquiry. The Digital Futures inquiry is backed by a consortium of government departments, companies and think-tanks.

### Local Authorities and the Information Society

The final seminars in UK CEED's LARICT seminar series, supported by the European Commission and BT, took place in Edinburgh and London during this year. The seminars were designed to investigate and promote the role of the Information Society in achieving local, regional and central government sustainable development objectives.

### **Eco-services**

UK CEED is undertaking a European Union-financed project on the development of eco-efficient producer services. The project partners UK CEED with research partners in the Netherlands, Germany, Italy and Spain. The project is examining opportunities for dematerialising and otherwise reducing the environmental impacts of product chains through development of service-based solutions.

#### Water Environment

UK CEED has launched Inland, Coastal and Estuarine Waters magazine (ICE), a new bi-monthly magazine, supported by the Department of Environment, Transport and the Regions and the European Commission. Aimed at water environment professionals, it promotes integrated aquatic management through coverage of water environment news and reviews.

The Centre has produced the final report for the UK conservation agencies on recreational impacts in areas designated under the Habitats Directive. The report is due to be published towards the end of the year and will form an integral part of European wide guidance on implementing the Directive.

UK CEED's long-running Navigate with Nature project, run in partnership with the British Marine Industries Federation, DETR, RSPB and Marina Developments Ltd, continued to deliver high quality environmental information for leisure boaters. For the first time, the project has expanded into the provision of facilities for boat users in partnership with the Environment Agency and Onyx Environmental Trust. The Solent's first sewage pump-out facilities together with comprehensive recycling facilities were launched in July at Warsash on the River Hamble. The project is also expanding into the Irish Sea area, with the support of the European Interreg fund.

### Reports

UK CEED has published reports on the use of science in Corporate Environmental Reporting and the environmental and socioeconomic impacts of all-inclusive resorts relative to conventional hotels.

## DIRECTORS' AND TRUSTEES' REPORT For the year ended 31 March 2000

### Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are required by law to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the financial activities of the charity and of its financial position at the end of that year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the policies adopted are in accordance with the Companies Act 1985 and with applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice, 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 that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity 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 charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

### **Directors and Trustees**

The directors and trustees who served during the year are shown on the Legal and Administrative Information page attached to this report.

#### **Auditors**

The auditors, Lakin Rose, will be proposed for reappointment in accordance with section 385 of the Companies Act 1985.

### Small company exemptions

The directors' and trustees' annual report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

This report was approved by the Board on 9 January Zeo, and signed on its behalf.

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## AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE U.K. CENTRE FOR ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 11 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 7.

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditors

As described on page 2 the trustees of The U.K. Centre for Economic and Environmental Development who are also the directors of the charity for the purposes of company law are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on the financial statements and to report our opinion to you.

### Basis of 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 trustees in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charity'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 charity's state of affairs as at 31 March 2000 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, in the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 1985.

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Lakin Rose

Chartered Accountants Registered Auditor

Enterprise House Vision Park Histon Cambridge CB4 9ZR

Date: 12 James 2001

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES For the year ended 31 March 2000

	Note	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2000 £		Total 1999 £
SUMMARY INCOME AND EXPENDITU	RE ACC	OUNT				
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Donations and grants			25,298	25,29		53,858
Research projects funding	2	176,498	-	176,49		263,624
add: income deferred from prior year less: income deferred to next year		62,671 (5,000)	-	62,67 (5,00		8,750 (62,671)
less. Medifie deferred to flexit year					<b>-</b> ,	(02,011)
	2	234,169	25,298	259,46	7	263,561
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Publications Consultancy		-	1,780 3,998	1,78 3,99		1,346 6,360
Interest receivable		-	311	3,93		582
Total incoming resources	2	234,169	31,387	265,55	6	271,849
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Direct charitable expenditure	5	(192,442)	(27,467)	(219,90	9)	(202,588)
Management and administration	5	(48,110)	(11,245)	(59,35	5) 	(56,905)
Total resources expended	5	(240,552)	(38,712)	(279,26	4)	(259,493)
NET (OUTGOING)/INCOMING RESOURCE FOR THE YEAR	ES	£ (6,383)	£ (7,325)	£ (13,70	8) £	12,356
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FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD		12,468	22,628	35,09	6 -	22,740
FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		£ 6,085	£ 15,303	£ 21,38	8 £	35,096

Income and net (outgoing)/incoming resources derive wholly from continuing operations.

There were no recognised gains and losses for 2000 or 1999 other than those included above.

The notes on pages 7 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

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## BALANCE SHEET As at 31 March 2000

				2000			1999
	Note	£		£	£		£
FIXED ASSETS							
Tangible fixed assets	6			9,636			11,675
CURRENT ASSETS							
Stocks		8,690			-		
Debtors	7	27,717			46,548		
Cash at bank and in hand		105			56,354		
		36,512			102,902		
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	8	(24,760)			(79,481)		
	_						
NET CURRENT ASSETS				11,752			23,421
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			£	21,388		£	35,096
						-	<u> </u>
CAPITAL	40						40.400
Restricted funds	10			6,085			12,468
Unrestricted funds			_	15,303 ———		_	22,628

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 9 January 200, and signed on its behalf

Mr John Cox

The notes on pages 7 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

#### 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 the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting by Charities" and applicable accounting standards, and include the results of the charity's operations which are described in the Directors' and Trustees' Report and all of which are continuing.

The financial statements do not include a cash flow statement because the charity, as a small reporting entity, is exempt from the requirement to prepare such a statement under Financial Reporting Standard No. 1.

### 1.2 Incoming resources

Voluntary income and donations are accounted for as received by the charity. Grants and project funding, where received for a specified period or future purpose, are shown as incoming resources and deferred to such future periods to which the income relates. Where the charity receives funding in kind rather than in cash this is accounted for as income and expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities.

### 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:

Furniture and equipment

25% reducing balance

### 1.4 Operating leases

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are reflected in the Statement of Financial Activities as incurred.

### 1.5 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

### 1.6 Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the 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 differences are taken into account in arriving at net incoming resources for the year.

### 1.7 Pensions

The charity pays contributions to employees' personal pension schemes and the pension charge represents the amounts paid by the charity to these schemes during the year.

### 1.8 Management and administration costs

Administration expenditure includes all expenditure not directly related to charitable activities. Where items of expenditure include both charitable and administrative elements the trustees have apportioned the expenditure using a suitable basis.

### 2. INCOMING RESOURCES

All of the charity's incoming resources arose within the United Kingdom.

## 3. NET (OUTGOING)/INCOMING RESOURCES

Net (outgoing)/incoming resources for the year is stated after charging/(crediting):

	Total	Total
	2000	1999
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets		
- owned by the charity	2,938	3,176
Audit fees	2,000	2,000
Auditors' remuneration - accountancy services	1,325	925
Operating lease rentals		
- land and buildings	11,224	14,138
Pension costs	1,107	2,214
Foreign exchange differences	1,890	(380)

### 4. EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

No director or trustee received any emoluments in the year (1999 - £Nil). No expenses were reimbursed to them.

No employee earned £40,000 per annum or more.

The average number of employees (excluding directors and trustees), analysed by function was :

	2000 No.	1999 No.
Research projects	3	3
Publications	1	1
Administration	1	1
	5	5

5.	TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	Direct charitable expenditure 2000 £	Management and administration 2000 £	Total 2000 £		Total 1999 £
	Project work	_		_		
	Staff salaries	80,497	22,704	103,201		112,882
	Pensions	863	244	1,107		2,214
	Consultancy	56,969	6,000	62,969		54,702
	Hotels and travel	17,309	-	17,309		13,791
	Events and meetings	23,925	-	23,925		14,187
	Printing	(500)	-	(500)		4,200
		179,063	28,948	208,011	_	201,976
	Publications				=	
	Books and publications	243	568	811		1,198
	Printing and stationery	9,866	4,228	14,094		9,065
	Postage	1,212	1,212	2,424		1,824
		11,321	6,008	17,329	_	12,087
	General office costs					
	Entertainment		•			112
	Office supplies	1,315	1,314	2,629		2,051
	Printing and stationery	6,577	2,819	9,396		6,043
	Postage	1,212	1,212	2,424		1,824
	Telephone and fax	2,723	2,723	5,446		4,634
	Computer costs					391
	Conferences	2,503	2,503	5,006		3,644
	General office expenses	-	420	420		749
	Subscriptions and courses	9	78	87		835
	Legal and professional	-	1,410	1,410		
	Audit remuneration	-	2,000	2,000		2,000
	Accountancy	•	1,325	1,325		925
	Bank charges	-	2,145	2,145		812
	Foreign exchange profits	2,057	1,890 881	1,890		(380)
	Depreciation Post	•		2,938		3,176
	Rent Pater and annies about	8,755	2,469	11,224		14,138
	Rates and service charges	689 652	170 184	859		962 025
	Light and heat	222	63	836 385		935
	Cleaning	682	192	285		735
	Insurances Repairs and maintenance	2,129	601	874 2,730		875 969
		29,525	24,399	53,924	-	45,430
	Total expenditure	£ 219,909	£ 59,355 £	279,264	£	259,493

Additions  At 31 March 2000  Depreciation  At 1 April 1999	6.	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS				niture and uipment £
Depreciation       At 1 April 1999       48,5         Charge for year       2,5         At 31 March 2000       £ 9,6         At 31 March 2000       £ 9,6         At 31 March 1999       £ 11,6         7. DEBTORS       2000 1999         £ £ £       £ £         Due within one year       11,890 42,2         Trade debtors       11,890 77         Other debtors       15,827 3,5         £ 27,717 £ 46,5         8. CREDITORS:         Amounts falling due within one year         Bank loans and overdrafts       2,504 0ther creditors         Other creditors       10,822 3,7		At 1 April 1999				60,650 899
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Net Book Value       £       9,6         At 31 March 1999       £       11,6         7. DEBTORS       2000       1999         E       £       £         Due within one year       11,890       42,2         Other debtors       15,827       3,5         Prepayments and accrued income       15,827       3,5         8. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year       2000       1999         £       £       £         Bank loans and overdrafts Other creditors       2,504 10,822       3,7		At 1 April 1999				48,975 2,938
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Amounts falling due within one year  2000 1999 £ £  Bank loans and overdrafts Other creditors  2,504 10,822 3,7			£	27,717	£	46,548
Other creditors 10,822 3,7	8.					
						3,776 75,705
£ 24,760 £ 79,4			£	24,760	£	79,481

Included within other creditors is an amount of £2,746 (1999 - £3,775) relating to social security and other taxes.

### 9. OTHER COMMITMENTS

At 31 March 2000 the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2000	1999
	£	£
Expiry date:		
Within 1 year	-	14,138
Between 2 and 5 years	5,100	-

### 10. RESTRICTED FUNDS

The restricted funds are represented by working capital balances and result from various sources of funding for specific research projects undertaken by the charity, together with funding for the charity's quarterly bulletin.

## 11. ANALYSIS OF FUNDS BETWEEN NET ASSETS

	Unrestricted	Project	Total
	funds	funds	funds
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	8,676	960	9,636
Net current assets	6,627	5,125	11,752
	£ 15,303	£ 6,085	£ 21,388