

MONITOR TRADING LIMITED

ANNUAL REPORT

1994

Registration Number: 1596176



MONITOR TRADING LIMITED
DIRECTORS AND CORPORATE INFORMATION

Directors

R O Rowley (resigned 7 June 1995)
P K Wood
A J Keating (appointed 7 June 1995)

Secretary

J M Buswell (resigned 12 July 1994)
R J Gladman (appointed 12 July 1994, resigned
1 November 1994)
S A Yencken (appointed 1 November 1994)

Registered Office

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Reg. no 1596176 England

Auditors

Price Waterhouse
Southwark Towers
32 London Bridge Street
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MONITOR TRADING LIMITED

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The directors submit their annual report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 1994.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The company has continued to trade as a distributor of economic and financial news and information and operates through branches in South America.

FINANCIAL RESULTS

Loss on ordinary activities after taxation in 1994 was £41,467 compared to a profit of £175,853 in 1993.

Revenue declined by 2% from the 1993 level to £2,712,292.

DIVIDENDS

The directors do not recommend payment of a dividend.

DIRECTORS

Directors of the Company are:

R O Rowley (resigned 7 June 1995)

P K Wood

A J Keating (appointed 7 June 1995)

R O Rowley and P K Wood served throughout this year.

None of the directors had any beneficial interest in the share capital of the Company or an interest in any transactions or arrangements with the Company which require disclosure.

The interests of R O Rowley in the ordinary share capital of Reuters Holdings PLC are shown in the accounts of Reuters Limited.

P K Wood had the following options to acquire ordinary shares in Reuters Holdings PLC:

	<u>Savings related schemes</u>	<u>Senior Executive schemes</u>
At 31 December 1993	10,712	120,000
Exercised in year	<u>-</u>	<u>26,000</u>
At 31 December 1994	10,712	94,000

Options are exercisable in the years 1995 to 1999 at prices ranging from 153.75p to 253.5p.

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (continued)

During 1993 Reuters introduced a new long term incentive scheme under which annual awards of restricted ordinary shares in Reuters Holdings PLC may be made to senior executives. Vesting of these shares depends on performance. P K Wood was awarded 33,488 restricted shares in respect of 1993 and 28,004 restricted shares in respect of 1994.

The above share numbers have been adjusted to reflect a four for one sub-division of Reuters Holdings PLC shares on 15 April 1994.

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The directors are required by UK company law to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit for the period.

In preparing the financial statements, applicable accounting standards have been followed, suitable accounting policies have been used and applied consistently and reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates have been made. The directors are satisfied that the company is a going concern.

The directors are responsible for ensuring that the company maintains an adequate system of internal control designed to provide reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded against material loss or unauthorised use and that transactions are properly authorised and recorded. The concept of reasonable assurance recognises that the cost of a control procedure should not exceed the expected benefits.

AUDITORS

In accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 1985, the company has elected to dispense with the obligation to appoint auditors annually.

By Order of the Board,



R J GLADMAN
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

27 October 1995

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS

to the members of Monitor Trading Limited

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 9, which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 7

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 3 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 the information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 1994 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Price Waterhouse

Price Waterhouse
Chartered Accountants
and Registered Auditors
LONDON

30 October 1995

MONITOR TRADING LIMITED
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1994

	Notes	1994 £	1993 £
Revenue	2	2,712,292	2,755,369
Production and communications costs		2,714,896	2,417,763
Administrative expenses		<u>5412</u>	<u>6,225</u>
(Loss)/Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	3	(8,016)	331,381
Taxation on (Loss)/profit on ordinary activities	4	<u>33,451</u>	<u>155,528</u>
(Loss)/Profit on ordinary activities after taxation		(41,467)	175,853
Retained profit brought forward		<u>1,661,291</u>	<u>1,485,438</u>
Retained profit carried forward		<u>1,619,824</u>	<u>1,661,291</u>

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than its profit for the period

The notes on pages 7 to 9 form part of these financial statements.

MONITOR TRADING LIMITED
BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 1994

	Notes	1994 £	1993 £
<u>Current assets</u>			
Debtors	5	1,654,012	1,778,711
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>33,685</u>	<u>5,424</u>
		1,687,697	1,784,135
<u>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</u>	6	<u>(67,773)</u>	<u>(122,744)</u>
Net current assets		<u>1,619,924</u>	<u>1,661,391</u>
<u>Capital and reserves</u>			
Called up share capital	7	100	100
Profit and loss account		<u>1,619,824</u>	<u>1,661,291</u>
		<u>1,619,924</u>	<u>1,661,391</u>

The notes on pages 7 to 9 form part of these financial statements.

These financial statements were approved by the directors on 27 October 1995



A J Keating
 Director

MONITOR TRADING LIMITED
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1994

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Accounting basis

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

(b) Revenue

Revenue represents the turnover derived from the total amount of subscriptions net of discounts to news and financial services applicable to the year.

(c) Foreign currency translation

Current assets and liabilities denominated in a foreign currency are translated into sterling at the exchange rates ruling at the balance sheet date.

Revenue and expenses in foreign currencies are recorded in sterling at the rates ruling on the dates of the transactions. All gains and losses arising on translation are reported as part of the operating profit for the year.

(d) Cash flow statement

The Company is exempted from producing a cash flow statement, since a consolidated cash flow statement prepared in accordance with the requirements of Financial Reporting Standard 1 is included in the accounts of its ultimate parent undertaking, Reuter Holdings PLC.

2. REVENUE

Revenue represents revenue earned from South America.

3. PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1993</u>
	£	£
Is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Directors' emoluments	-	-
Exchange (losses)/gains	<u>(13,010)</u>	<u>1,032</u>

Auditors' remuneration is borne by Reuters Limited.

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4. TAXATION ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

	<u>1994</u> £	<u>1993</u> £
The taxation charge comprises:		
UK corporation tax at 33% (1993: 33%)	-	93,290
Overseas withholding tax	47,907	62,238
Amount receivable in respect of group relief for current year loss at 33% (1993: 33%)	<u>(14,456)</u> <u>33,451</u>	<u>-</u> <u>155,528</u>

5. DEBTORS: amounts falling due within one year

	<u>1994</u> £	<u>1993</u> £
Trade Debtors	82,001	157,607
Other debtors	1,143	-
Amounts owed by group undertakings	<u>1,570,868</u> <u>1,654,012</u>	<u>1,621,104</u> <u>1,778,711</u>

6. CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year

	<u>1994</u> £	<u>1993</u> £
Trade creditors	45,205	16,744
Amounts owed to group undertakings	1,638	1,638
UK corporation tax	--	93,290
Accruals and deferred income	<u>20,930</u> <u>67,773</u>	<u>11,072</u> <u>122,744</u>

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7. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1993</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Authorised, called up and fully paid		
100 ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>

8 MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS FUNDS

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1993</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Opening shareholders' funds	1,661,391	1,485,538
Retained (loss)/profit for the year	<u>(41,467)</u>	<u>175,853</u>
Closing shareholders' funds	<u>1,619,924</u>	<u>1,661,391</u>

9. ULTIMATE HOLDING COMPANY

The company's ultimate holding company is Reuters Holdings PLC, a company registered in England, and is the parent undertaking of the largest group to consolidate these accounts.

The parent undertaking of the smallest group to consolidate these accounts is Reuters Limited which is registered in England.

Copies of the consolidated accounts for Reuters Holdings PLC and Reuters Limited may be obtained from 85 Fleet Street, London EC4P 4AJ.