1.0 INTRODUCTION

Computer hardware includes mainframes, minicomputers, personal computers and peripherals. The annual market for 1987 is estimated to be in the region of C\$65 million to C\$75 million. The lower figure reflects official trade statistics, which exclude trade margins after import, while the higher figure is based on estimates by industry sources. Industry sources also estimate that mini-computers constitute C\$40 million of this total, personal computers C\$15 million, and mainframes and peripherals, C\$10 million each.

Malaysia's computer hardware needs are met almost entirely by imports, although some indigenous manufacturing exists of which some 30 percent is exported.

2.0 DOMESTIC PRODUCTION

The Malaysian Industrial Development Authority (MIDA), the statutory body responsible for the promotion and coordination of industrial development in Malaysia, has issued 11 licences to-date for the manufacture of computers and related peripherals. The recipients are as follows:

TABLE 1
COMPANIES GRANTED LICENCES FOR THE
MANUFACTURE OF COMPUTERS AND PERIPHERALS

Name of Company	Location	Date of Issue	Product
1) Accent Technology Sdn. Bhd.	Kuala Lumpur	1985	PCs, peripherals and accessories
2) Acculine Industries Sdn. Bhd.	Penang	1986	PCs and peripherals
3) Astec Sdn. Bhd.	Kuantan	1983	PCs, keyboards and sub-assembly, switching power supply for computers
4) Chew Choon Sdn. Bhd.	-	1983	PCs and peripherals
5) Compex Sdn. Bhd.	Johor Bahru	1985	PCs, peripherals and accessories