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Anness Publishing Limited

Annual Report and Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 January 2023

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Company Information

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Balance Sheet as at 31 January 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	<u>6</u>	1,192,190	1,085,453
Investments	<u>7</u>	-	20,100
		<u>1,192,190</u>	<u>1,105,553</u>
Current assets			
Stocks	<u>9</u>	3,682,429	2,890,296
Debtors	<u>10</u>	1,221,469	1,320,312
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>3,606,457</u>	<u>4,282,196</u>
		8,510,355	8,492,804
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	<u>11</u>	<u>(241,926)</u>	<u>(101,338)</u>
Net current assets		<u>8,268,429</u>	<u>8,391,466</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		9,460,619	9,497,019
Provisions for liabilities		<u>(68,412)</u>	<u>(57,812)</u>
Net assets		<u><u>9,392,207</u></u>	<u><u>9,439,207</u></u>
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital		1,000	1,000
Revaluation reserve		295,810	295,810
Other reserves		402,751	402,751
Retained earnings		<u>8,692,646</u>	<u>8,739,646</u>
Shareholders' funds		<u><u>9,392,207</u></u>	<u><u>9,439,207</u></u>

For the financial year ended 31 January 2023 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. As permitted by section 444 (5A) of the Companies Act 2006, the directors have not delivered to the registrar a copy of the Profit and Loss Account.

Approved and authorised by the Board on 8 August 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

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P L Anness
Director

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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.

Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognised to the extent that the company obtains the right to consideration in exchange for its performance. Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received, excluding discounts, rebates, VAT and other sales taxes or duty.

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised when the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods have passed to the buyer, usually on dispatch of the goods.

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.

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date in the countries where the company operates and generates taxable 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.

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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	Depreciation method and rate
Leasehold properties	over the life of the lease
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	25-50% straight line
Computer equipment	25-50% straight line
Motor vehicles	20% straight line
Freehold land	No depreciation is charged on freehold land

Biological assets

The biological asset is measured at fair value less costs to sell at each reporting date. The biological asset relates to growing timber in a woodland owned by the company. The fair value has been computed using known revenues per acre of cropped land, less the expected costs of maintaining the trees, harvesting and selling costs.

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.

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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.

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.

3 Staff numbers

The average number of persons employed by the company (including directors) during the year, was 5 (2022 - 6).

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4 Exceptional items

The exceptional items comprise the following;

The value of a subsidiary company has been reviewed following a decision to close it. This is a direct sales company operating in-work-pop-up shops in schools, offices and businesses, and the model proved unsustainable during and after the Covid pandemic. Consequently, the value of the investment was impaired and the balance due from the company was written off. The amount written off was reduced by £76,755 in 2023 after an initial write off of £390,883 in 2022. In addition, 2022 included a £282,470 write off of stock which has been pulped as well as damaged stock that has been sent to local charities.

5 Intangible assets

	Goodwill £	Total £
Cost or valuation		
At 1 February 2022	168,028	168,028
At 31 January 2023	168,028	168,028
Amortisation		
At 1 February 2022	168,028	168,028
At 31 January 2023	168,028	168,028
Carrying amount		
At 31 January 2023	-	-

6 Tangible assets

	Land and buildings £	Office equipment £	Biological assets £	Plant and equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation					
At 1 February 2022	505,000	65,043	544,000	39,475	1,153,518
Additions	-	4,175	106,734	-	110,909
At 31 January 2023	505,000	69,218	650,734	39,475	1,264,427
Depreciation					
At 1 February 2022	-	61,032	-	7,033	68,065
Charge for the year	-	2,198	-	1,974	4,172
At 31 January 2023	-	63,230	-	9,007	72,237
Carrying amount					

At 31 January 2023	505,000	5,988	650,734	30,468	1,192,190
At 31 January 2022	505,000	4,014	544,000	32,442	1,085,453

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Revaluation

The fair value of the company's Biological assets was revalued on 31 January 2021. An independent valuer was not involved. The Biological asset relates to growing timber. The valuation was carried out by the directors. The directors have based their valuation at 31 January 2021 on the values of timber obtained from sales in the year ended 31 January 2020, less expected costs of maintaining the woodland and the time remaining until the harvesting of the trees will take place. The directors are of the opinion that the value has not moved significantly in the period to 31 January 2023. Had this class of asset been measured on a historical cost basis, the carrying amount would have been £247,249 (2022 - £141,249).

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 some time ago the directors are of the opinion that the value has not moved significantly in the period between July 2019 and 31 January 2023. Had this class of asset been measure on a historical cost basis, the carrying amount would have been £151,378 (2022 - £151,378).

7 Investments

	2023 £	2022 £
Investments in subsidiaries	-	20,100
Subsidiaries		£
Cost or valuation		
At 1 February 2022		691,791
Provision		
At 1 February 2022		671,691
Provision		20,100
At 31 January 2023		691,791
Carrying amount		
At 31 January 2023		-
At 31 January 2022		20,100

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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	
		2023	2022
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. This company was dissolved 6 June 2023.

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

Albion Press Limited (the) is a dormant company. This company was dissolved 6 June 2023.

8 Copyrights

The company has invested in new book titles over many years. If there were to be a sale of the copyright, or if FRS 102 Section 1A did not prohibit the recognition of internally generated copyright on the balance sheet, the directors consider that the total creative investment since 1997 would be in excess of £35m.

9 Stocks

	2023	2022
	£	£
Work in progress	179,852	208,611
Finished goods and goods for resale	3,502,577	2,681,685
	<u>3,682,429</u>	<u>2,890,296</u>

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10 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	805,078	874,849
Deferred tax asset	333,461	333,461
Directors loan	52,407	50,608
Other debtors	29,022	11,570
Prepayments and accrued income	1,501	49,824
	<u>1,221,469</u>	<u>1,320,312</u>
Total current trade and other debtors		

In addition to the deferred tax asset above there is an unprovided deferred tax asset amounting to £666,071 (2023) and £484,158 (2022).

11 Creditors

Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Due within one year		
Trade creditors	132,361	35,159
Amounts owed to group undertakings	-	100
Social security and other taxes	14,435	15,655
Directors loan	6,735	6,735
Other creditors	4,595	304
Corporation tax	17,055	-
Accruals and deferred income	66,745	43,385
	<u>241,926</u>	<u>101,338</u>

12 Related party transactions

Transactions with directors

	At 1 February 2022 £	Advances to director £	Repayments by director £	At 31 January 2023 £
2023	50,608	1,799	-	52,407

	At 1 February 2021 £	Advances to director £	Repayments by director £	At 31 January 2022 £
2022	2,000	76,958	(28,350)	50,608

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