

**DRS Data & Research Services plc**  
Annual Report and Accounts for the  
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DRS' data recognition and processing products and services are used across the globe for examinations, elections, census, student registration and document processing.

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## SUMMARY

**2009 marked the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Group by my predecessor, Malcolm Brighton OBE, DL. For all of those 40 years, DRS has been a leader in innovative technologies, including particularly intelligent scanning and related systems and software.**

The new AQA contract, signed in the opening weeks of 2010, is proof-positive of this long-standing innovative prowess and the Group's ability to leverage that strength to win important business.

As the Group embarks on its 41<sup>st</sup> year, its resolve to strengthen yet further its innovative stance and its customer propositions is greater than ever.

**Sir David Brown, Chairman**

## HIGHLIGHTS

### Financial highlights

**£14.9** million

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**Turnover**

2008: £17.4 million

**£0.9** million

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**Loss before tax**

2008: £2.5 million

**2.28** pence

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**Loss per share**

2008: 9.46 pence

**£2.4** million

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**Product development**

2008: £2.7 million

**£2.9** million

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**Cash and cash equivalents**

2008: £2.8 million

**£4.9** million

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**Gross profit**

2008: £5.9 million

### Operational highlights

**Over 9 million AQA answer scripts were processed using e-Marker® by 20,000 markers**

**Sudan census successfully delivered and was awarded runner-up of Public Sector Project of the Year**

**Wolverhampton City Council contracts DRS to monitor Key Stage 4 and Post 16 students**

**e-Voting solution delivered for Nigeria Computer Society**

**PS960 scanner wins Product of the Year**

**e-Marker® piloted in the Caribbean**

**OUR BUSINESS**

## OUR BUSINESS

### **Expertise, solutions and technology**

We have a **profound knowledge** of the data capture and recognition process and **pass this on to our customers**, helping them to adopt the **most appropriate techniques** and methodologies for **the best results**.

























































































































































