# REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31 MARCH 1999

Company No: 1049793



#### **DIRECTORS**

C C T Reed (Chairman) S J Chappell R C Baker N W Reed

#### **SECRETARY AND REGISTERED OFFICE**

N W Reed Broadfield Park, Crawley, West Sussex, RH11 9RT

#### **AUDITORS**

Moore Stephens Chartered Accountants St Paul's House, Warwick Lane, London, EC4P 4BN

#### REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 1999.

#### **REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES**

The company continued to produce quality customer magazines for a number of blue chip clients across a wide range of business sectors. The company changed its name from The BLA Group Limited on 17 June 1999.

#### **RESULTS AND DIVIDEND**

The results for the year are set out in the attached financial statements. No final dividend is recommended.

#### **FIXED ASSETS**

Full disclosure of all matters relating to fixed assets is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

#### **DIRECTORS' INTERESTS**

None of the directors held any shares in the company at 31 March 1999.

The interests of Mr C C T Reed and Mr N W Reed in the holding company are shown in the financial statements of the holding company.

#### **BOARD CHANGES**

Mr S.J.Chappell was appointed a Director on 1 September 1998.

#### **YEAR 2000**

The directors believe that the company has taken all reasonable steps to eliminate any potential risks which may arise from the Year 2000 problem with regard to internal use of computer systems and embedded chips and are obtaining similar assurances in connection with its principal relationships with third parties. The total costs of ensuring Year 2000 compliance have not yet been quantified, but are not considered to be significant.

#### **AUDITORS**

Moore Stephens have indicated their willingness to continue in office. A resolution for their reappointment and authorising the directors to fix their remuneration will be submitted at the Annual General Meeting.

By Order of the Board

N W Reed Secretary

#### STATEMENT OF 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 of the profit or loss of the company 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;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business

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' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF CITRUS PUBLISHING LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5-12 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements.

#### RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS

As described on the previous page 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 opinions, 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 as at 31 March 1999 and of the profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

St Paul's House Warwick Lane LONDON EC4P 4BN

19th october 1999

MOORE STEPHENS Chartered Accountants Registered Auditor

#### PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1999

	Notes	1999 £	1998 £
TURNOVER	1	8,733,995	7,549,823
Cost of Sales		(5,715,168)	(5,331,946)
GROSS PROFIT		3,018,827	2,217,877
Net operating expenses		(2,147,199)	(1,619,031)
OPERATING PROFIT	2	871,628	598,846
(Loss)/profit on sale of fixed asse	ts	5,131	(19,370)
Interest receivable Interest payable	3 4	21,878 (618)	17,916 (51)
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		898,019	 597,341
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	7	(276,465)	(194,864)
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	13	621,554	402,477

None of the company's activities were acquired or discontinued during the above two financial years.

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

The notes on pages 7-12 form part of these financial statements.

# **BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 1999**

		1999		1998	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS Tangible Assets	8		539,414		462,976
CURRENT ASSETS Stocks Debtors Cash at Bank	9 10	82,660 3,457,527 120,066 3,660,253		66,589 2,052,692 189,737 2,309,018	
CREDITORS Amounts falling due within one year	11	(2,964,411)		(2,158,292)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABI	LITIES)		695,842	±	150,726
TOTAL ASSETS			<u>1,235,256</u>		613,702
CAPITAL AND RESERVES Called up Share Capital Profit & Loss Account	12 13		50,000 1,185,256		50,000 563,702
SHAREHOLDERS FUNDS	14		1,235,2 <u>56</u>		613,70 <u>2</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board on its behalf by

S.J.Chappell

R.C. Baker

Directors

The notes on pages 7-12 form part of these financial statements.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1999

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### 1.1 BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards.

#### 1.2 TURNOVER

Turnover comprises sales and fees receivable for the year excluding VAT. Sales of individual issues of customer magazines are included on the date final copy is despatched to printers.

Income and costs are recognised in the profit and loss account in respect of issues of customer magazines which are more than 50% complete at the balance sheet date.

#### 1.3 DEPRECIATION

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

Fixtures fittings and equipment Motor vehicles

20% & 25% Straight Line 25% Straight Line

#### 1.4 STOCKS

Stocks include paper stock valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Short-term work in progress comprises all costs of jobs which were incomplete at the balance sheet date.

#### 1.5 DEFERRED TAXATION

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

#### 1.6 LEASING AND HIRE PURCHASE

Rentals payable under operating leases are taken to the profit and loss account in the period to which they relate.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1999

2.	OPERATING PROFIT	1999 £	1998 £
	The Operating Profit is stated after charging:-	-	-
	Depreciation Auditors' Remuneration	151,504	109,395
	- Audit - Other Hire of Equipment	7,500 1,280	7,000 2,882
	Operating Lease Rentals - Land & Buildings	48.488	<u>19,786</u>
3.	INTEREST RECEIVABLE	1999	1998
		£	£
	Bank and other interest receivable	21,878 	17,916
4.	INTEREST PAYABLE	1000	4000
		1999 £	1998 £
	Bank interest payable	618	51 
5.	DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES	1999	1998
	Staff Costs:-	£	£
	Wages and Salaries Social Security Costs Other Pension Costs	1,341,293 124,602 36,002	1,015,654 89,000 28,456
		1,501,897	1,133,110
	The average weekly number of employees		
	during the year was made up as follows:-	Number	Number
	Management and Administration Publishing	9 <u>32</u> <u>41</u>	8 <u>22</u> <u>30</u>

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1999

	1999	1998
	£	£
Directors' Emoluments:-		
Dominaration for Management Coming	150 600	450 755
Remuneration for Management Services	150,698	152,755
Pension Contributions	9,367	11,063
Amount paid to third parties	-	30,000
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	<u> 160.065</u>	<u>193,818</u>

Pension contributions were paid on behalf of three directors during the year.

#### 6. PENSION COSTS

The parent company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company and parent company in independently administered funds. Contributions payable by the company amounted to £36,002. (1998: £28,456). All contributions were paid in the year.

# 7. TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

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The taxation charge based on the profit before tax comprises:-		
UK Corporation Tax Prior year (over)/under provision	277,257 (792)	194,285 579
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	<u>276,465</u>	<u> 194,864</u>

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1999

# 8. TANGIBLE ASSETS

		Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment	Motor Vehicles	Total	
	Cost	£	£	£	
	At 1 April 1998	540,460	183,379	723,839	
	Additions	145,218	110,799	256,017	
	Disposats	<u>-</u>	(60,228)	(60,228)	
	At 31 March 1999	685,678 	233,950	919,628	
	<u>Depreciation</u>				
	At 1 April 1998	199,511	61,352	260,863	
	Charge for period	101,192	50,312	151,504	
	Disposals	-	(32,153)	(32,153)	
	At 31 March 1999	300,703	79,511	380,214	
	<u>Net Book Value</u>				
	At 31 March 1999	<u>384,975</u>	<u>154,439</u>	<u>539,414</u>	
	At 1 April 1998	<u>340,949</u>	122,027	<u>462,976</u>	
9.	<u>STOCKS</u>				
			1999 £		1998 £
	Short-term work in progress Paper Stock		34,881 47,779		47,273 19,316
			<u>82,660</u>		66.589

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1999

10.	DEBTORS		
10.	<u> </u>	1999	1998
		£	£
	Trade debtors	3,158,597	1,711,778
	Loans to directors	939	912
	Other debtors	260,944	144,518
	Corporation tax recoverable	2,507	75,899
	Prepayments and accrued income	34,540	28,795
	Amounts due from group companies	-	90,790
		3,457,527	2,052,692
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11.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
		1999	1998
		£	£
	Trade creditors	1,596,206	1,570,160
	Amount owed to group company	181,261	1,3,0,100
	Corporation tax	277,257	194,285
	Other taxes and social security costs	40,988	-
	Other creditors	162,541	341,450
	Accruals and deferred income	706,158	52,397
		<u>2,964,411</u>	2,158,292
12.	SHARE CAPITAL		
	<u></u>	1999	1998
		£	£
	<u>Authorised</u>		
	Equity interests:		
	1,500,000 Ordinary Shares of 5p each	<u>75,000</u>	<u>75,000</u>
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	Allotted, called up and fully paid Equity interests:		
	1,000,000 Ordinary Shares of 5p each	50,000	50.000
	1,000,000 oraniary shares or 5p each	20,000	201000
13.	PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT		
		1999	1998
		£	£
	Retained profits at 1 April 1998	563,702	161,225
	Retained profit for the year	621,554	402,477
	Retained profits at 31 March 1999	 1,185,256	563,702
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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1999

#### 14. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

	1999 £	1998 £
Profit for the financial year	621,554	402,477
Shareholders' funds at 1 April 1998	613,702	211,225
Shareholders' funds at 31 March 1999	<u>1,235,256</u>	613,702
Represented by: Equity interests	<u>1,235,256</u>	613,702

#### 15. REVENUE COMMITMENTS

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

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Land and Buildings		
Expiry date:		
Less than one year Between one and five years	- -	-
After five years	48,487	48,487
	<u>48.487</u>	<u>48,487</u>

#### 16. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

In the opinion of the directors, the company qualifies for, and has therefore taken advantage of, the exemption afforded by paragraph 3 (c) of Financial Reporting Standard No. 8 in respect of related party disclosures.

#### 17. ULTIMATE HOLDING COMPANY AND CONTROLLING PARTY

The ultimate holding company is William Reed Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in England. The ultimate controlling party are the Trustees of the Reed family trusts.