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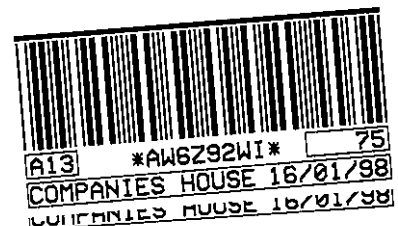
TINDLE NEWSPAPERS LIMITED

Company No: 798870

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- for the year ended -

31 MARCH 1997



**TINDLE NEWSPAPERS LIMITED**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**DIRECTORS**

Sir Ray Tindle CBE, DL, FCIS  
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Mr C.R.G. Christmas FCA

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# TINDLE NEWSPAPERS LIMITED

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 1997.

### **PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND BUSINESS REVIEW**

The principal activities of the company and its subsidiaries have been those of newspaper proprietors, publishers and printers.

The group continues to concentrate its interests in the weekly paid for newspaper field. In the furtherance of this policy, the group has disposed of its interest in Century Press and Publishing Limited which publishes both paid for and free daily newspapers. The directors consider the group's results for the year to be satisfactory.

### **DIVIDENDS**

The directors do not recommend payment of a dividend for the parent company.

### **FIXED ASSETS**

Full disclosure of all matters relating to fixed assets is set out in notes 10 to 15.

In the opinion of the directors the market values of the fixed asset investments are in excess of their carrying balance sheet values for both the company and the group at 31 March 1997.

### **DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS**

The directors at the balance sheet date and their interests in the company at that date and at the beginning of the year were as follows:

	<u>Class of share</u>	<u>Number of shares</u>	
		<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>
Sir Ray Tindle CBE, DL, FCIS	Ordinary shares	18,000	18,000
Lady Tindle MA, Dip.Ed.(Lond.)	Ordinary shares	2	2
Mr C.R.G. Christmas FCA	Ordinary shares	-	-

The directors report with the deepest regret the death of Mr K.F.M. Loughnan on 1 October 1996.

### **CLOSE COMPANY**

The company is a close company as defined by the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

### **CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS**

In addition to the expenditure on Tindle Enterprises of over £40,000 (1996:£34,000), the group made various other charitable contributions totalling £5,861 during the year. Tindle Enterprises was established in 1984 for the purpose of assisting unemployed persons to set up in self-employment by providing them with rent free premises.

## TINDLE NEWSPAPERS LIMITED

### REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (Continued)

#### **EMPLOYEES**

The individual companies within the group are responsible through their own management for implementing the consultative and negotiating practices which best meet staff's particular requirements. Staff are kept informed of matters concerning them by means of briefing meetings, meetings with union officials, notices and direct communication.

It is company policy to recruit disabled persons for appropriate vacancies. Once employed, whatever assistance is necessary in terms of training and career advancement is given.

#### **DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES**

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the company and the group and of the profit or loss of the group for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;  
make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;  
prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis; and  
follow applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

#### **AUDITORS**

Robson Rhodes have indicated their willingness to continue in office as auditors, and a resolution to reappoint them will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

By Order of the Board



C.R.G. Christmas  
Joint secretary

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> December 1997

TINDLE NEWSPAPERS LIMITED

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF TINDLE NEWSPAPERS LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 34 which have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements.

**Respective responsibilities of the directors and auditors**

As described on page 2, the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion to you.


**Basis of opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

**Opinion**

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the group as at 31 March 1997 and of the group's profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.



ROBSON RHODES

Registered Auditors  
Chartered Accountants

186 City Road  
London EC1V 2NU

Date: 4 December 1997

**TINDLE NEWSPAPERS LIMITED****CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1997**

		1997	1996
	Notes	£	£
<b>TURNOVER</b>			
Continuing operations		16,614,911	15,430,303
Discontinued operations		749	1,836,491
<b>Total turnover</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>16,615,660</b>	<b>17,266,794</b>
Cost of sales	<b>3</b>	<b>(8,146,870)</b>	<b>(9,130,813)</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8,468,790</b>	<b>8,135,981</b>
Net operating expenses	<b>3</b>	<b>(6,177,684)</b>	<b>(6,676,135)</b>
<b>OPERATING PROFIT</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2,291,106</b>	<b>1,459,846</b>
Continuing operations		2,321,743	1,639,071
Discontinued operations		(30,637)	(179,225)
		<b>2,291,106</b>	<b>1,459,846</b>
<b>Other income and charges</b>			
Associated undertakings income		366,585	229,483
Interest receivable	<b>5.1</b>	438,039	271,506
Income from other investments	<b>5.2</b>	119,658	309,368
Change in value and sale of investments		817,634	387,485
Interest payable and similar charges	<b>6</b>	<b>(27,154)</b>	<b>(26,549)</b>
<b>PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION</b>		<b>4,005,868</b>	<b>2,631,139</b>
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	<b>9</b>	<b>(1,508,652)</b>	<b>(1,083,063)</b>
<b>PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION</b>		<b>2,497,216</b>	<b>1,548,076</b>
Minority interests		<b>(33,366)</b>	<b>(10,145)</b>
<b>PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ATTRIBUTABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE PARENT COMPANY</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>2,463,850</b>	<b>1,537,931</b>

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than those dealt with in the profit and loss account.

The notes on pages 8 to 34 form part of these financial statements.

**TINDLE NEWSPAPERS LIMITED**

**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 1997**

	Notes	£	1997 £	1996 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>				
Intangible assets	10		2,126,547	2,318,158
Tangible assets	11		3,546,395	3,387,222
Investments:				
Associated undertakings	13		1,961,139	2,145,409
Other	14		535,306	535,306
			<u>8,169,387</u>	<u>8,386,095</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Stocks	16	92,875		118,445
Debtors	17	3,414,876		4,902,688
Investments	18	860,002		902,769
Cash at bank and in hand		9,490,241		5,186,502
			<u>13,857,994</u>	<u>11,110,404</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	19	(2,937,023)		(2,841,270)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			<u>10,920,971</u>	<u>8,269,134</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			<u>19,090,358</u>	<u>16,655,229</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year	20		(160,000)	(200,000)
<b>PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES</b>	21		(3,135)	(4,833)
			<u>18,927,223</u>	<u>16,450,396</u>
<b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>				
Called up share capital	22		18,002	18,002
Revaluation reserve	23		42,943	42,943
Capital reserves	24		646,839	646,839
Profit and loss account	25		18,105,468	15,641,618
<b>SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS</b>	26		<u>18,813,252</u>	<u>16,349,402</u>
Minority interests			113,971	100,994
			<u>18,927,223</u>	<u>16,450,396</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 1<sup>st</sup> December 1997 and signed on its behalf by:

Sir Ray Tindle *(Signature)* )  
C.R.G. Christmas *(Signature)* ) Directors

The notes on pages 8 to 34 form part of these financial statements.



**TINDLE NEWSPAPERS LIMITED**

**COMPANY BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 1997**

	Note	1997 £	1996 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Intangible assets	10	627,130	411,819
Tangible assets	12	2,697,141	2,546,191
Investments:			
Related undertakings	15	4,305,868	4,399,142
Other	14	535,306	535,306
		<u>8,165,445</u>	<u>7,892,458</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	17	1,920,791	3,354,830
Investments	18	860,002	902,769
Cash at bank and in hand		8,351,352	4,183,698
		<u>11,132,145</u>	<u>8,441,297</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	19	(1,883,423)	(1,328,438)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>9,248,722</u>	<u>7,112,859</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>17,414,167</u>	<u>15,005,317</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year	20	(160,000)	(200,000)
		<u>17,254,167</u>	<u>14,805,317</u>
<b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>			
Called up share capital	22	18,002	18,002
Revaluation reserve	23	42,943	42,943
Profit and loss account	25	17,193,222	14,744,372
<b>SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS</b>	26	<u>17,254,167</u>	<u>14,805,317</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 16 December 1997 and signed on its behalf by:

Sir Ray Tindle.....  
C.R.G. Christmas.....  
Directors

The notes on pages 8 to 34 form part of these financial statements.

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CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1997

	Note	1997 £	1996 £
NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	27	4,327,591	2,569,273
RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS AND SERVICING OF FINANCE	28	438,984	478,113
TAXATION		(1,099,505)	(981,741)
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND FINANCIAL INVESTMENT	28	(558,098)	(66,546)
ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSALS	30	1,198,899	(23,797)
Cash flow before use of liquid resources and financing		4,307,871	1,975,302
MANAGEMENT OF LIQUID RESOURCES	28	(4,106,760)	(1,665,339)
FINANCING	28	(43,470)	180,218
INCREASE IN CASH IN THE YEAR		157,641	490,181

RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH FLOW TO MOVEMENT IN NET FUNDS

INCREASE IN CASH IN THE YEAR		157,641	490,181
Cash flow from movement in debt and lease financing		43,470	(180,218)
Cash flow from movement in liquid resources net of other movements		4,120,609	1,665,339
MOVEMENT IN NET FUNDS IN THE YEAR		4,321,720	1,975,302
Net funds at 1 April 1996		5,860,140	3,884,838
Net funds at 31 March 1997	29	10,181,860	5,860,140

The notes on pages 8 to 34 form part of these financial statements.

**TINDLE NEWSPAPERS LIMITED**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1997**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**1.1 Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention modified to include the revaluation of freehold land and buildings and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

**1.2 Basis of consolidation**

The group financial statements consolidate the audited financial statements of the company and of its subsidiary undertakings at 31 March 1997 using acquisition accounting. The results of subsidiary undertakings acquired or disposed of during a financial year are included from, or up to, the effective date of acquisition or disposal.

**1.3 Associated undertakings**

The group's participating interests comprise investments in associated undertakings where the group has a shareholding between 20% and 50% and has a significant influence over the operating and financial policy decisions. The group's share of the results of associated undertakings is included in the consolidated profit and loss account. Unless otherwise stated, the interests in the consolidated balance sheet of the associated undertakings (adjusted as necessary to reflect group accounting policies) are included at the group's share of the net assets of the associated undertakings together with the premium arising on acquisition.

Where goodwill arises from the premium on acquisition of the investment in an associated undertaking, this goodwill is amortised over its estimated useful life of 20 years.

**1.4 Turnover**

Turnover represents the total invoice value, excluding value added tax, of goods sold and services rendered during the year.

**1.5 Goodwill**

Goodwill, being newspaper titles, publishing rights and benefits, is stated at fair value on acquisition and, subject to annual review, is carried forward at cost less amortisation in the balance sheet. Amortisation is provided to write off this asset over its estimated life of 20 years. Any permanent diminution in value is charged to the profit and loss account.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1997 (continued)

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### 1.6 Depreciation

Depreciation is provided using the following rates and bases to reduce by annual instalments the cost of the tangible assets over their estimated useful lives:-

Freehold buildings	1.25% on cost or valuation
Leasehold properties	Straight line over the life of the lease
Plant and machinery	20% Straight line
Fixtures and fittings	20% Straight line
Motor vehicles	20% Straight line

#### 1.7 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is calculated as follows:

Raw materials	- cost of purchase on first in, first out basis
Work in progress,	- cost of raw materials and labour together with
finished goods	attributable overheads.
and goods for resale	

Net realisable value is based on estimated selling price less further costs to completion and disposal.

#### 1.8 Research and development

Development expenditure incurred on specific projects is carried forward when its recoverability can be foreseen with reasonable certainty. Such development costs are capitalised and written off against revenues on a systematic basis. Expenditure on research is written off as it is incurred.

#### 1.9 Taxation

The charge for taxation is based on the profit for the year and takes into account taxation deferred or accelerated because of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for accounting and taxation purposes.

Deferred taxation is provided where there is a reasonable probability of the amount becoming payable in the foreseeable future.

Advance corporation tax on dividends paid and provided for the year is not written off if UK corporation tax liabilities for the period up to the next balance sheet date are expected to be sufficient to absorb this tax.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1997 (continued)

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.10 Foreign exchange

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange prevailing at the accounting date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated at the date on which they are recorded. All differences are taken to the profit and loss account.

1.11 Leasing and hire purchase

Assets acquired under finance leases or hire purchase contracts are capitalised as tangible assets and depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. Finance charges and interest are taken to the profit and loss account in constant proportion to the remaining balance of capital repayments or net obligations outstanding.

Rentals payable under operating leases are taken to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the lease term.

1.12 Pensions

Pension contributions are charged to the profit and loss account so as to spread the cost of the pensions over the employees' working lives with the company. These contributions are invested and administered separately from the group's assets.

2. TURNOVER

	1997 £	1996 £
Analysis by:		
Geographical market:		
United Kingdom	16,309,607	16,941,875
U.S.A.	306,053	324,919
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	16,615,660	17,266,794
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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3. ANALYSIS OF OPERATIONS

	1997		Total £
	Continuing £	Discontinued £	
Cost of sales	8,145,955	915	8,146,870
Gross profit	8,468,956	(166)	8,468,790
Net operating expenses:			
Distribution costs	902,091	2,888	904,979
Administrative expenses	5,274,746	27,583	5,302,329
Other operating income	(29,624)	-	(29,624)
	6,147,213	30,471	6,177,684
1996			
	1996		Total £
	Continuing £	Discontinued £	
Cost of sales	8,032,513	1,098,300	9,130,813
Gross profit	7,397,790	738,191	8,135,981
Net operating expenses:			
Distribution costs	893,477	333,556	1,227,033
Administrative expenses	4,893,527	583,860	5,477,387
Other operating income	(28,285)	-	(28,285)
	5,758,719	917,416	6,676,135

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1997 (continued)**

<b>4. OPERATING PROFIT</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1996</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
The operating profit is stated after charging:		
Depreciation	410,720	382,193
Amortisation of goodwill on intangible assets	191,934	194,381
Amortisation of premium on associates	37,226	47,436
Auditors' remuneration:		
Parent company	27,865	26,865
Group	83,185	90,504
Hire of equipment	53,880	54,364
Loss on foreign currencies	4,524	6,309
Operating lease rentals:		
Land and buildings	251,671	285,487
Plant and machinery	27,600	42,656
and after crediting:		
Rents receivable	11,939	16,550

**PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR**

As permitted by Section 230 of the Companies Act 1985, the holding company's profit and loss account has not been included in these financial statements.

The consolidated profits before dividends include:

	<b>1997</b>	<b>1996</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Holding company's profits	2,448,850	1,453,434
Share of net profits retained by associated undertakings	222,110	169,783

<b>5.1 INTEREST RECEIVABLE</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1996</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Bank interest	392,778	188,999
Other interest	45,261	82,507
	438,039	271,506

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1997 (continued)**

<b>5.2 INCOME FROM OTHER INVESTMENTS</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1996</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Income from current asset listed investments	110,022	78,083
Income from unlisted investments	9,636	231,285
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	119,658	309,368
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 <b>6. INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES</b>	 <b>1997</b>	 <b>1996</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
On bank overdrafts and on loans repayable in full within five years	15,879	21,677
On overdue tax	4,790	33
Hire purchase interest	6,485	4,839
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	27,154	26,549
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 <b>7. DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES</b>	 <b>1997</b>	 <b>1996</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Staff costs (including directors):		
Wages and salaries	5,365,495	5,601,378
Social security costs	436,232	460,437
Other pension costs	261,297	225,171
Other costs	37,511	30,588
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	6,100,535	6,317,574
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**Staff Numbers:**

The average monthly number of employees (including directors)  
during the year was made up as follows:

	<b>Number</b>	<b>Number</b>
Management and administration	105	102
Editorial and production	201	222
Sales and marketing	198	205
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	504	529
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7. DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES (continued)	1997	1996
	£	£
Directors' emoluments:		
Remuneration for management services including benefits (excluding pension costs)	93,511	96,120
	<u>93,511</u>	<u>96,120</u>

8. PENSION COSTS

Certain directors and employees of the parent company and of its subsidiaries include members of a group pension scheme. This pension scheme is the defined benefit type under which benefits are based on members' years of pensionable service and final pensionable salary. The assets of the scheme are held in separate trustee administered professionally managed funds. Employer contributions are based on pension costs across the Tindle Newspapers Limited group as a whole and are charged to the profit and loss account so as to spread the cost of pensions over scheme members' working lives with the company. The contributions are determined by a qualified actuary on the basis of triennial valuations using the projected unit credit funding method (members contribute 5% of pensionable salaries). The latest actuarial valuation of the scheme was at 1 January 1996. The main long term actuarial assumptions adopted were that the annual rate of return on investments would be 8.5%, the annual increase in pensionable salaries would be 6.5% and the annual rate of pension increase would be that guaranteed under the scheme.

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8. PENSION COSTS (continued)

Contributions payable by the group amounted to £261,297 (1996:£225,171) and all contributions were paid in the year. These contributions included an amount to amortise experience deficiencies and the cost of benefit improvements that are being funded over the average future working lives of members.

The market value of the scheme's assets as at 1 January 1996 was estimated to be £1,755,000 which includes the value placed on annuities purchased by the trustees. The actuarial value of the assets covered 100% of pensions in payment and 74% of the benefits that have accrued to deferred and active members, after allowing for expected future increases in earnings. In line with the actuary's recommendation the company is contributing 13% of pensionable salaries which includes an amount to achieve a 100% funding level over the average future working lives of members.

9. TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

	1997 £	1996 £
The taxation charge based on the profit before tax comprises:		
U.K. corporation tax at 33% (1996 - 33%)	1,384,564	951,199
Transfer from deferred taxation	(1,698)	(817)
Overseas taxation	1,147	923
Tax credit attributable to franked investment income	32,283	73,585
	<hr/> 1,416,296	<hr/> 1,024,890
Adjustment in respect of prior years	(52,119)	(1,527)
	<hr/> 1,364,177	<hr/> 1,023,363
U.K. corporation tax relating to associated undertakings	144,475	59,700
	<hr/> <hr/> 1,508,652	<hr/> <hr/> 1,083,063

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1997 (continued)**

**10. INTANGIBLE ASSETS**

**GROUP**

	Goodwill	Development	Total
	£	costs	£
Cost		£	
At 1 April 1996	3,617,240	20,824	3,638,064
Additions	323	-	323
At 31 March 1997	3,617,563	20,824	3,638,387
Amortisation			
At 1 April 1996	1,315,742	4,164	1,319,906
Charge for year	187,771	4,163	191,934
At 31 March 1997	(1,503,513)	(8,327)	(1,511,840)
Net book value at 31 March 1997	2,114,050	12,497	2,126,547
Net book value at 31 March 1996	2,301,498	16,660	2,318,158

**COMPANY**

	Goodwill
	£
Cost	
At 1 April 1996	618,868
Transfers from subsidiary undertakings	461,764
At 31 March 1997	1,080,632
Amortisation	
At 1 April 1996	207,049
Charge for year	53,166
Transfers from subsidiary undertakings	193,287
At 31 March 1997	(453,502)
Net book value at 31 March 1997	627,130
Net book value at 31 March 1996	411,819

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**11. TANGIBLE ASSETS**

**GROUP**

	Land & buildings £	Plant & machinery £	Fixtures & fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
<b>Cost or valuation</b>					
At 1 April 1996	2,887,091	1,782,625	981,224	545,664	6,196,604
Additions	255,895	129,167	84,671	130,281	600,014
Disposals	-	(65,820)	(39,271)	(94,368)	(199,459)
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At 31 March 1997	3,142,986	1,845,972	1,026,624	581,577	6,597,159
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<b>Depreciation</b>					
At 1 April 1996	321,946	1,515,137	719,403	252,896	2,809,382
Charge for year	50,028	138,421	116,852	105,419	410,720
On disposals	-	(65,067)	(37,335)	(66,936)	(169,338)
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At 31 March 1997	(371,974)	(1,588,491)	(798,920)	(291,379)	(3,050,764)
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<b>Net book value at</b>					
<b>31 March 1997</b>	<hr/> 2,771,012 <hr/>	<hr/> 257,481 <hr/>	<hr/> 227,704 <hr/>	<hr/> 290,198 <hr/>	<hr/> 3,546,395 <hr/>
<b>Net book value at</b>					
<b>31 March 1996</b>	<hr/> 2,565,145 <hr/>	<hr/> 267,488 <hr/>	<hr/> 261,821 <hr/>	<hr/> 292,768 <hr/>	<hr/> 3,387,222 <hr/>

	1997 £	1996 £
<b>Analysis of net book value of land and buildings:</b>		
Freehold		
Long leasehold	2,726,610	2,517,216
Short leasehold	9,032	9,438
	35,370	38,491
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	2,771,012	2,565,145
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11. TANGIBLE ASSETS (continued)

GROUP

The historical cost of freehold property included above at a valuation of £77,000 at the balance sheet date was £48,240, and the accumulated depreciation based on historical cost was £10,860. This property is being maintained in such a way as to preserve the net book value at £77,000.

Included above are assets held under finance leases or hire purchase contracts as follows:

	1997 £	1996 £
Net book values:		
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	751	1,395
Motor vehicles	-	4,023
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	751	5,418
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Depreciation charge for the year:		
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	644	598
Motor vehicles	4,023	7,917
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	4,667	8,515
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Net obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts are secured on the assets acquired.

Tindle Enterprises currently uses certain of the company's freehold properties having a cost of £517,209 less depreciation of £56,872.

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**12. TANGIBLE ASSETS**

**COMPANY**

	Land & buildings £	Plant & machinery £	Fixtures & fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>					
At 1 April 1996	2,668,889	802,623	379,263	110,400	3,961,175
Additions	247,706	-	5,790	22,000	275,496
At 31 March 1997	2,916,595	802,623	385,053	132,400	4,236,671
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At 1 April 1996	264,419	755,656	337,229	57,680	1,414,984
Charge for year	36,943	35,181	31,811	20,611	124,546
At 31 March 1997	(301,362)	(790,837)	(369,040)	(78,291)	(1,539,530)
<b>Net book value at 31 March 1997</b>	<u>2,615,233</u>	<u>11,786</u>	<u>16,013</u>	<u>54,109</u>	<u>2,697,141</u>
<b>Net book value at 31 March 1996</b>	<u>2,404,470</u>	<u>46,967</u>	<u>42,034</u>	<u>52,720</u>	<u>2,546,191</u>

1997  
£

1996  
£

Analysis of net book value of land and buildings:

Freehold	2,607,400	2,395,951
Short leasehold	7,833	8,519
	<u>2,615,233</u>	<u>2,404,470</u>

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**13. INVESTMENTS - ASSOCIATED UNDERTAKINGS**

**GROUP**

	Beginning of year £	Profits & additions £	Amortisation, disposals & dividends £	End of year £
<b>Cost</b>				
Cost of shares	1,550,175	-	(208,357)	1,341,818
Share of retained profits net of amortisation on premium	696,520	222,110	(197,523)	721,107
	<u>2,246,695</u>	<u>222,110</u>	<u>(405,880)</u>	<u>2,062,925</u>
	Beginning of year £	Amounts provided in year £		End of year £
Amounts written off	(101,286)	(500)		(101,786)
	<u>2,145,409</u>			<u>1,961,139</u>
<b>Interests in associated undertakings:</b>			1997 £	1996 £
Share of associated undertakings' net assets (excluding goodwill)			982,873	972,297
Share of associated undertakings' goodwill			566,065	566,065
Unamortised premium on acquisition			513,987	708,333
			<u>2,062,925</u>	<u>2,246,695</u>
Less provision			(101,786)	(101,286)
			<u>1,961,139</u>	<u>2,145,409</u>

The associated undertakings included in the above figures are as follows:-

	Class of share	Share of equity	Accounting year end
Capital Newspapers Limited	Ordinary	24.9%	31 December
FreeAdmart Limited	Ordinary	25%	31 March
Leader Limited	Ordinary	33.3%	31 March
London Recorder Limited	Ordinary	24.9%	31 December
North Devon Gazette & Advertiser Limited	Ordinary	50%	31 December
P.M. Publications Limited	Ordinary	50%	31 December
Wey Valley Radio Limited (local radio)	Ordinary	20%	30 September

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13. INVESTMENTS - ASSOCIATED UNDERTAKINGS (continued)

All the above companies are incorporated in Great Britain and are newspaper publishers except where noted.

The company's involvement in FreeAdmart Limited is under a joint venture agreement. The financial statements at 31 March 1997 have been consolidated on an equity basis.

During the year the company disposed of its investment in Century Press and Publishing Limited.

14. INVESTMENTS - OTHER  
GROUP AND COMPANY

Cost	Beginning of year £	Additions £	Disposals £	End of year £
Investments in unlisted companies	535,306	-	-	535,306
	<u>535,306</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>535,306</u>
Net book value	<u>535,306</u>			<u>535,306</u>

The investments included in the above figures are as follows:

Radio Investments Limited	Ordinary	11%
Surrey Advertiser Newspaper Holdings Limited	Ordinary	9%

The directors are of the opinion that the value of the investments listed above is at least equal to net book value. All the investments listed above are in companies incorporated in Great Britain.



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15. INVESTMENTS - RELATED UNDERTAKINGS

COMPANY

Cost	Beginning of year £	Additions £	Revaluations & disposals £	End of year £
Shares:				
Group undertakings	3,121,298	81	-	3,121,379
Associated undertakings	1,420,673	114,805	(208,160)	1,327,318
	<u>4,541,971</u>	<u>114,886</u>	<u>(208,160)</u>	<u>4,448,697</u>

Amounts written off

	Beginning of year £	Amounts provided in year £	End of year £
Shares:			
Group undertakings	55,543	-	55,543
Associated undertakings	87,286	-	87,286
	<u>(142,829)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(142,829)</u>
Net book value	<u>4,399,142</u>		<u>4,305,868</u>

The following is a list of the company's active subsidiary undertakings. Non-trading subsidiary undertakings are listed in the company's Annual Return.

All trading companies are newspaper publishers except where noted.

	<u>Class of Share</u>	<u>Share of Equity</u>
Abergavenny Chronicle Limited	Ordinary	100%
Alton Gazette Limited	Ordinary	100%
Biggin Hill News Limited	Ordinary	100%
British American Newspapers Limited	Ordinary	100%
Cornish Newspapers Limited	Ordinary	100%
Country Graphics Limited	Ordinary	100%
County Echo Newspapers Limited	Ordinary	100%
Dawlish Newspapers Limited	Ordinary	100%
Devon & Cornwall Newspapers Limited	Ordinary	100%

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15. INVESTMENTS - RELATED UNDERTAKINGS (continued)

COMPANY

Farnham Castle Newspapers Limited	Ordinary	100%
Fleetwood Weekly News Limited	Ordinary	100%
Forest of Dean & Wye Valley Review Limited	Ordinary	100%
Glamorgan Gem Limited	Ordinary	100%
Hampshire Voice Ltd	Ordinary	80%
Liskeard & Saltash Journals Limited	Ordinary	100%
Malmoss Limited	Ordinary	88%
Meon Valley News Limited	Ordinary	80%
Monmouthshire Beacon Company Limited	Ordinary	100%
North Cornwall Advertiser Limited	Ordinary	75%
Post Dispatch Limited	Ordinary	80%
Prime of Life Publications Limited	Ordinary	100%
Pulmans Weekly News Limited	Ordinary	100%
Putnam Newspapers Limited	Ordinary	100%
South Hams Newspapers Limited	Ordinary	100%
Surrey & Hants News Limited	Ordinary	100%
Surrey Press Centre Limited	Ordinary	100%
Tavistock Newspapers Limited	Ordinary	100%
Tavy Typesetting Limited	Ordinary	100%
Tenby Observer Limited	Ordinary	100%
Tindle Newspapers (USA) Inc.	Ordinary	100%
The Cornish & Devon Post Limited	Ordinary	100%
Town and Country Admart Limited	Ordinary	100%
Tunsgate (151) Limited	Ordinary	80%
West Somerset Free Press Limited	Ordinary	85%

The directors consider the value of the company's investment in its group undertakings to be not less than the amounts at which they are stated in the company's balance sheet.

All the above companies are incorporated in Great Britain with the exception of Tindle Newspapers (USA) Inc. which is incorporated in the United States of America.

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16. STOCKS

GROUP	1997 £	1996 £
Raw materials and consumables	37,715	59,578
Work in progress	19,190	20,600
Finished goods and goods for resale	35,970	38,267
	<u>92,875</u>	<u>118,445</u>

17. DEBTORS

GROUP	1997 £	1996 £
Trade debtors	2,845,662	2,690,731
Amounts owed by associated undertakings	71,923	1,206,039
Other debtors	112,727	326,833
Advance corporation tax	8,532	1,500
Prepayments and accrued income	376,032	677,585
	<u>3,414,876</u>	<u>4,902,688</u>

COMPANY	1997 £	1996 £
Trade debtors	16,832	15,750
Amounts owed by group undertakings	711,846	1,094,740
Amounts owed by associated undertakings	25,000	1,130,257
Other debtors	1,111,870	802,447
Prepayments and accrued income	55,243	311,636
	<u>1,920,791</u>	<u>3,354,830</u>

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18. INVESTMENTS - CURRENT ASSETS

GROUP AND COMPANY

	1997 £	1996 £
Listed:		
U.K.	584,923	615,918
Overseas	128,506	140,278
	<hr/> 713,429	<hr/> 756,196
Unlisted: UK	146,573	146,573
	<hr/> 860,002	<hr/> 902,769

The investments above are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Net realisable value for all listed investments is determined as the mid-market value of those investments at the year end.

The market value of the listed investments at the year end was £1,394,123 (1996: £1,338,243).

In the opinion of the directors the market value of the unlisted investments is greater than cost.

19. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE  
WITHIN ONE YEAR

GROUP

	1997 £	1996 £
Bank overdrafts	7,501	24,779
Trade creditors	606,439	602,235
Proposed dividend	17,129	18,750
Amounts owed to participating interests	1,293	1,273
Corporation tax	1,260,222	1,098,054
Other taxes and social security costs	630,871	578,761
Net obligations under finance lease and hire purchase contracts	882	4,352
Other creditors	33,495	39,084
Accruals and deferred income	379,191	473,982
	<hr/> 2,937,023	<hr/> 2,841,270

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19. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE  
WITHIN ONE YEAR (continued)

COMPANY

	1997 £	1996 £
Trade creditors	34,450	1,191
Amounts owed to group undertakings	1,175,281	586,645
Corporation tax	557,117	542,097
Other taxes and social security costs	7,267	7,556
Other creditors	17,607	17,291
Accruals and deferred income	91,701	173,658
	<u>1,883,423</u>	<u>1,328,438</u>

20. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE  
AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

GROUP

	1997 £	1996 £
Loans	160,000	200,000
	<u>160,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>
Loans repayable by instalments:		
Amounts repayable within five years	160,000	200,000
	<u>160,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>

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20. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE  
AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR (continued)

GROUP	1997 £	1996 £
Net obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts		
Repayable within one year	909	5,190
Repayable between one and five years	-	800
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	909	5,990
Finance charges and interest allocated to future accounting periods	(27)	(1,638)
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	882	4,352
Included in current liabilities	(882)	(4,352)
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	-	-
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COMPANY		
	1997 £	1997 £
Other loans	160,000	200,000
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	160,000	200,000
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21. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES

GROUP

Deferred tax is calculated at 33% (1996 - 33%) analysed over  
the following timing differences:

	Fully Provided 1997 £	1996 £
On the excess of capital allowances over depreciation	-	(730)
On other timing differences	3,135	5,563
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	3,135	4,833
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Movements on the provision for deferred taxation are:

	£
At 1 April 1996	4,833
Transferred to profit and loss account	(1,698)
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At 31 March 1997	3,135
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**22. SHARE CAPITAL**

	1997 £	1996 £
Authorised		
Equity interests:		
50,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	50,000	50,000
	<u>50,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
Equity interests:		
18,002 Ordinary shares of £1 each	18,002	18,002
	<u>18,002</u>	<u>18,002</u>

**23. REVALUATION RESERVE**

**GROUP AND COMPANY**

	1997 £	1996 £
Balance at 1 April 1996	42,943	42,943
Balance at 31 March 1997	<u>42,943</u>	<u>42,943</u>

**24. CAPITAL RESERVES**  
**GROUP**

	1997 £	1996 £
Balance at 1 April 1996	646,839	634,389
Movement during the year	-	12,450
Balance at 31 March 1997	<u>646,839</u>	<u>646,839</u>

**25. PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT**  
**GROUP**

	1997 £	1996 £
Retained profits at 1 April 1996	15,641,618	14,103,687
Profit for the financial year	2,463,850	1,537,931
Retained profits at 31 March 1997	<u>18,105,468</u>	<u>15,641,618</u>

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25. PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT (continued)  
COMPANY

	1997 £	1996 £
Retained profits at 1 April 1996	14,744,372	13,290,938
Profit for the financial year	2,448,850	1,453,434
Retained profits at 31 March 1997	<u>17,193,222</u>	<u>14,744,372</u>

26. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS  
GROUP

	1997 £	1996 £
Profit for the financial year	2,497,216	1,548,076
Movement on capital reserve	-	12,450
Minority interests	(33,366)	(10,145)
Net addition to equity shareholders' funds	<u>2,463,850</u>	<u>1,550,381</u>
Equity shareholders' funds at 1 April 1996	<u>16,349,402</u>	<u>14,799,021</u>
Equity shareholders' funds at 31 March 1997	<u>18,813,252</u>	<u>16,349,402</u>

COMPANY

	1997 £	1996 £
Profit for the financial year	2,448,850	1,453,434
Net addition to equity shareholders' funds	<u>2,448,850</u>	<u>1,453,434</u>
Equity shareholders' funds at 1 April 1996	<u>14,805,317</u>	<u>13,351,883</u>
Equity shareholders' funds at 31 March 1997	<u>17,254,167</u>	<u>14,805,317</u>



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<b>27. RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING PROFIT TO NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1996</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Operating profit:		
Continuing operations	2,321,743	1,639,071
Discontinued operations	(30,637)	(179,225)
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Depreciation	2,291,106	1,459,846
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	602,654	576,574
Movement in stocks	(853)	(15,080)
Movement in debtors	25,570	(21,410)
Movement in creditors due within one year	1,453,160	(128,815)
Net current assets acquired from subsidiary purchase and included in above	(44,046)	(110,509)
Movement in long term debtors	-	2,592
	-	806,075
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	<b>4,327,591</b>	<b>2,569,273</b>
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**28. ANALYSIS OF GROSS CASH FLOWS**

<b>RETURNS ON INVESTMENT AND SERVICING OF FINANCE</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1996</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Interest received	400,773	274,879
Interest paid	(20,669)	(21,710)
Dividends received	87,375	235,783
Interest element on finance leases and hire purchase contracts	(6,485)	(4,839)
Minority dividends paid	(22,010)	(6,000)
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	<b>438,984</b>	<b>478,113</b>
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**CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND FINANCIAL INVESTMENT**

Purchase of intangible fixed assets	(323)	(421,799)
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(600,014)	(439,786)
Purchase of other fixed asset investments	-	(536,235)
Sale of intangible fixed assets	-	1,252,125
Sale of tangible fixed assets	30,974	51,922
Sale of other fixed asset investments	11,265	27,227
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	<b>(558,098)</b>	<b>(66,546)</b>
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**28. ANALYSIS OF GROSS CASH FLOWS (continued)**

**MANAGEMENT OF LIQUID RESOURCES**

Current assets investments	56,616	18,257
Money market and other deposits	(4,163,376)	(1,683,596)
	<u>(4,106,760)</u>	<u>(1,665,339)</u>

**FINANCING**

New loans	-	200,000
Repayment of loans	(40,000)	(10,000)
Capital element of finance lease and hire purchase contracts	(3,470)	(9,782)
	<u>(43,470)</u>	<u>180,218</u>

**29. ANALYSIS OF NET FUNDS**

	1 April 1996	Cash flow	Other movements	31 March 1997
Cash and bank	1,097,952	140,363		1,238,315
Overdrafts	(24,779)	17,278		(7,501)
		<u>157,641</u>		
Debt due after one year	(200,000)	40,000		(160,000)
Finance leases and hire purchase contracts	(4,352)	3,470		(882)
		<u>43,470</u>		
Liquid resources	4,991,319	4,106,760	13,849	9,111,928
	<u>5,860,140</u>	<u>4,307,871</u>	<u>13,849</u>	<u>10,181,860</u>

**ANALYSIS OF OTHER MOVEMENTS**

	Non-cash changes	Exchange movement	Acquisition & disposals	Total
Current asset investments	13,849	-	-	13,849
	<u>13,849</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,849</u>

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30. ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSALS

	1997 £	1996 £
Net assets acquired:		
Tangible fixed assets	-	3,823
Debtors	-	64,693
Cash at bank and in hand	-	48
Creditors	-	(62,149)
Minority interests	-	(802)
Net assets	-	5,613
Goodwill on acquisition	-	18,232
	-	23,845

CONSIDERATION - NET OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	1997 £	1996 £
Disposal of an associated undertaking	1,198,899	-
Purchase of a subsidiary undertaking	-	(23,845)
Less cash at bank and in hand acquired	-	48
Acquisition expenses	-	-
	1,198,899	(23,797)

31. REVENUE COMMITMENTS

GROUP

The amounts payable in the next year in respect of operating leases are shown below, analysed according to the expiry date of the leases.

	Land and buildings		Other	
	1997 £	1996 £	1997 £	1996 £
Expiry date:				
Within one year	4,200	10,960	-	7,500
Between one and five years	94,545	128,912	21,373	19,381
After five years	82,332	132,332	-	600
	181,077	272,204	21,373	27,481

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**31. REVENUE COMMITMENTS (continued)**

**COMPANY**

The amounts payable in the next year in respect of operating leases are shown below, analysed according to the expiry date of the leases.

	Land and buildings	
	1997	1996
	£	£
Expiry date:		
Within one year	4,200	10,960
After five years	22,000	22,000
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	26,200	32,960
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**32. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

**COMPANY**

In the ordinary course of business the company has entered into agreements whereby it may be required to acquire some investments at some point in time over the next ten years for a consideration to be determined at the appropriate time. The directors do not consider these items to be material.

**33. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS**

Subsequent to the year end, the company sold its interests in Capital Newspapers Limited, London Recorder Newspapers Limited and Surrey Advertiser Newspaper Holdings Limited. In each case, the sales proceeds exceeded the consolidated value disclosed within these financial statements.

**34. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

During the year the following transactions occurred with related parties:

The company entered into transactions to supply accountancy, taxation and other professional services from Milne Eldridge & Co. Chartered Accountants, amounting to £155,101 during the year. Mr C.R.G. Christmas was and still is the proprietor of this firm. At the year end £24,626 was owing to the firm.

The group entered into transactions with FreeAdmart Limited (an associated company) to supply printing services amounting to £214,556.

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35. ULTIMATE CONTROL

The company is controlled by Sir Ray Tindle by virtue of his 100% interest, direct and indirect, in the issued ordinary share capital of the company.