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ASITE plc

**Interim Report** 

for the six months ended 30 June 2003

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# **OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS**

### DIRECTORS

Sir John Egan Walter Goldsmith Thomas Dengenis Charles Woods Robert Tchenguiz Mathew Riley Peter Rogers

# SECRETARY

**Charles Woods** 

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### REGISTRARS

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# AUDITORS

Deloitte & Touche Chartered Accountants London

### CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT for the six months ended 30 June 2003

#### **Results and dividends**

The Group's core business, Asite Solutions Limited ("Asite"), made progress during the first six months of 2003, enjoying a trend of increased revenues and reduced fixed expenses as Asite continued to benefit from initiatives implemented in the latter part of the year to December 2002. As a result, Asite has seen a recent trend of decreasing monthly losses.

The Group's operating loss of £0.8m compares with a loss of £2.1m in the 6 months ended 30 June 2002, and £5.4m in the 12 months ended 31 December 2002. The previous year's loss and the loss in the first half of 2003 reflect the significant investment made in Asite. Further product development expenditure of  $\pounds0.3m$  to develop Asite's own intellectual property was incurred during the period to 30 June 2003. The Group's operating loss before this expenditure was  $\pounds0.5m$ .

The loss per share was 0.7p compared with 2.0p and 4.7p respectively in the previous half and full year. Turnover in the first six months of 2003 was up by over 25% compared with the same period last year.

### **Development of the Group**

This year, Asite has made a series of product releases that are a strong indicator of our growing expertise in product development and solutions delivery. The resulting intellectual property forms the core of Asite's technology assets and increases our ability to respond to market demand. In addition, our reduced reliance on licensed third party intellectual property significantly decreases our cost of sales.

There have been major new releases of *Asite Tender*, in both the first and second quarters. We have released *Asite Negotiate* for contract negotiation, in response to customer requirements, including those of BAA. *Asite Tender* makes it easier both to prepare and manage a tender plus participate as a bidder, in a highly secure environment. *Asite Negotiate* provides a secure communications tool that supports the process of contract formation between buyer and supplier.

We have also successfully released *Asite Workspace*, which supports document-sharing environments for ad-hoc teams. *Asite Workspace* is included as an enhancement to our fee-paying *Asite Community* programme, which already comprises hundreds of companies.

The *Asite Integration* solution has been rolled-out with great success in automating the Laing O'Rourke inventory control system to connect supply chains on the BAA Terminal 5 project. In addition, we have completed the restructuring of our production hosting operations to reduce reliance on third-party managed services, whilst continuing to outsource secure infrastructure provision.

### **Operational review**

Important new customers have been acquired, as the take-up of *Asite Tender* and *Asite Workspace* continues to increase, including leading UK contractors and property developers. Morgan Sindall plc have recently adopted *Asite Tender* on their major tunneling project at Terminal 5, which is in joint venture with Vinci. We are also continuing to implement an enterprise-wide rollout at Laing O'Rourke and across the Birse Rail / Network Rail project portfolio.

### CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT for the six months ended 30 June 2003

### **Prospects**

I remain firmly of the belief that the technology community that we are building at Asite is taking the right steps to achieve truly integrated business relationships and that the construction industry will continue to find ever greater opportunities to improve business performance through our suite of products and solutions.

The directors, therefore, remain confident that Asite will move ahead toward profitable trading and positive cashflows and that all necessary steps have been taken to ensure its future success.

Sir John Egan Chairman 22 July 2003

### CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT for the six months ended 30 June 2003

Unaudited Unaudited Note six months six months to to 30 June 30 June 2003 2002 £'000 £'000 TURNOVER Continuing operations: 816 Turnover 1,032 Discontinued operations: Turnover --1,032 816 Revenue share (217) (219)Net turnover 815 597 Staff costs 942 1,123 Depreciation and amortisation 1 760 Product development expenditure 310 Other operating charges 359 861 2,744 1,612 **OPERATING LOSS** Continuing operations (797) (2, 147)Discontinued operations (797) (2, 147)Loss on sale of discontinued operations Interest payable less receivable (7)-LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION (797) (2,154)Tax credit on loss on ordinary activities LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITES AFTER TAXATION (797) (2,154)Minority interest 92 266 LOSS FOR THE PERIOD (705) (1,888)

3

(0.7p)

Loss per share – basic

Audited

year

31 Dec

2002

£'000

1,575

1,599

1,130

2,377

2,245

1,859

6,481

(5,283)

(5,351)

(68)

(11)

(29)

(5,391)

(5,320)

(4,559)

(4.7p)

(2.0p)

761

71

(469)

24

to

# CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

at 30 June 2003

	Note	Unaudited at 30 June 2003 £'000	Unaudited at 30 June 2002 £'000	Audited at 31 Dec 2002 £'000
FIXED ASSETS Tangible assets		230	4,120	-
CURRENT ASSETS Stock Debtors Cash at bank		643	10 593 1,923	564 89
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year		643 (924)	2,526 (5,617)	653 (1,936)
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES		(281)	(3,091)	(1,283)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		(51)	1,029	(1,283)
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year		(4,671)	(2,267)	(2,632)
EQUITY MINORITY INTERESTS		1,863	1,265	1,761
NET (LIABILITIES) / ASSETS		(2,859)	27	(2,154)
CAPITAL AND RESERVES Called up share capital Share premium account Profit and loss account EOUITY SHAREHOLDERS' (DEFICIT) / FUNDS	4 4 4	10,291 2,442 (15,592) (2,859)	9,801 2,442 (12,216) 27	10,291 2,442 (14,887) (2,154)
EQUIT I SHAKEHULDEKS' (DEFICIT) / FUNDS		(2,839)	<i>21</i>	(2,134)

# CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

for the six months ended 30 June 2003

	Note	Unaudited six months to 30 June 2003 £'000	Unaudited six months to 30 June 2002 £'000	Audited year to 31 Dec 2002 £'000
Net cash outflow from operating activities	5	(2,072)	(1,609)	(3,233)
<b>Returns on investments and servicing of finance</b> Interest paid		-	(7)	(29)
Net cash out flow from returns on investments and servicing of finance		-	(7)	(29)
Capital expenditure Payments to acquire fixed assets Proceeds from sale of fixed assets		(231)	(357)	(358) 5
Net cash outflow from capital expenditure		(231)	(357)	(353)
Acquisitions and disposals Disposal of subsidiaries Net borrowings disposed of with subsidiaries		-	-	10 (24)
Net cash outflow from acquisitions and disposals		-	-	(14)
Net cash outflow before financing		(2,303)	(1,973)	(3,629)
<b>Financing</b> Net proceeds on issue of ordinary share capital Purchase of shares from minorities Net proceeds from borrowings Repayment of borrowings Capital element of finance lease rental payments		(10) 2,039	- 1,950 -	897 2,632 (2) (6)
Net cash outflow from financing		2,029	1,950	3,521
(Decrease) in cash in the period	6	(274)	(23)	(108)

### NOTES TO THE INTERIM REPORT for the six months ended 30 June 2003

## 3. LOSS PER SHARE

	Unaudited six months to 30 June 2003	Unaudited six months to 30 June 2002	Audited year to 31 Dec 2002
Basic			
Net loss for the period	(£705,000)	(£1,888,000)	£(4,559,000)
Weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding	102,910,633	93,771,912	96,526,461
Loss per share:	(0.7p)	(2.0p)	(4.7p)

FRS 14 requires presentation of diluted loss per share when a Company could be called upon to issue shares that would decrease net profit or increase net loss per share. For a loss making Company with outstanding share options, net loss per share would only be increased by the exercise of out-of-the-money options. No adjustment has been made to diluted loss per share for out-of-the-money share options and there are no other diluting future share issues, therefore diluted loss per share has not been presented.

## 4. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' (DEFICIT)

	Called up share capital £'000	Share premium account £'000	Profit and loss account £'000	Total £'000
Group				
At 1 January 2003	10,291	2,442	(14,887)	(2,154)
Minority interest	-	-	92	92
Loss for the period	-	-	(797)	(797)
At 30 June 2003	10,291	2,442	(15,592)	(2,859)

# NOTES TO THE INTERIM REPORT for the six months ended 30 June 2003

# 5. RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS TO NET CASH OUTFLOW

	Unaudited six months to 30 June 2003 £'000	Unaudited six months to 30 June 2002 £'000	Audited year to 31 Dec 2002 £'000
Operating loss	(797)	(2,147)	(5,351)
Depreciation and amortisation	ĺ	760	2,245
Fees received in advance	(66)	-	138
Service charged to operating profit in return for issue of shares	-	50	50
Decrease in stock	-	11	22
Decrease / (increase) in debtors	(79)	207	236
(Decrease) in creditors	(1,131)	(490)	(573)
	(2,072)	(1,609)	(3,233)

### 6. RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH FLOW TO MOVEMENT IN NET FUNDS / (DEBT)

	Unaudited six months to 30 June 2003 £'000	Unaudited six months to 30 June 2002 £'000	Audited year to 31 Dec 2002 £'000
(Decrease) in cash in the period Decrease in debt finance	(274)	(23)	(108) 19
Decrease in lease finance		9	6
	(274)	(14)	(83)
Loan	(2,039)		(2,632)
	(2,039)		(2,632)
Movement in net (debt) in the period Net (debt) / funds at start of period	(2,313) (2,543)	(14) 172	(2,715) 172
Net (debt) / funds at end of period	(4,856)	158	(2,543)

# **NOTES TO THE INTERIM REPORT** for the six months ended 30 June 2003

# 7. ANALYSIS OF NET DEBT

	At 1 Jan 2003 £'000	Movement £'000	At 30 June 2003 £'000
Cash	89	(89)	-
Uncleared payments	-	(185)	(185)
	89	(274)	(185)
Loan	(2,632)	(2,039)	(4,671)
	(2,543)	(2,313)	(4,856)