

Anness Publishing Limited

Annual Report and Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 January 2019

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Company Information

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Anness Publishing Limited
(Registration number: 02375310)
Balance Sheet as at 31 January 2019

	Note	2019 £	2018 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	<u>5</u>	1,394,980	23,842
Investments	<u>6</u>	420,100	683,020
		<u>1,815,080</u>	<u>706,862</u>
Current assets			
Stocks	<u>7</u>	2,448,159	3,848,554
Debtors	<u>8</u>	3,427,143	3,438,931
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>3,054,106</u>	<u>2,245,245</u>
		8,929,408	9,532,730
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	<u>9</u>	<u>(356,275)</u>	<u>(523,521)</u>
Net current assets		<u>8,573,133</u>	<u>9,009,209</u>
Net assets		<u>10,388,213</u>	<u>9,716,071</u>
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital		1,000	1,000
Revaluation reserve		295,810	-
Other reserves		717,934	-
Profit and loss account		<u>9,373,469</u>	<u>9,715,071</u>
Total equity		<u>10,388,213</u>	<u>9,716,071</u>

For the financial year ended 31 January 2019 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

These financial statements have been delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime and the option not to file the Profit and Loss Account has been taken.

Approved and authorised by the Board on 1 August 2019 and signed on its behalf by:

P L Anness

Director

The notes on pages 3 to 9 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 January 2019

1 General information

The company is a private company limited by share capital, incorporated in England & Wales.

The address of its registered office is: 3 Warners Mill, Silks Way, Braintree, Essex, CM7 3GB, United Kingdom.

The principal place of business is: Algores Way, Wisbech, Cambs, PE13 2TQ.

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

These financial statements were prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared using the historical cost convention.

These financial statements are presented in Sterling (£), which is the company's functional currency.

Group accounts not prepared

The company is the parent of a small group. The company has taken advantage of the exemption provided by Section 398 of the Companies Act 2006 and has not prepared group accounts..

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, which the directors consider appropriate based on their review of the business for the foreseeable future, the company's strong balance sheet and its available cash reserves.

Foreign currency transactions and balances

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange prevailing at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. All differences are taken to the profit and loss.

Tax

Current Tax is recognised in the profit and loss account, except that a change attributable to an item of income or expense recognised as other comprehensive income is also recognised directly in other comprehensive income.

Deferred tax is recognised on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements and on unused tax losses or tax credits in the company. Deferred tax is determined using tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are stated in the statement of financial position at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation.

Depreciation

Depreciation is charged so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets, other than land and properties under construction over their estimated useful lives, as follows:

Asset class

Leasehold properties

Depreciation method and rate

over the life of the lease

Fixtures, fittings and equipment
Computer equipment
Motor vehicles

25-50% straight line
25-50% straight line
20% straight line

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Goodwill

Intangible assets consist of goodwill on acquisitions and represent the difference between the purchase price and fair value of the net assets at acquisition.

Positive goodwill is capitalised, classified as an asset on the balance sheet and is amortised over its useful economic life. Positive goodwill is reviewed for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable.

Amortisation

Amortisation is provided on intangible assets so as to write off the cost, less any estimated residual value, over their useful life as follows:

Asset class	Amortisation method and rate
Positive goodwill	Straight line over 3 years

Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at historical cost less provision for any diminution in value. The carrying value of fixed asset investments are reviewed for impairment if events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may be impaired.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits.

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at transaction price less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the company will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Stocks

Published books are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Work in progress includes all external costs of bringing a new book to publication. In the year of acquisition 35% of the cost is taken to the profit and loss account. The remaining 65% of the cost is capitalised and amortised over 7 years, the period of expected revenue generation. The amortisation is charged 73% over 4 years, with 9% per year in the final 3 years.

Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the company does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised at the transaction price.

Leases

Leases in which substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are retained by the lessor are classified as operating leases. Payments made under operating leases are charged to profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

Share capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity.

Dividends

Dividend distribution to the company's shareholders is recognised as a liability in the financial statements in the reporting period in which the dividends are declared.

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Defined contribution pension obligation

A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the company has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as employee benefit expense when they are due.

Copyrights

The company owns copyrights to its titles. To comply with applicable accounting standards, no valuation has been given to these rights.

Financial instruments

The company uses forward foreign currency contracts to reduce exposure to foreign exchange rates during the year.

Where a forward currency contract is outstanding at the year end then monetary assets and liabilities relating to the forward contract are translated at the forward contract rate.

3 Staff numbers

The average number of persons employed by the company (including directors) during the year, was 4 (2018 - 7).

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4 Intangible assets

	Goodwill £	Total £
Cost or valuation		
At 1 February 2018	168,028	168,028
At 31 January 2019	168,028	168,028
Amortisation		
At 1 February 2018	168,028	168,028
At 31 January 2019	168,028	168,028
Carrying amount		
At 31 January 2019	-	-

5 Tangible assets

	Freehold land £	Office equipment £	Biological assets £	Plant and equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation					
At 1 February 2018	-	56,201	-	-	56,201
Additions	-	2,359	14,844	35,250	52,453
Transfers on reclassification	151,378	-	111,542	-	262,920
Revaluations	353,622	-	717,934	-	1,071,556
At 31 January 2019	505,000	58,560	844,320	35,250	1,443,130
Depreciation					
At 1 February 2018	-	32,359	-	-	32,359
Charge for the year	-	14,151	-	1,640	15,791
At 31 January 2019	-	46,510	-	1,640	48,150
Carrying amount					
At 31 January 2019	505,000	12,050	844,320	33,610	1,394,980
At 31 January 2018	-	23,842	-	-	23,842

Revaluation

The fair value of the company's Freehold land was revalued on 4 July 2019 by an independent valuer. The valuer was external to the company and is an expert in woodland management. Although the valuation was after the balance sheet date, the directors are of the opinion that the value has not moved significantly in the period between 31 January 2019 and 4 July 2019.

Had this class of asset been measured on a historical cost basis, the carrying amount would have been £151,378 (2018 - £Nil). See note 6 (Other investments) for further details.

The fair value of the company's Biological assets was revalued on 4 July 2019 by an independent valuer. The Biological asset relates to growing timber. The valuer was external to the company and is an expert in woodland management. Although the valuation was after the balance sheet date, the directors are of the opinion that the value has not moved significantly in the period between 31 January 2019 and 4 July 2019.

Had this class of asset been measured on a historical cost basis, the carrying amount would have been £126,386 (2018 - £Nil). See note 6 (Other investments) for further details.

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6 Investments

	2019 £	2018 £
Investments in subsidiaries	420,100	420,100
Other investments	262,920	262,920
Transfer of investment on reclassification	(262,920)	-
	<u>420,100</u>	<u>683,020</u>

Subsidiaries

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Cost or valuation

At 1 February 2018	691,791
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Provision

At 1 February 2018	<u>271,691</u>
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Carrying amount

At 31 January 2019	<u>420,100</u>
At 31 January 2018	<u>420,100</u>

Details of undertakings

Details of the investments in which the company holds 20% or more of the nominal value of any class of share capital are as follows:

Undertaking	Holding	Proportion of voting rights and shares held	
		2019	2018
Subsidiary undertakings			
Book Trade Services Ltd	Ordinary £1 shares	100%	100%
Practical Pictures Limited	Ordinary £1 shares	100%	100%
BJ Books Limited	Ordinary £1 shares	82.5%	82.5%
Albion Press Limited (the)	Ordinary £1 shares	100%	100%

Book Trade Services Limited is a dormant company.

Practical Pictures Limited is a dormant company.

The principal activity of BJ Books Limited is the retail sale of books.

The principal activity of Albion Press Limited (the) is that of Publishing.

Other investments

The other investment of £262,920 is in respect of a wood owned by the company. The directors have taken the decision at the balance sheet date to reclassify the investment to freehold property in respect of the woodland, and biological assets in respect of the growing timber.

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7 Stocks

	2019 £	2018 £
Work in progress	401,147	598,218
Finished goods and goods for resale	2,047,012	3,250,336
	<u>2,448,159</u>	<u>3,848,554</u>

8 Debtors

	Note	2019 £	2018 £
Trade debtors		1,287,547	1,305,313
Amounts owed by group undertakings	<u>10</u>	1,758,671	1,655,079
Directors loan		11,657	-
Other debtors		281,923	378,034
Prepayments and accrued income		87,345	100,505
Total current trade and other debtors		<u>3,427,143</u>	<u>3,438,931</u>

9 Creditors

Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Note	2019 £	2018 £
Due within one year			
Trade creditors		134,332	158,773
Amounts owed to group undertakings	<u>10</u>	100	100
Social security and other taxes		42,600	14,734
Directors loan		4,666	12,233
Other creditors		6,952	2,856
Accruals and deferred income		167,625	334,825
		<u>356,275</u>	<u>523,521</u>

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10 Related party transactions

Transactions with directors

	At 1 February 2018 £	Advances to director £	Repayments by director £	At 31 January 2019 £
2019				
Loan movements	-	12,157	(500)	11,657

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