

BARDELL SMITH PUBLISHING LIMITED

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1997

REGISTERED NUMBER 1182469



BARDELL SMITH PUBLISHING LIMITED

Directors: Mr M N Bandier
Mr P H C Reichardt
Mr T J Foster-Key
Mr T F Bradley
Mrs D J Miller
Mr P J Cox
Ms S D Perryman
Mr J C Channon (appointed 1st April 1996)

Secretary: Mrs D J Miller

Registered Office: 127 Charing Cross Road, London WC2H 0EA

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The directors submit the audited accounts for the year ended 31st March 1997. The loss for the year amounted to £73 (1996 - £59). The directors recommend no dividend be paid (1996 nil) and therefore the loss of £73 (1996 - £59) is to be retained.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND REVIEW OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENTS

The principal activity of the company continued to be that of music publishing. Business decreased during the year which resulted in a greater loss for the year. No material change in the activities of the business is contemplated.

DIRECTORS

The directors of the company during the year ended 31st March 1997 were those listed above, together with Ms K O'Dwyer who resigned on 30th September 1997.

DIRECTORS' AND OFFICERS' LIABILITY INSURANCE

The parent undertaking, EMI GROUP plc, has maintained insurance to cover Directors' and Officers' liability as defined by section 310(3)(a) of the Companies Act 1985 (as amended).

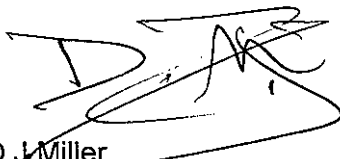
DIRECTORS' INTERESTS

All the directors are also directors of EMI Music Publishing Limited and their interests in the share and loan capital of EMI GROUP plc, the ultimate parent undertaking, are disclosed in the directors' report of that company.

AUDITORS

An elective resolution to dispense with the annual appointment of auditors was passed in 1994. The existing auditors, Ernst & Young will be deemed re-appointed in accordance with section 386 of the Act, unless their appointment is brought to an end by a resolution at a meeting of shareholders pursuant to a notice of such resolution duly deposited in accordance with section 393 of the Act.

By Order Of The Board.


D J Miller
Secretary
Dated: 09 JAN 1998

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STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE ACCOUNTS

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the accounts 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 accounts 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.

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REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS

We have audited the accounts on pages 4 to 8, which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and on the basis of the accounting policies set out on page 6.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

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

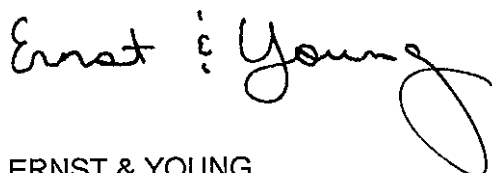
Basis of opinion

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 accounts. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the accounts, 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 accounts 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 accounts.

Opinion

In our opinion the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at 31st March 1997 and of its loss for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.



ERNST & YOUNG
Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditor
LONDON

09 JAN 1998

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1997

| | <u>NOTES</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1996</u> |
|---|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | | £ | £ |
| TURNOVER | 2 | 1,528 | 1,818 |
| Cost of Sales | | 1,051 | 1,231 |
| | | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| GROSS PROFIT | | 477 | 587 |
| Distribution Costs | | 42 | 50 |
| Administration Expenses | | 508 | 596 |
| | | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Loss on ordinary activities before taxation | 3 | (73) | (59) |
| Tax on loss on ordinary activities | 6 | - | - |
| | | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| RETAINED LOSS FOR THE YEAR | | <u>(73)</u> | <u>(59)</u> |

STATEMENT OF RETAINED LOSSES

| | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| As at 1st April | (3,022) | (2,963) |
| Retained loss for the year | (73) | (59) |
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| At 31st March | <u>(3,095)</u> | <u>(3,022)</u> |

STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

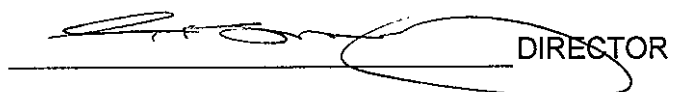
There are no recognised gains or losses other than the loss for the year.

The notes on pages 6 to 8 form part of these accounts.

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST MARCH 1997

| | <u>NOTES</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1996</u> |
|--|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | £ | £ |
| CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year | 7 | 2,995 | 2,922 |
| | | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| NET CURRENT LIABILITIES | | <u>(2,995)</u> | <u>(2,922)</u> |
| | | | |
| CAPITAL AND RESERVES | | | |
| Called up share capital | 8 | 100 | 100 |
| Capital reserve | | (3,095) | (3,022) |
| | | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | | <u>(2,995)</u> | <u>(2,922)</u> |



09 JAN 1998 DATE

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Accounting Convention

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards. The accounts have been prepared under the going concern concept on the basis that funds will continue to be made available by group undertakings to enable the company to meet its liabilities as they fall due.

(b) Debtors - Royalty Advances

Royalties due to an advancee are credited against the outstanding advance in the year of receipt until the amount of the advance is extinguished. If it is thought that future earnings will not amount to the written-down value of an advance, a provision for the estimated shortfall will be raised.

(c) Cashflow

A cashflow statement has not been prepared due to exemption under FRS1, as the company is a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking of an EC parent.

(d) Foreign Exchange

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling and recorded at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Assets and liabilities expressed in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the exchange rate ruling at the balance sheet date. All differences are taken to the profit and loss account.

2 TURNOVER

(a) Turnover is defined as income from copyrights on a cash basis after deducting all commissions and any sales taxes levied on turnover.

(b) In certain countries, the company has assigned its rights to royalty income to other undertakings in the EMI group.

All turnover is attributable to music publishing, the analysis by market being as follows:

| | 1997 £ | 1996 £ |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| United Kingdom | 1,337 | 1,515 |
| USA | 191 | 303 |
| | <u>1,528</u> | <u>1,818</u> |

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

3 LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION

This is stated after charging:

| | 1997 £ | 1996 £ |
|------------------------|------------|------------|
| Management charges | 120 | 146 |
| Auditors' remuneration | <u>430</u> | <u>500</u> |

4 EMPLOYEES

The company has no employees.

5 EMOLUMENTS OF DIRECTORS

The directors are employed and remunerated as directors or executives of EMI Music Publishing Limited, a fellow subsidiary company of EMI GROUP plc, for their services to the group as a whole.

6 TAXATION

There is no liability to UK corporation tax as a result of losses brought forward.

7 CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year

| | 1997 £ | 1996 £ |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Trade creditors | 1,135 | 923 |
| Amounts owed to group undertakings | 1,860 | 1,999 |
| | <u>2,995</u> | <u>2,922</u> |

8 SHARE CAPITAL

| | 1997 £ | 1996 £ |
|---|------------|------------|
| Authorised, allotted, called up and fully paid Ordinary shares of £1 each | <u>100</u> | <u>100</u> |

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

9 RECONCILIATION OF SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS AND MOVEMENTS ON RESERVES

| | SHARE CAPITAL £ | PROFIT & LOSS A/C £ | TOTAL £ |
|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|------------|
| At 1st April 1995 | 100 | (2,963) | (2,863) |
| Loss for the year | - | (59) | (59) |
| Dividend | - | - | - |
| At 1st April 1996 | 100 | (3,022) | (2,922) |
| Profit for the year | - | (73) | (73) |
| Dividend | - | - | - |
| At 31st March 1997 | 100 | (3,095) | (2,995) |

10 PARENT UNDERTAKING

The parent undertaking of the group of undertakings for which group accounts are drawn up and of which the company is a member is EMI GROUP plc, which is the ultimate parent undertaking registered in England and Wales. Copies of EMI GROUP plc's accounts can be obtained from EMI GROUP plc, 4 Tenterden Street, Hanover Square, London W1A 2AY, England.

The company has taken advantage of the exemption contained in FRS8, Related party disclosures, from disclosure of related party transactions with group companies on the basis that such transactions are included in the consolidated group accounts of EMI GROUP plc.