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EUROMONEY PUBLICATIONS LIMITED

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

30TH SEPTEMBER 1985



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DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors submit their annual report together with the financial statements for the year ended 30th September 1985.

1. Principal activities

The group is principally engaged in financial publishing and erganising conferences.

2. Results

The company has enjoyed a very successful year in nearly 211 areas of its operations, with turnover increasing by 43% over last year.

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The profit for the year attributable to members is The proposed dividend is	2,308,927 2,308,927

The directors are of the opinion that it will be difficult to sustain this year's level of turnover and profits in the forthcoming year. However, four new products are planned for 1985/86 and further new publications will be considered as opportunities arise.

3. Directors

The directors in office at the end of the year are listed below. All served on the Board throughout the year.

The interests of the directors and their families in the shares of the company at 1st October 1984 and at 30th September 1985, as recorded in the register maintained by the company in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 1985, were as follows:

	Ordinary shares 1985	Ordinary shares 1984
R.M.P. Shields (Chairman) Sir Patrick Sergeant (Managing Director) P.J. Saunders	1,260	1,260
P.M. Fallon (Deputy Managing Director) N.J. Bance	270	270
P.R. Ensor	-	_

The interests of directors in the shares of Associated Newspapers Holdings plc are disclosed in that company's financial statements.

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4. Fixed assets

The principal changes in the fixed assets of the group during the year were:

- a) the disposal of motor vehicles, which had a net book value of £21,515.
- b) the purchase of motor vehicles amounting to £73,702
- c) the purchase of office equipment amounting to £129,481 made up largely of word processors and microcomputers.
- d) the purchase of office furniture and fittings amounting to £120,465.

5. Donations

The company made charitable donations during the year, amounting to £3,500.

6. Auditors

Thornton Baker offer themselves for reappointment as auditors of the company in accordance with Section 384(1) of the Companies Act 1985.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Carmelite House London EC4

19th November 1985

Secretary

J.A. ETHERIDGE

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF EURCMONEY PUBLICATIONS LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 14 in accordance with approved Auditing Standards.

In our opinion the financial statements, which have been prepared under the historical cost convention, give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and the group at 30th September 1985 and of the result and source and application of funds of the group for the year then ended and comply with the Companies Act 1985.

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LONDON

19th November 1985

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1985

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The principal accounting policies of the group, with the exception of the definition of turnover, have remained unchanged from the previous year and are set out below.

a) Basis on consolidation

The group financial statements consolidate the financial statements of the company and of its subsidairy. The financial statements of both companies have been prepared to the 30th September 1985. All intra-group profits are eliminated on consolidation.

b) Turnover

Turnover is the total amount receivable by the companies excluding value added tax. It represents income from subscriptions, advertising, publications, conferences and other services.

Advertising sales are shown net of agency commission. Previously turnover was stated gross of agency commission, agency commission being included in other external charges. The effect of the change is shown in note 1 to the financial statements.

c) Depreciation

No depreciation is provided on fixed assets in the year of purchase.

Depreciation on motor vechicles has been provided at the rate of 20% on the straight line basis.

Depreciation on office and computer equipment has been provided at the rate of 25% on the straight line basis.

d) Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are converted at rates of exchange ruling at the year end. Revenue items are converted at average rates for the year.

e) Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is the taxation attributable to timing differences between profits computed for taxation purposes and profits stated in the financial statements. Deferred tax is accounted for to the extent that it is probable that taxation will become payable in the foreseeable future. Account has been taken of the future changes in capital allowances and corporation tax rates, introduced by the 1984 Finance Act.

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CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1985

	Note	1985 £	<u>1986</u>
Turnover	1	14,068,767	9,826,042
Operating profit Ned interest receivable	1 2	3,555,240 573,365	2,837,905 265,888
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	3	4,128,605	3,103,793
Taxation on profit on ordinary activities	3	1,819,678	1,479,464
Profit on ordinary activities for the financial year Dividend	4 5	2,308,927 2,308,927	1,624,329 1,615,529
Profit retained		£	£ 8,800
		1985	1984
Statement of retained profits	:	**	I.
Retained profits at 30th Sept Retained profit for the year	ember 1984	3,275	3,275 8,800
C pitalisation of retained plofits by bonus issue		۸ _	(8,800)
Retained profits at 30th Sept	ember 1985	£ 3,275	£ 3,275

The accounting policies and notes on pages 4 and 9 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

EUROMONEY PUBLICATIONS LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 1985

	Note	£ 19	<u>985</u>	****	984
Fixed assets		Ĺ	£	£	£
Tangible assets	6		528,812		330,595
Current assets				V	
Debtors	8	4,095,012		2,940,389	
Investments	9	5,518,765		4,311,149	
Cash		189,720		114,181	
		9,803,497		7,365,719	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	10,171,221		7,601,662	
			 		
Net current liabilities			(367,724)		(235,943)
Total assets less current		`,			
líabilities			161,088		94,652
Trovisions for liabilities					· ′
and charges: deferred tax	11		142,813		76,377
			£18,275		£19 275
			110,210		£18,275
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	12		15,000		15,000
Profit and loss account			3,275		3,275
			£18,275	, (1	£18,275

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on the 19th November 1985.

R.M.P. SHIELDS) DIRECTORS

The accounting policies and notes on pages 4 and 9 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

EUROMONEY PUBLICATIONS LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 1985

	Note	£ 19	985 £	£	984 £
Fixed assets Tangible assets Investments	6 7		528,812		330,595
Current assets Debtors Short-term investments Cash	8 9	4,095,012 5,518,765 8,815	528,912	2,940,389 4,311,149 10,334	330,695
Creditors: amounts falling within one year	due 10	9,622,592	(0(7,001)	7,261,872	(22.5 0.4.2)
Net current liabilities Total assets less current liabilities			161,088		94,652
Provisions for liabilities and charges: deferred ta			142,813 £ 18,275		76,377 £18,275
Capital and reserves Called up share capital Profit and loss account	12		15,000 3,275 £ 18,275	,	15,000 3,275 £18,275

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 19th November 1985.

R.M.P. SHIELDS)
) DIRECTORS
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The accounting policies and notes on pages 4 and 9 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

GROUP STATEMENT OF SOURCE AND APPLICATION OF FUNDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1985

	£ 1985	£ 1984 £
Source of funds Profit before tax	4,128,605	3,103,793
Adjustments for items not involving the movement of funds Depreciation Loss on sale of fixed assets	103,916 1,778	62,255 268
	105,694	62,523
Total generated from operations	4,234,299	3,166,316
Funds from other sources Sale of fixed assets	19,737	13,725
	4,254,036	3,180,041
Application of funds		
Dividends paid Taxation paid Purchase of fixed assets	1,615,529 518,773 323,648	370,836 451,022 206,173
	2,457,950	1,028,031
Net inflow of funds	£1,796,U86	£2,152,010
Increases/(decreases) in working ca	pital	
Group company balances Debtors Creditors	1,279,468 (119,594) (646,943)	(30,767) 1,248,294 (1,238,198)
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	512,931	(20,671)
Net liquid funds Bank balances	1,283,155	2,172,681
Net increase in working capital	<u>[1,796,086</u>	£2,152,010

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1985

1. Turnover and operating profit

	£ 19	<u>185</u> £	£	1984 £
Turnover	14	,068,767		9,826,042
Other external charges	8	3,235,696		5,389,715
		,833,071		4,436,327
Staff costs Wages and salaries Social security costs Pension contributions	1,269,428 71,772 71,623		899,674 55,682 57,484	
041		,412,823		1,012,840
Other costs Depreciation Auditors' remuneration Other operating charges Group charges	103,916 13,940 696,665 50,487		62,255 10,775 470,355 42,197	
,	,	865,008	<u> </u>	.585,582
Operating profit	£3	3,555,240	:	£2,837,905
Turnover Turnover analysed by geogra United Kingdom Overseas	- aphical mark	cet is as		4,150,805 9,917,962 14,068,767
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Turnover and other external charges for the year ended 30th September 1984 have been adjusted to show them net of advertising commission amounting to £605,507.

The average number of persons employed by the company during the year was 84 (1983, 67).

The emoluments of employees receiving more than £30,000 during the year were:

						1985	<u>1984</u>
over	£30,000	but	not	exceeding	£35,,000	2	1
over	£35,000	but	not	exceeding	£40,000	_	l
over	£40,000	but	not	exceeding	£45,000	1	-
				exceeding		2	
	_			exceeding			1

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1985

2.	Net	int:erest	receivable	and	similar	charges	
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deposits	£573,365	£265,888
Interest receivable from short-term		
	1985	1984

3. Taxation on profit on ordinary activities

The taxation charge is based on the profit for the year and is made up as follows:

an Iorrows.	1985 £	1984 E
U.K. corporation tax at 42.5% (1984 47%) Deferred taxation (note 11)	1,750,139 81,674	1,472,700 31,424
	1,831,813	1,504,124
Adjustments to prior years' taxat	ion:-	
U.K. corporation tax	3,103	7,083
Deferred taxation (note 11)	(15,238)	(31,743)
	£1,819,678	£1,479,464

4. Profit on ordinary activities for the financial year

The parent company has taken advantage of Section 228(7) of the Companies Act 1985 and has not included its own profit and loss account in these financial statements.

All of the group profit for the financial year is dealt with in the accounts of the parent company. This is consistent with the previous year.

5. Dividend

	<u>1985</u>	1984
Final proposed	£2,308,927	£1,615,529
Related tax credit	£100,933	£70,622
		

6.	Tangible fixed assets	The group and the company Plant and equipment
	Cost or valuation: At beginning of year Group transfers Additions Disposals	443,364 - 323,648 (79,118)
	At end of year	£687,894

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1985

6. Tangible fixed assets (continued)

	·		Plant and equipment
	Accumulated depreciation At beginning of year Group transfers Charge for the year Disposals		112,769 - 103,916 (57,603)
	At end of year		£159,082
	Net book value - 30th September 1985		£528,812
	Net book value - 30th September 1984		£330,595
7.	Fixed asset investments		
	The company		
			Shares in Subsidiary
	Cost.	2	
	At 30th September 1985 and 30th September 1984		£100

At 30th September 1985 the company owned 100% of the ordinary share capital of Euromoney Publications (Overseas) Limited which is its only subsidiary. This subsidiary acts as overseas agent for the company. The company is incorporated in the UK.

8. Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	The group an 1985	1984
Trade debtors Amounts owing from group companies Prepayments and accrued income Other debtors	2,047,131 1,717,105 248,463 82,313	2,246,183 442,888 94,698 156,620
Total debtors	£4,095,012	£2,940,389

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1985

9. Investments

The group and the company 1985 1984

Short-term investments £5,518,765 £4,311,149

These investments consisted of deposit accounts with banks. Their market value at the year end was equal to their book value and no capital taxation would have been payable had they been realised at that time.

10. Creditors - amounts falling due within one year

	10	985	. 19	984
	Group £	Company £	Group	Company
Payments received on account Trade creditors Amounts owing to group compan Other creditors Taxation and social security Accruals and deferred income Dividend	139,858 391,069 ies 80,122 1,087,014 3,156,254 3,007,977 2,308,927	139,858 391,069 740,917 245,414 3,156,254 3,007,977 2,308,927	70,282 391,986 85,373 734,923 1,921,785 2,781,784 1,615,529	70,282 391,986 496,910 219,639 1,921,785 2,781,784 1,615,529
	£10,171,471	£9,990,416	£7,601,662	£7,497,915

11. Provisions for liabilities and charges

The group and the company

	Deserred taxation 1985 1984	
	£	£
At 1st October 1984	76,377	76,696
Adjustment to opening balance for changes introduced by the Finance Act, 1984 Charge for the year	(15,238) 81,674	(31,743) 31,424
At 30th September 1985	£142,813	£76,377

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1985

12.	Called up share capital	1985	1984
	Authorised:		
	Ordinary shares of £1 each	15,750	15,000

	Allotted and fully paid;		;
	Ordinary shares of £1 each	15,000	15,000

On 8th March, 1985 the authorised share capital of the company was increased from £15,000 to £15,750, by the creation of 750 new ordinary shares of £1 each.

An executive share option scheme has been adopted, subject to;

- a) Approval to the scheme being obtained from the Inland Revenue.
- b) Direction by the parent company as to who shall participate in the scheme and the number of shares to be allocated to them.

A total amount of up to 5% of the issued share capital can be granted in options.

13. Directors

The emoluments of the directors for the year ended 30th September 1985 and 30th September 1984 were as follows:

	1985 £	1984 £
Fees	59,066	34,850
Management remuneration	1,194,646	830,514
Pension contributions	46,452	46,075
	£1,300,164	£911,439

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1985

13. Directors (continued)

Scale of emoluments (excluding pension contributions)

	1985	1984
Over £ 5,000 but not exceeding £ 10,000 Over £ 10,000 but not exceeding £ 15,000 Over £ 55,000 but not exceeding £ 60,000 Over £ 90,000 but not exceeding £ 95,000 Over £160,000 but not exceeding £165,000 Over £185,000 but not exceeding £190,000 Over £235,000 but not exceeding £240,000 Over £330,000 but not exceeding £335,000	1 - 1 - 1 - 1	1 - 1 - 1

Emoluments of the Chairman £14,234 (1984 £8,180) Emoluments of the highest paid director £602,708 (1984 £384,370)

14. Pension contributions

Employees of the group are members of the Harmsworth Contributory Pension Scheme, which is administered by the ultimate holding company Associated Newspapers Holdings plc.

An actuarial valuation of the fund was varried out at 31st March, 1983. The actuaries report that they are of the opinion that the funding arrangements are satisfactory and adequate to meet future liabilities of the Scheme.

15. Ultimate holding company

The company's ultimate holding company is Associated Newspapers Holdings Plc, which is registered in England.