Registered number: 1394141

## **BAUER RADIO LIMITED**

**Directors' Report and Financial Statements** 

For the Year Ended 31 December 2014

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## **Company Information**

**Directors** 

P Keenan D A Ford D P Goodchild

G M Beddard

S Vickery (appointed 30 September 2014)

**Company secretary** 

Bauer Group Secretariat Limited

Registered number

1394141

Registered office

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Independent auditor

Grant Thornton UK LLP

Registered Auditor & Chartered Accountants

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## Directors' Report For the Year Ended 31 December 2014

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2014.

#### Results and dividends

The profit for the year, after taxation, amounted to £22,392,000 (2013 - £18,490,000).

No interim dividend was paid during the year (2013: £35,00,000). The directors do not recommend the payment of a final dividend (2013: £NIL).

#### **Directors**

The directors who served during the year were:

P Keenan

- D A Ford
- D P Goodchild
- G M Beddard
- S Vickery (appointed 30 September 2014)

#### Events since the end of the year

On 27 March 2015 Sound Digital Limited, a joint venture undertaking of the Company, was awarded the UK's second national DAB (digital audit broadcasting) radio licence by the communications regulator, Ofcom.

On 28 April 2015 the Company agreed, subject to regulatory approvals to acquire leading Nordic broadcaster SBS Discovery Radio.

On 23 June 2015 the Company allotted and issued 330,000,000 Ordinary Shares of £0.10 each at a subscription price of £0.10 per share.

#### **Employee involvement**

The directors attach great importance to keeping staff fully informed of the Company's financial progress to involve them as much as possible in the activities of the Company. Information is communicated through Bauer's Intranet - Media Vine - and periodic discussions take place to keep people informed and seek out their ideas and opinions.

## Going concern

Notwithstanding the fact that the Company has net current liabilities, the directors have prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis. The directors have received confirmation from its immediate parent company, of its intention to financially support the Company. This support will be available for a period of at least twelve months from the date of the directors approval of these financial statements.

#### Directors' responsibilities statement

The directors are responsible for preparing the Strategic Report, the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

## Directors' Report For the Year Ended 31 December 2014

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they 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 these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK 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 adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. 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.

The directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements and other information included in Directors' Reports may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

#### Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the persons who are directors at the time when this Directors' Report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware, and
- that director has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a director in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information.

#### **Auditor**

The auditor, Grant Thornton UK LLP, has indicated its willingness to continue in office. The Company has elected under section 487 of the Companies Act 2006 not to re-appoint the auditor annually. Therefore the auditor, Grant Thornton UK LLP, is deemed to be re-appointed for the next financial year.

This report was approved by the board on 29 June 2015 and signed on its behalf.

S Vickery Director

## Strategic Report For the Year Ended 31 December 2014

#### Introduction

The Company operates as an investment holding company and provides management services to other Group companies.

Through its subsidiaries, it has 42 local and 14 national radio stations and has one of the largest digital radio networks in the UK and is the largest commercial digital radio provider on Freeview.

#### **Business review**

The Company has developed from a pure radio business into a multimedia business which is taking opportunities to expand its brand onto the ever increasing number of platforms and devices that its audience is using. This expansion ensures that our consumers can access the product whenever and on whatever device or platform our consumers are choosing to use. The scale of audience and closeness of the brand to its consumers provide an excellent platform for customers to access their target audience through cost effective advertising campaigns.

On 29 September 2014, the Company acquired the property at One Golden Square, London, previously leased to one of its subsidiary companies. Following the refurbishment and re-organisation of the property, it has become the London broadcasting centre for the Bauer Group. The Company now receives rental income for the use of this property from its subsidiary.

On 28 April 2015 the Company agreed, subject to regulatory approvals, to acquire leading Nordic broadcaster SBS Discovery Radio.

No change in the nature of the Company's activities is anticipated to occur in the future.

#### Principal risks and uncertainties

The Company, along with other businesses in the advertising sector, is exposed to cyclical advertising markets.

The Company's credit risk is primarily attributable to its own trade debtors, excluding its subsidiaries trade debtors that are now held centrally by the Company. Credit risk is managed by obtaining prepayments from new customers, and running credit checks on existing customers. Liquidity and cashflow risks are managed through support from the Company's parent.

Other key risks include a loss of key personnel and increased competition in the marketplace.

The Company is required to comply with the terms of its broadcast licence. The Company mitigates the risk of non-compliance through the work of a compliance officer and by regular training of on and off-air personnel.

#### Financial key performance indicators

The Company reviews the financial performance of its investments on a regular basis to monitor and manage the business effectively. The Company's operating loss of £1,765,000 (2013: £1,821,000) provides management with its main performance indicator.

## Other key performance indicators

The key non-financial performance indicators include advertising and audience market share, the latter as independently measured by RAJAR on a quarterly basis.

# Strategic Report (continued) For the Year Ended 31 December 2014

This report was approved by the board on 29 June 2015 and signed on its behalf.

S Vickery Director

## Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Bauer Radio Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Bauer Radio Limited for the year ended 31 December 2014, which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the Company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditor

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

#### Scope of the audit of the financial statements

A description of the scope of an audit of financial statements is provided on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditscopeukprivate.

#### **Opinion on financial statements**

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 December 2014 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice: and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

#### Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

## Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Steven Leith (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of

**Grant Thornton UK LLP** 

Statutory Auditor

Chartered Accountants

London

29 June 2015

## Profit and Loss Account For the Year Ended 31 December 2014

	Note	2014 £000	2013 £000
Turnover	1,2	9,081	10,486
Cost of sales		(4,893)	(6,515)
Gross profit		4,188	3,971
Administrative expenses		(6,114)	(5,792)
Other operating income	3	161	
Operating loss	4	(1,765)	(1,821)
Income from shares in group undertakings		22,600	19,300
Income from other participating interests		562	514
Interest receivable and similar income	8	123	246
Interest payable and similar charges	9	(24)	(182)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		21,496	18,057
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	10	896	433
Profit for the financial year		22,392	18,490

All amounts relate to continuing operations.

There were no recognised gains and losses for 2014 or 2013 other than those included in the Profit and Loss Account.

The notes on pages 8 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

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## Balance Sheet As at 31 December 2014

			2014		2013
	Note	£000	£000	£000	£000
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11		19,522		-
Investments	12		212,140		212,025
			231,662		212,025
Current assets					
Debtors .	13	26,417		16,719	
Investments	14	-		5,000	
Cash at bank		11,001		11,767	
	,	37,418	·	33,486	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one					
year	15	(164,150)		(162,973)	
Net current liabilities			(126,732)		(129,487)
Net assets			104,930		82,538
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	17		12,507		12,507
Share premium account	18		33,947		33,947
Profit and loss account	18		58,476		36,084
Shareholders' funds	19		104,930	•	82,538

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf on 29 June 2015.

S Vickery Director

The notes on pages 8 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2014

#### 1. Accounting Policies

#### 1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

These financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis, under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom. The directors, in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 18, "Accounting Policies" ("FRS 18"), confirm that the accounting policies used by the Company are the most appropriate, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

The Company is itself a subsidiary company and is exempt from the requirement to prepare group accounts by virtue of section 400 of the Companies Act 2006. These financial statements therefore present information about the Company as an individual undertaking and not about its group.

#### 1.2 Going concern

The Company is dependent on continuing financial support made available by its immediate parent undertaking. Continuing financial support is required both to enable the Company to meet its liabilities as they fall due and to continue operating without immediate realisation of all its assets. The Company's immediate parent, has confirmed its intention to maintain its financial support for the foreseeable future and consequently these accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.

#### 1.3 Cash flow

The Company, being a subsidiary undertaking where 90% or more of the voting rights are controlled within the group whose consolidated financial statements are publicly available, is exempt from the requirement to draw up a cash flow statement in accordance with FRS 1.

## 1.4 Turnover

Turnover comprises revenue recognised by the Company in respect of goods and services supplied during the year, exclusive of Value Added Tax and trade discounts.

Revenue is recognised when the significant risks and rewards of ownership have been transferred to a third party, or for services provided, at the point when it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Company and when the amount of revenue can be reliably measured. Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration.

Radio advertising revenue is recognised on the date of broadcast.

#### 1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold property - 50 years
Office equipment and vehicles - 3 - 5 years

## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2014

#### 1. Accounting Policies (continued)

#### 1.6 Investments

Investments held as fixed assets are shown at cost less provision for impairment.

The need for any fixed asset impairment write-down is assessed by comparison of the carrying value of the asset against the higher of its realisable value and its value in use.

#### 1.7 Operating leases

Rentals under operating leases are charged to the Profit and Loss Account on a straight line basis over the lease term.

#### 1.8 Dividends receivable

Dividends receivable are recognised as income in the Profit and Loss account in the period in which they are approved by the shareholders of the investment company. Interim dividends receivable are recorded in the period in which they are paid.

## 1.9 Dividends payable

Dividend distributions to the Company's shareholders are recognised as a liability either in the period in which the dividends are approved by the Company's shareholders or, in the case of interim dividends when the dividend is paid.

#### 1.10 Deferred taxation

Full provision is made for deferred tax assets and liabilities arising from all timing differences between the recognition of gains and losses in the financial statements and recognition in the tax computation.

A net deferred tax asset is recognised only if it can be regarded as more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are calculated at the tax rates expected to be effective at the time the timing differences are expected to reverse.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

## 1.11 Pensions

The Bauer Media Group (the Group), of which the Company is a subsidiary, has operated a defined contribution pension provided by Aviva scheme known as the Bauer Consumer Media Pension scheme for all eligible staff across the Group. The Group has also operated an auto-enrolment pension scheme as required by current legislation. The costs of these pension schemes are charged to the profit and loss account as they become payable.

## 2. Turnover

All turnover arose within the United Kingdom.

## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2014

3.	Other operating income		
		2014	2013
		£000	£000
	Rents receivable	158	-
	Licensing income	3	-
		161 	<u>-</u>
4.	Operating loss		
	The operating loss is stated after charging:		
		2014	2013
		£000	£000
	Depreciation of tangible fixed assets: - owned by the company	1	
	Operating lease rentals:	1	-
	- plant and machinery	61	94
	Some operating leases refer to car leases and there are no commirentals.	tments at the year e	nd for future
5.	Auditors' remuneration		
		2014	2013
		£000	£000
	Fees payable to the Company's auditor and its associates for the		
	audit of the Company's annual accounts	116	107
	Fees payable to the Company's auditor and its associates in respect of:		
	Taxation compliance services	2	5

The audit fee for both periods represents fees payable in respect of the audit of Bauer Radio Limited and its subsidiaries.

## 6. Staff costs

Staff costs, including directors' remuneration, were as follows:

	2014 £000	2013 £000
Wages and salaries	3,524	4,533
Social security costs	410	518
Other pension costs	124	185
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	4,058	5,236

## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2014

The average monthly number of employees, including the directors, du	iring the year was as fo	ollows:
	2014 No.	2013
UK full-time employees	NO. 59	No. 87
7. Directors' remuneration		
	2014 £000	2013 £000
Remuneration	486	491
Company pension contributions to defined contribution pension schemes	-	3
During the year retirement benefits were accruing to no directors contribution pension schemes.	(2013 - 1) in respec	ct of defined
	•	ct of defined
contribution pension schemes.  The highest paid director received remuneration of £486,000 (2013 - £.	•	ct of defined
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#### Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2014

0. Taxation		
•	2014	2013
•	£000	£000
Analysis of tax credit in the year		
Current tax (see note below)		
UK corporation tax credit on profit for the year	(858)	(377)
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	(46)	(24)
Total current tax	(904)	(401)
Deferred tax		
Effect of decreased tax rate on opening asset	-	7
Deferred tax - current year	7	8
Deferred tax - prior year	1	(47)
Total deferred tax (see note 16)	8	(32)
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	(896)	(433)

## Factors affecting tax charge for the year

The tax assessed for the year is lower than (2013 - lower than) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 21.5% (2013 - 23.25%). The differences are explained below:

	2014 £000	2013 £000
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	21,496	18,057
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 21.5% (2013 - 23.25%)	4,622	4,198
Effects of:		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes, other than goodwill amortisation and impairment Capital allowances for year in excess of depreciation	17 (8)	42 (10)
Adjustments to tax charge in respect of prior periods Dividends from UK companies Transfer pricing adjustments	(46) (4,980) (509)	(24) (4,607) -
Current tax credit for the year (see note above)	(904)	(401)

## Factors that may affect future tax charges

The standard rate of Corporation Tax in the UK reduced from 23% to 21% with effect from 1 April 2014. Accordingly the Company's profits for this accounting period are taxed at an effective rate of 21.5%.

## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2014

## 11. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £000	Office equipment and vehicles £000	Total £000
Cost			
At 1 January 2014 Addition Transfers intra group	19,519 -	- - 6	19,519 6
At 31 December 2014	19,519	6	19,525
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2014 Charge for the year Transfers intra group	- - -	- 1 2	- 1 2
At 31 December 2014	-	3	3
Net book value			
At 31 December 2014	19,519 		19,522

On 29 Septemer 2014, the Company acquired the property at One Golden Square, London, previously leased to one of its subsidiary companies. Following the refurbishment and re-organisation of the property, it has become the London broadcasting centre for the Bauer Group.

#### 12. Fixed asset investments

	Investments		
	in	Investments	
	subsidiary	in	
	companies	associates	Total
	£000	£000	£000
Cost or valuation			
At 1 January 2014	475,877	233	476,110
Additions	115	-	115
At 31 December 2014	475,992	233	476,225
Impairment		-	
At 1 January 2014 and 31 December 2014	264,085	-	264,085
Net book value			
At 31 December 2014	211,907	233	212,140
At 31 December 2013	211,792	233	212,025

## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2014

## 12. Fixed asset investments (continued)

## Subsidiary undertakings

The following were subsidiary undertakings of the Company:

Name	Class of shares	Holding
Bauer Golden Square Limited	Ordinary	100%
Bauer Digital Radio Limited	Ordinary	100%
Bauer Group Secretariat Limited	Ordinary	100%
Kiss FM Radio Limited	Ordinary	100 %
Magic 105.4 Limited	Ordinary	100%
Metro Radio Limited	Ordinary	100%
Key 103 Limited	Ordinary	100%
Piccadilly Radio Limited	Ordinary	100 %
Planet Rock Limited	Ordinary	100%
Planet Rock (West Midlands) Limited (formerly Kerrang Radio (West		
Midlands) Limited	Ordinary	100%
Radio Aire Limited	Ordinary	100 %
Radio City (Sound of Merseyside) Limited	Ordinary	100 %
Radio Hallam Limited	Ordinary	100%
Red Rose Radio Limited	Ordinary	100 %
Scottish Radio Holdings Limited	Ordinary	100 %
TFM Radio Limited	Ordinary	100%
Viking Radio Limited	Ordinary	100%

Name	Business	Registered office
Bauer Golden Square Limited	Investment holding	UK
Bauer Digital Radio Limited	Digital radio	UK
Bauer Group Secretariat Limited	Dormant	UK
Kiss FM Radio Limited	Radio broadcasting	UK
Magic 105.4 Limited	Radio broadcasting	UK
Metro Radio Limited	Radio broadcasting	UK
Key 103 Limited	Radio broadcasting	UK
Piccadilly Radio Limited	Dormant	UK
Planet Rock Limited	Radio broadcasting	UK
Planet Rock (West Midlands) Limited	Radio broadcasting	UK
(formerly Kerrang Radio (West Midlands) Limited		
Radio Aire Limited	Radio broadcasting	UK
Radio City (Sound of Merseyside) Limited	Radio broadcasting	UK
Radio Hallam Limited	Radio broadcasting	UK
Red Rose Radio Limited	Radio broadcasting	UK
Scottish Radio Holdings Limited	Investment holding	UK
TFM Radio Limited	Radio broadcasting	UK
Viking Radio Limited	Radio broadcasting	UK

## Joint ventures

Name	incorporation	Class of shares	Holding	Principal activity
CE Digital Limited	UK	Ordinary	50%	Digital radio services

## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2014

## 12. Fixed asset investments (continued)

#### **Associates**

Name	Country of incorporation	Class of shares	Holding	Principal acti	vity
Independent Radio News Limited	UK	Ordinary	•	Radio broadca	-
Joint ventures					
				ggregate of	
Name				hare capital nd reserves £000	Profit/(loss) £000
CE Digital Limited				300	625 
Associates					
			s	ggregate of hare capital	
Name			a	nd reserves £000	Profit/(loss) £000
Independent Radio News	Limited			556	606
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The Company incorporated a joint venture undertaking, Sound Digital Limited and owns 30% of its share capital. On the 27 March 2015 it was announced the joint venture had been awarded the licence to run a new National DAB Digital Radio commercial multiplex to listeners across the UK.

The carrying value of the Company's investments are reviewed for impairment when there are indications that the asset may be impaired. When testing for impairment, recoverable amounts are measured at their value in use by discounting the future expected cash flows from the investments.

In the opinion of the directors the value of investments is not less than the individual investments amount at which they are stated in the balance sheet.

## 13. Debtors

·	2014 £000	2013 £000
Trade debtors	24,222	14,878
Other debtors	89	68
Prepayments and accrued income	2,025	1,684
Deferred tax asset (see note 16)	81	89
	26,417	16,719
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The trade debtors of the Company's subsidiaries are now held centrally by the Company.

## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2014

14.	Current asset investments		
		2014 £000	2013
	Cash on deposit	2.000	£000 5,000
	Cash on deposit	<del></del>	5,000
	The cash placed on deposit matured in March 2014.		
5.	Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		
		2014	2013
		£000	£000
	Trade creditors	145	98
	Amounts owed to group undertakings	150,098	151,206
	Other taxation and social security	6,986	4,909
	Other creditors Accruals and deferred income	260 6 664	450
	Accidais and deferred income	6,661	6,310
	Amounts due to other group undertakings are unsecured, int		162,973
16.	Amounts due to other group undertakings are unsecured, int rate to 31 March 2013 and was interest free from 1 April 2013  Deferred tax asset	erest free (2013: bore interest) and repayable on demand.	t at the SONIA
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l <b>6.</b>	rate to 31 March 2013 and was interest free from 1 April 2013	erest free (2013: bore interest) and repayable on demand.	t at the SONIA
16.	rate to 31 March 2013 and was interest free from 1 April 2013  Deferred tax asset  At beginning of year	erest free (2013: bore interest) and repayable on demand.  2014 £000 89	2013 £000
16.	rate to 31 March 2013 and was interest free from 1 April 2013  Deferred tax asset  At beginning of year (Charge for)/released during year (P&L)	erest free (2013: bore interest) and repayable on demand.  2014 £000 89 (8)	2013 £000 57 32
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6.	Deferred tax asset  At beginning of year (Charge for)/released during year (P&L)  At end of year  The deferred tax asset is made up as follows:	erest free (2013: bore interest) and repayable on demand.  2014 £000 89 (8) 81 2014 £000	2013 £000 57 32 89
6.	rate to 31 March 2013 and was interest free from 1 April 2013  Deferred tax asset  At beginning of year (Charge for)/released during year (P&L)  At end of year	erest free (2013: bore interest) and repayable on demand.  2014 £000 89 (8) 81	2013 £000 57 32 89

## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2014

	Allotted, called up and fully paid 125,065,938 Ordinary shares of £0.10 each	2014 £000 12,507	2013 £000
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	• • •	12,507	
10	125,065,938 Ordinary snares of £0.10 each	12,507	40 507
12			12,507
10.	Reserves		
		Share	
		premium	Profit and
		£000	loss account
	At 1 January 2014	33,947	36,084
	Profit for the financial year	-	22,392
	At 31 December 2014	33,947	58,476
19.	Reconciliation of movement in shareholders' funds		
		2014 £000	2013 £000
	Opening shareholders' funds	82,538	67,300
	Profit for the financial year	22,392	18,490
	Dividends (Note 20)	-	(35,000
	Shares issued during the year	•	8,581
	Share premium on shares issued (net of expenses)	<u> </u>	23,167
	Closing shareholders' funds	104,930	82,538
20.	Dividends		
		2014	2013
		£000	£000
	Dividends paid on equity capital	•	35,000

#### Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2014

#### 21. Pension commitments

The Company participates in a defined contribution pension scheme, the Bauer Consumer Media Pension Scheme. The pension charge represents contributions due from the employer and during the year it amounted to £123,702 (2013: £185,307).

#### 22. Related party transactions

At 31 December 2014 the Company owed to CE Digital Limited £155,000 (2013: owed to CE Digital Limited: £189,000). During the year, the Company received a dividend of £650,000 (2013: £650,000) from its joint venture.

One of the Company's subsidiaries, Bauer Digital Radio Limited, owns 51% of the share capital of EG Digital Limited, a joint venture company. At 31 December 2014, EG Digital Limited owed the Company £5,696,000 (2013: £5,399,000).

The Company owns 22% of the share capital of Independent Radio News Limited and during the year received a dividend of £562,000 (2013: £514,000) and a rebate of £107,000 (2013: £116,610) from its associate. At 31 December 2014 the Company was owed £25,000 (2013: £NIL) by Independent Radio News Limited.

Bauer Consumer Media Limited, another fellow Group undertaking of the Company, owns 50% of the share capital of The Box Plus Network Limited (formerly Box Television Limited), a joint venture Company registered in England and Wales. The Company had sales of £14,000 during the year (2013: the Company invoiced £16,500 of sales) with The Box Plus Network Limited (formerly Box Television Limited). At 31 December 2014 the Company was owed £4,800 (2013: £2,400) from The Box Plus Network Limited (formerly Box Television Limited).

## 23. Post balance sheet events

On 27 March 2015 Sound Digital Limited, a joint venture undertaking of the Company, was awarded the UK's second national DAB (digital audit broadcasting) radio licence by the communications regulator, Ofcom.

On 28 April 2015 the Company agreed, subject to regulatory approvals to acquire leading Nordic broadcaster SBS Discovery Radio.

On 23 June 2015 the Company allotted and issued 330,000,000 Ordinary Shares of £0.10 each at a subscription price of £0.10 per share.

#### 24. Ultimate controlling party and related party transactions

The immediate parent company is HBVB.

Heinrich Bauer Verlag KG, established in Germany, is regarded by the directors as the Company's ultimate controlling party.

The only parent undertaking for which Group accounts are drawn up is Heinrich Bauer Verlag KG, registered in Germany. Copies of Heinrich Bauer Verlag KG accounts are publicly available.

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No 8 "Related party disclosures" and has not disclosed transactions with wholly owned group undertakings.