

THE HINCKLEY TIMES LIMITED

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended
29 December 2002



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DIRECTORS' REPORT

The sole director submits its report and financial statements for the period ended 29 December 2002.

Directors and their interests

The directors of the company who served during the year ended 29 December 2002 are listed below:

T M Directors Limited

The ultimate parent company 29 December 2002 was Trinity Mirror plc.

The sole director has had no interests in the shares of the company, its fellow subsidiaries or its ultimate parent company at any time.

Secretary

The secretary of the company is T M Secretaries Limited.

Activity and Accounts

The Company has not traded during the year or the previous year and has therefore made neither a profit nor a loss nor any other recognised gain or loss, in the year ended 29 December 2002 or the previous year.

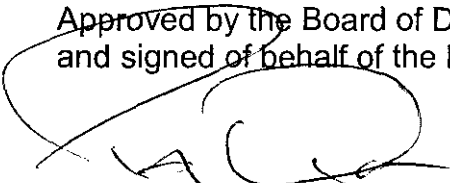
Dividend

The director does not recommend the payment of a dividend in respect of the year ended 29 December 2002 (2001 – £nil).

Directors' Insurance

Trinity Mirror plc maintains insurance for its directors, including directors of its subsidiary undertakings, in respect of their duties.

Approved by the Board of Directors
and signed on behalf of the Board



T M DIRECTORS LIMITED

30th April 2003

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BALANCE SHEET

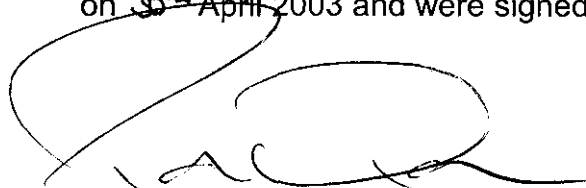
as at 29 December 2002

	Notes	29 December 2002 £000's	30 December 2001 £000's
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	4	<u>166,729</u>	<u>166,729</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>166,729</u>	<u>166,729</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	5	1,524	1,524
Share premium account		27,392	27,392
Profit and loss account		<u>137,813</u>	<u>137,813</u>
		<u>166,729</u>	<u>166,729</u>
Equity shareholders' funds		166,529	166,529
Non-equity shareholders' funds		200	200
Shareholders' funds		<u>166,729</u>	<u>166,729</u>

The Company has been dormant throughout the period and members have not required the Company to obtain an audit in accordance with Section 249B (2) of the Companies Act 1985. Accordingly, the Company is entitled to the exemption from audit under Section 249 AA (1) of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the Company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 221 of the Companies Act 1985, and preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at the end of the financial year in accordance with the requirements of Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of this Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the Company.

The financial statements on pages 3 to 6 were approved by the Board of Directors on ~~30th~~ April 2003 and were signed on its behalf by:-



T M DIRECTORS LIMITED

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

for the year ended 29 December 2002

1. Basis of Accounting

The Company prepares its financial statements under the historical cost basis of accounting.

2. Profit and loss account

The company has not traded and has made neither profit nor loss during the current or preceding year, nor any other recognised gains or losses. Consequently no profit and loss account has been presented.

3. Information regarding directors and employees

The company has no employees.

The corporate director received no remuneration from the company (2001: all directors £Nil), is not a member of any pension scheme (2001: two directors were members of the group's defined benefit pension arrangements) and has no options or interests in the company or its ultimate parent (2001: no directors exercised part of their share options in the ultimate parent company).

4. Debtors

	As at 29 December 2002 £'000	As at 30 December 2001 £'000
Amounts owed by group undertakings	<u>166,729</u>	<u>166,729</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued) for the year ended 29 December 2002

5. Called Up Share Capital

	As at 29 December 2002 £'000	As at 30 December 2001 £'000
Authorised, allotted, called-up and fully paid equity		
13,857 A ordinary shares of £1 each	14	14
15,625 B ordinary shares of £1 each	16	16
79,167 B deferred shares of £1 each	79	79
1,215,000 deferred shares of £1 each	1,215	1,215
	1,324	1,324
Non equity		
200,000 6% cumulative preference shares of £1 each	200	200
	1,524	1,524

The 6% cumulative preference shares entitle the holders to a fixed cumulative preferential dividend at a rate of 6% per annum on paid up capital and arrears of dividend whether declared or not but do not confer any further rights to participate in profits or assets.

Holders of deferred shares have no rights to receive or participate in profits or assets but are entitled, on liquidation or winding up, to receive out of the assets of the company a sum not exceeding the amount paid up on the deferred shares as may be available after appropriate payment to preference shareholders.

The A ordinary and B ordinary shares rank pari passu in all respects and their entitlement to income or on liquidation or winding up is after the prior claims of the preference and deferred shareholders.

6. Capital Commitments

At 29 December 2002, the Company had no capital commitments (2001-£nil).

7. Related Party Transactions

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption granted by paragraph 3 (c) of Financial Reporting Standard 8 as a wholly owned subsidiary.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued) for the year ended 29 December 2002

8. Ultimate Parent Company and Immediate Parent Undertaking

The directors regard Trinity Mirror plc a company registered in England and Wales, as the ultimate parent company. Copies of the parent's consolidated financial statements may be obtained from the Secretary, Trinity Mirror plc, One Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London, E14 5AP.

The immediate parent undertaking is Midland Newspapers Limited a company registered in England and Wales.