Schedule 17: Significant Accounting Policies and Notes on Accounts

1. Significant Accounting Policies:

a. Method of Accounting:

The Financial Statements have been prepared on historical cost basis and in accordance with the accrual method of accounting.

b. Use of Estimates:

The presentation of financial statements in conformity with the generally accepted accounting principles requires estimates and assumptions to be made that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities on the date of the financial statements and the reported amount of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Difference between the actual result and the estimates are recognised in the period in which the results are known/materialized.

c. Revenue Recognition:

Revenue is recognized when there is reasonable certainty of its ultimate realization/collection. Investment management fees are computed in accordance with investment management agreement and SEBI Regulations.

d. Foreign Exchange Transactions:

Expenses and Income are recorded at the exchange rates prevailing on the date of transaction. Year-end accruals have been made as per the exchange rates prevailing as at the last day of the accounting year.

e. Fixed Assets:

Fixed Assets are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation.

f. Depreciation:

Depreciation on Fixed Assets is provided on written down value, at the rates and in the manner prescribed under Schedule XIV to the Companies Act, 1956 on all assets, except as under –

Capital expenditure at Leased Premises (included in furniture & fittings) is depreciated over the period of the lease or over the useful life as prescribed under the Schedule XIV to the Companies Act, 1956 whichever is lower.

Computers and equipments are depreciated on straight-line basis over a period of forty-eight months.

Software is depreciated on straight-line basis over a period of thirty-six months.

g. Investments:

Securities acquired with the intention of holding them as investments are classified as investments. Current Investments represent investments made as a part of the Company's Cash Management Policy. They are valued at lower of cost and fair market value.

h. Contingent Liabilities:

These are disclosed by way of notes to accounts. Provision is made in the accounts in respect of those liabilities which are likely to materialise after the year end till finalisation of accounts and have material effect on the position stated in the Balance Sheet.

i. Retirement Benefits:

The Company contributes to recognised Provident Fund for its employees. Provision for Gratuity has been made as per actuarial valuation at the year-end.

j. Leave Encashment:

Leave Encashment liability is accrued on the basis of actuarial valuation at the yearend.

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k. Taxes on Income:

Current Tax is determined as the amount of tax payable in respect of taxable income for the period. Deferred tax asset and liability are recognised for the expected future tax consequences attributable to differences between accounting income and taxable income for a period, that originate in one period and are capable of reversal in one or more subsequent periods. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using the tax rates and tax laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the Balance Sheet date.

Deferred tax assets are recognised and carried forward only if there is a reasonable/virtual certainty of its realisation.

I. Borrowing Costs:

All borrowing costs are charged to revenue.

m. Miscellaneous Expenditure:

The company amortises preliminary expenses in ten equal installments commencing from the year in which they are incurred.

2. Contingent Liabilities:

Income tax demands Rs. NIL (Previous Year Rs. 84,217,085/-)

- 3. The Company operates only in one segment Investment Management Services.
- 4. Scheme expenses are shown net of marketing/load charges reimbursed Rs. 90,901,792/- (Previous Year Rs. 69,753,991/-)
- 5. The tax effects of significant timing differences are reflected through deferred tax asset (net), which is included in the Balance Sheet.

 The deferred tax asset of Rs. 1,571,403/- is on account of depreciation

Current Year

Previous Year

6. Payment to Auditors:

	Rs.	Rs.
a. As Auditors	84,000	84,000
b. Tax Audit fees	31,500	30,187
c. As advisor or in any other capacity		
i) Taxation matters	336,500	-
ii) Certification etc.	55,650	57,619

- 7. Total of future minimum lease rental payments relating to Operating Lease taken by the Company is Rs. 1,802,779/- (Previous Year Rs. 3,034,834/-) comprising of
 - a. Lease rentals falling due within one year Rs. 818,100/- (Previous Year Rs. 979,668/-)
 - b. Lease rentals of Rs. 984,679/- falling due between 1–5 years (Previous Year Rs. 2,055,166/-)

Lease payments recognised in the Profit/(Loss) Account amounts to Rs. 876,526/-(Previous Year Rs. 1,088,247/-)

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8. Earnings per share (EPS)

The earnings per share, computed as per the requirement under Accounting Standard –20 issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, is as under

Net Profit (Rs. '000) Weighted average number of shares Basic and Diluted EPS(Rs.)

Current Year	Previous Year
24,684	25,090
20,000,000	20,000,000
1.23	1.25

9. Related Party Disclosures:

I) List of Related Parties with whom transactions have taken place and relationships:

Sr. No	Name of the Related Party	Relationship
1.	DSP Merrill Lynch Ltd.	Holding Company
2.	DSP Merrill Lynch Trustee Company Pvt. Ltd.	Associates
3.	DSP Merrill Lynch Mutual Fund	
4.	DSP Merrill Lynch Asset Management India Ltd. Employees Provident Fund.	

II) Transactions during the year with Related Parties:

Sr. No	Nature of the Transaction	Holding Company	Associates	Total		
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		
1.	Investments					
	Purchases in, during the year	-	573,000,000	573,000,000		
	(Previous Year)		559,246,229	559,246,229		
	Calca of during the year	-	E40 070 E00	E40 070 E00		
	Sales of, during the year	-	548,272,522	548,272,522		
	(Previous Year)	-	547,783,946	547,783,946		
	Balance as at 31 st December, 2002	-	168,000,000	168,000,000		
	(Previous Year)		130,000,000	130,000,000		
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Sr. No	Nature of the Transaction	Associates Rs.	Total Rs.		
2.	Revenue Investment Management Fees (Previous Year)	-	200,261,179 151,788,781	200,261,179 151,788,781	
	Balance as at 31 st December, 2002 (Previous Year)	-	19,132,228 14,794,726	19,132,228 14,794,726	
3.	Expenditure Broker Reallowance (Previous Year)	52,303,308 55,524,409	-	52,303,308 55,524,409	
	Balance as at 31 st December, 2002 (Previous Year)	10,221,656 8,753,185	-	10,221,656 8,753,185	
	Contribution to Provident Fund (Previous Year)	-	1,946,669 1,556,426	1,946,669 1,556,426	
	Balance as at 31 st December, 2002 (Previous Year)	-	284,466	284,466	
4.	Reimbursement of expenses (net) (Previous Year)	4,057,280 608,398	(88,408,859) (69,630,683)	(84,351,579) (69,022,285)	
	Balance as at 31 st December, 2002 (Previous Year)	1,641,725 322,980	17,102,069 7,047,216	18,749,996 7,370,196	
5.	Income from Sale of Units of Mutual Funds (Previous Year)	-	324,718	324,718	
	Balance as at 31 st December, 2002 (Previous Year)	-	-	-	
6.	Deposits -Refund received of deposit (Previous Year)	19,000,000	-	19,000,000	
	Balance as at 31 st December, 2002 (Previous Year)	-	-	-	

10. Additional information pursuant to the requirements of Part II of Schedule VI of the Companies Act, 1956.

a. Earnings in foreign Currency:	
Sub Advisory Fees	

b. Expenditure in foreign Currency	:
Travel	

Current Year	Previous Year
Rs.	Rs.
NIL	NIL
NIL	67,922



Investment Managers

DSP Merrill Lynch Investment Managers Limited

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11. Quantitative Details of Trading in Securities – Units of Mutual Fund

	Curren Year	t	Previous Year					
Category	Quantity	Quantity Amount Rs.		Amount Rs.				
Opening stock	NIL	NIL	6,764,202.931	100,000,000				
Add : Purchases	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL				
Less : Sales	NIL	NIL	662,690.524	10,324,718				
Less : Re-classified as Investment	NIL	NIL	6,101,512.407	90,000,000				
Closing stock	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL				

- **12.** Figures of the previous year have been regrouped, reclassified and/or recast wherever necessary.
- 13. Information pursuant to part IV of schedule VI to the Companies Act, 1956 :

I. Registration Details Registration No.	9 9 4 8 3	State Code 1 1 (Refer Code List)
Balance Sheet Date	3112DateMonth	2 0 0 2 Year
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II. Capital raised during the year (Amount in Rs. Thousands)

Public Issue	Right Issue						
N I L	N I L						
Bonus Issue	Bonus Issue Private Placement						
N I L	N I L						

III. Position of Mobilisation and deployment of Funds (Amount in Rs. Thousands)

Total Liabilities				Total Assets								
2 0	8	4	7	5			2	0	8	4	7	5

Sources of Funds

Paid-up Capital						Reserves & Surplus							
2	0	0	0	0	0					7	6	0	7
Secured Loans					Unsecured Loans								
			8	6	8						Ν	I	L



Merrill Lynch Investment Managers

DSP Merrill Lynch Investment Managers Limited

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Application of Funds

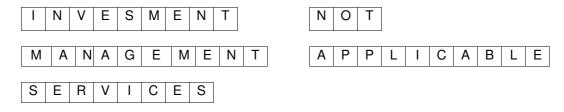
Net Fixed Assets	Investments							
1 0 2 6 1	1 6 8 0 0 0							
Net Current Assets	Misc. Expenditure							
2 8 3 8 2	2 6 1							
Accumulated Losses	Deferred Tax							
N I L	1 5 7 1							

IV. Performance of Company (Amount in Rs. Thousands)

Turnover	Total Expenditure							
2 1 8 9 8 1	1 8 6 1 0 5							
Profit/ (Loss) before Tax	Profit/ (Loss) after Tax							
3 2 8 7 6	2 4 6 8 4							
Earning per Share in Rs.	Dividend rate %							
1 . 2 3	N I L							

V. Generic Names of three Principle Products/Services of Company (as per Monetary terms)

Product Description



Signatures to Schedules 1 to 17

As per our attached report of even date

For Deloitte Haskins & Sells Chartered Accountants

For and on behalf of the board

Item Code No.

N.P. Sarda
H. M. Kothari
Partner
Chairman
Director

Alok Vajpeyi President

Mumbai 10th March, 2003 Mumbai 10th March, 2003