

**MESSENGER NEWSPAPERS GROUP LIMITED****BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2005**

	Note	31.12.05 £	31.12.04 £
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Debtors due within one year	1	<u>141,958</u>	<u>141,958</u>
<b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>			
Share capital	2	24,000	24,000
Capital reserve		76,473	76,473
Profit and loss account		<u>41,485</u>	<u>41,485</u>
		<u>141,958</u>	<u>141,958</u>

For the year ended 31 December 2005 the company was entitled to exemption under section 249AA(1) of the Companies Act 1985.


Members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 249B(2) of the Companies Act 1985.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for:

- ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 221; 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, and of its profit or loss for the financial year, in accordance with the requirements of section 226, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

The ultimate holding company is Reed Elsevier Group plc (formerly Reed Elsevier plc), which is incorporated in England. The smallest and largest group into which the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2005 are consolidated is Reed Elsevier Group plc.

Approved by the board of directors on 4 September 2006 and signed by

  
For and on behalf of RE Directors (No.1) Ltd,  
Director

**Notes**

	31.12.05 £	31.12.04 £
<b>1. Debtors due within one year</b>		
Amounts owed by parent undertaking	<u>141,958</u>	<u>141,958</u>

	<u>Authorised</u>		<u>Issued and fully paid</u>	
	Number	£	Number	£
<b>2. Called up share capital</b>				
As at 31 December 2004 and 31 December 2005				
Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>36,000</u>	<u>36,000</u>	<u>24,000</u>	<u>24,000</u>

