Company Registration number: 1654777

CAMPAIGN FREE NEWSPAPERS LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the six months ended 28 JUNE 1997



REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

For the six months ended 28 June 1997

The directors present their report and audited financial statements for the six months ended 28 June 1997.

ACTIVITIES

On 30 June 1993, the company ceased trading and the business and related assets and liabilities were transferred to South Wales Argus Limited.

DIRECTORS

Directors serving during the period:-

Secretarial Co (1996) Limited

Chairman

E M Evans

S R Walters

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

For the six months ended 28 JUNE 1997

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DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

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

- (1) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- (2) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- (3) state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- (4) 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 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 any other irregularities.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

For the six months ended 28 JUNE 1997

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DIRECTORS' SHARE INTERESTS

The company's ultimate holding company is Southern Newspapers PLC. The interests, including share option entitlements, of those directors who were not also directors of the ultimate holding company, together with the interests of their families, in the shares of the ultimate holding company, were nil.

No director had any interest in the shares of the company, nor in any fellow subsidiary undertaking.

DIRECTORS' INSURANCE

Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance cover was in place throughout the period.

AUDITORS

Burnett Swayne, Chartered Accountants, have intimated their willingness to continue in office as Auditors.

This report was approved by the Board on 16 September 1997.

Newspaper House,

Test Lane,

Redbridge.

Southampton. SO16 9JX.

S C Hedger Secretary

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF

CAMPAIGN FREE NEWSPAPERS LIMITED

For the six months ended 28 JUNE 1997

We have audited the financial statements on pages 6 to 10 which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on page 8.

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 information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the company's affairs as at 28 June 1997 and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

BURNETT SWAYNE

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Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

Southampton

16 September 1997

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

For the six months ended 28 JUNE 1997

	<u>Notes</u>	Discontinued Operations 1997 £	Discontinued Operations 12 Months Dec '96 £
Exceptional Items	2	-	5,000
LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE AND AFTER TAXATION		-	(5,000)

BALANCE SHEET at 28 JUNE 1997

		28 June 1997	31 December 1996
CAPITAL AND RESERVES	<u>Notes</u>	£	£
Called up share capital Profit and Loss Account	3 4	5,000 (5,000)	5,000 (5,000)
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The financial statements on pages 6 to 10 were approved by the Board on 16 September 1997 and signed on its behalf by:-

S C Hedger

Duly authorised for

Secretarial Co (1996) Limited Director

CAMPAIGN FREE NEWSPAPERS LIMITED NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the six months ended 28 JUNE 1997

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the six months ended 28 JUNE 1997

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CAMPAIGN FREE NEWSPAPERS LIMITED NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the six months ended 28 JUNE 1997

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5. DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS

	<u>1997</u> £	<u>1996</u> £
Directors' remuneration, excluding pension contributions, was as follows:		
Chairman Highest paid director	-	-
Directors' remuneration was within the following bands:		
	<u>1997</u> No.	<u>1996</u> No.
£0 - £5,000	3	5

6. ULTIMATE HOLDING COMPANY

The Directors consider Southern Newspapers PLC, a company registered in England and Wales, to be the company's ultimate holding company. Copies of the group accounts of Southern Newspapers PLC can be obtained from the Company Secretary at Newspaper House, Test Lane, Redbridge, Southampton. SO16 9JX.