COMPANY NO: 486147

MESSENGER NEWSPAPERS GROUP LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2004

	Note	31.12.04 £	31.12.03 £
ASSETS Debtors due within one year	1	<u>141,958</u>	141,958
CAPITAL AND RESERVES Share capital Capital reserve Profit and loss account	2	24,000 76,473 41,485 141,958	24,000 76,473 <u>41,485</u> 141,958

For the year ended 31 December 2004 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 2004 are consolidated is Reed Elsevier Group plc.

Approved by the board of directors on 1 August 2005 and signed by

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

Notes

Debtors due within one year Amounts owed by parent undertaking	_	31.12.0 £ 141,	_	1.12.03 £ 141,958
2. Called up share capital	<u>Authorise</u> Number	₫ £	Issued and Number	fully paid £
As at 31 December 2003 and 31 December 2004 Ordinary shares of £1 each	36.000	_36,000	24.000	24.000

