KPMG Peat Marwick

United Artists Communications (London South) PLC

Directors' report and financial statements

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Company information

Directors

Sir Paul Bryan

(Chairman)

P Saunders

(resigned 28 April 1993)

GY Stewart

GD Broadest

J Dovey

(USA) (resigned 23 July 1992)

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(USA) (resigned 23 July 1992)

GS Bryson

(USA) (resigned 2 November 1992) (USA) (appointed 23 July 1992)

LJ Carleton BS Sonn

(USA) (appointed 23 July 1992) (USA) (appointed 23 July 1992)

The Lord Weatherill S Davidson

(appointed 10 July 1992)

B Langham

(appointed 28 April 1993) (appointed 28 April 1993)

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GD Broadest

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Company information

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Directors' report

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 1992.

Principal activities

The principal activities of the group during the year have been the management of the construction and operation of the cable television and telecommunications system and the distribution of programmes to the public for the development of the business of the joint venture with the London South Cable Partnership ("LSCP").

The company has licences awarded to it for cable television and telecommunications systems in the London Boroughs of Croydon, Kingston-Upon-Thames, Richmond-Upon-Thames, Merton and Sutton.

Review of the business

During the year the subscriber base of the cable system has developed producing a turnover, transferred to the joint venture, of £13,342,656 (1992: £8,164,074) with the cable system available to 107,730 homes in the Croydon franchise area. During the year construction continued in the contiguous franchises of Sutton and Merton and Kingston and Richmond. A total of 79,599 homes had been passed in these new franchise areas as at 31 December 1992. The company completed the year with 46,489 households choosing to receive the cable service.

The company commenced telephony services to both residential and business customers in December 1990. By the end of 1992, 10,208 residential lines had been allocated and 2,009 lines had been allocated to 535 business users.

1993 should see continued expansion of both the cable and telephone services.

All subsidiary undertakings have now ceased trading and there was no group turnover during the year.

Cable Guide Limited, an associated undertaking, is managed on a day to day basis by the company and has continued the publication and distribution of a monthly UK cable and satellite television listings magazine. This management function does not however constitute a dominant influence by the company over Cable Guide Limited. Cable Guide Limited generated turnover in the year of £2,024,175 (1991: £1,399,183) and a profit before tax of £222,872 (1991: £213,795).

Minority shareholder litigation

Action is being pursued under Section 459 Companies Act 1985 as a result of a claim by three minority shareholders that the affairs of the company have been conducted in a manner that is unfairly prejudicial to the interests of such minority shareholders.

Directors' report

Results and dividends

The result for the year is set out in detail on page 6. The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend.

Fixed assets

Information relating to changes in tangible fixed assets is given in note 7 to the financial statements.

Directors

The directors who served during the year are shown on page 1.

None of the directors had any disclosable interest in the shares of the company or other group companies as at 31 December 1991 or 1992 other than Sir Paul Bryan who, on 1 May 1991, purchased 5,000 'A' ordinary 10p shares (allotted and fully paid) in United Artists Communications (London South) PLC.

No rights to subscribe for shares in the company or any other group company were granted to any of the other directors or their immediate families, or exercised by them, during the financial year.

Auditors

In accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution for the re-appointment of KPMG Peat Marwick as auditors of the company, is to be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

By order of the board

GD Broadest

Secretary

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Report of the auditors to the members of United Artists Communications (London South) PLC

We have audited the financial statements on pages 6 to 23 in accordance with Auditing Standards.

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's and group's affairs at 31 December 1992 and of its profit and cash flows for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

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KPMG Peat Marwick Chartered Accountants Registered Auditors 22 June 1993

Consolidated profit and loss account for the year ended 31 December 1992

Note	1992 £	1991 £
	(11,250)	(15,000)
	- •	13,471
	87,819	61,587
2	88,569	60,058
б	(22,366)	
	66,203	60,058
	2	£ (11,250) 12,000 87,819 2 88,569 6 (22,366)

A statement of movements on reserves is given in notes 16 and 17.

Schedule of turnover and costs incurred on behalf of the Joint Venture for the year ended 31 December 1992

	Note	1992 £	1991 £
Turnover Transfer to joint venture		13,342,656 (13,342,656)	8,164,074 (8,164,074)
Operating charges incurred on behalf of the joint venture			•
Staff costs Operating lease costs Property loan interest Other operating charges Technical and licencing agreements and management fees		(4,730,538) (162,593) (141,673) (7,431,460) (1,781,013)	(4,035,774) (255,500) (132,236) (4,106,117) (1,530,018)
Transfer to joint venture		(14,247,277) 14,247,277	(10,059,645) 10,059,645
Other operating income Transfer to joint venture		60,712 (60,712)	44,646 (44,646)

Consolidated balance sheet at 31 December 1992

at 31 December 1992	Note	1992		1991	
	1,0.0	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	7		3,077,330		3,218,453
Investment in joint venture	9		626,428		553,720
Investment in associated undertaking	10		190,662	ĸ	75,619
Current assets			3,894,420		3,847,792
Debtors	X1	3,130,317		2,114,830	
Cash at bank and in hand	12	152,710		673,865	
		3,283,027		2,788,695	
Creditors: amounts falling					
due within one year	13	(5,328,747)		(5,452,195)	
Net current liabilities			(2,045,720)		(2,663,500)
Total assets less current liabilities			1,848,700		1,184,292
Creditors: amounts falling					
due after more than one year	14		(1,501,115)	,	(937,500)
Net assets			347,585		246,792
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	15		190,958		190,958
Cilier reserves	16		34,590		-
Profit and loss account	17		122,037		55,834
			347,585		246,792

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 22nd June 1993 and were signed on its behalf by:

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LJ Carleton

Director

Company balance sheet at 3! December 1992

	Note	1.	992	1	991
		£	£	£	£
				(as re	estated)
Fixed assets	_				
Tangible assets	7		3,077,330		3,218,453
Investment in subsidiary undertakings	8		6		6
Investment in joint venture	9		626,428		553,720
Investment in associated undertaking	10	,	75,000	-	60,000
			3.778,764		3,832,179
Current assets			•		•
Debtors	11	3,126,842		2,114,830	
Cash at bank and in hand	12	145,351		673,865	
		3,272,193		2,788,695	
Creditors: amounts falling		-,,		2,.00,075	
due within one year	13	(5,298,352)		(5,432,634)	
Net current liabilities			(1,026,159)		(2,643,939)
Total assets less current liabilities			1,752,605	•	1,188,240
Creditors: amounts falling					-,
due after more than one year	14		(1,501,115)	_	(937,5¢0)
Net assets			251,490		250,740
Capital and reserves				•	
Called up share capital	15		190,958		190,958
Profit and loss account	17		60,532		59,782
	- 7	•		-	55,702
			251,490		250,740
		,		•	

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 12 June 1993 and were signed on its behalf oy:

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LI Carleton

Director

Cash flow statement for the year ended 31 December 1992

	Note	a	1992		1991
		£	£	£	£
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities	18		(1,060,179)		1,090,589
Investing activities Purchase of tangible fixed					
assets		(160,111)		(1,495,343)	
Sale of tangible fixed assets Repayment of funds received		48,810		•	
from joint venture Investment in associated		101,710		256,750	
undertaking		(15,000)			
Net cash outflow from investing activities			(24,591)		(1,238,593)
Net cash outflow before financing			(1,084,770)		(148,004)
Financing					
New secured property loan			563,615		
Decrease in cash and cash equivalents			(521,155)		(148,004)

Notes

(forming part of the financial statements)

Accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the company's financial statements.

Basis of preparation

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

These accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis. Bank financing currently under renegotiation, has been extended only until the end of September and negotiations are expected to be concluded in July 1993. However, the owners have indicated their continued support for the entity through approval of the 1993 annual budget.

Joint venture

Turnover and expenses borne by the company on behalf of the joint venture are transferred to the joint venture in accordance with the terms of the joint venture agreement. The funds invested are regarded as capital and are recorded at cost.

Capitalisation of overheads and interest

LSCP is now in the prematurity phase of operations which covers the period between connecting the first subscriber and substantially completing the construction of the cable network.

During the prematurity phase LSCP capitalises that proportion of overheads which relates to the construction of the cable network.

LSCP also capitalises loan arrangement fees and an element of interest on borrowing which is used to fund the construction of that part of the cable network which has been built but does not yet generate revenue.

Depreciation

Depreciation has been provided by the company to write off the cost less estimated residual value of tangible fixed assets by equal instalments over their estimated useful economic lives as follows:

Freehold buildings 50 years
Equipment, fixtures and fittings 5 years
Motor vehicles 4 years

No depreciation is provided on freehold land.

Depreciation is provided in the financial statements of the joint venture.



Notes (continued)

Depreciation - continued

Depreciation is also provided in the financial statements of the joint venture to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of tangible fixed assets owned by LSCP by equal instalments over their estimated useful economic lives as follows:

Cable and duct systems	-	30 years
Systems electronics	-	10 years
Subscriber electronics	-	5 years
Headend, studio and playback facilities	-	5 years
Equipment, fixtures and fittings	-	5 years
Motor vehicles	-	4 years

Depreciation of the cable and duct system and system electronics is charged monthly on their estimated cost at the end of the prematurity period as scaled down by a ratio of average subscribers in the current period to the estimated subscriber base at the end of the prematurity period.

Capitalised interest is amortised over the life of the franchise and capitalised loan arrangement fees are written off over the period of the loan agreement.

Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded using the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currency are translated using the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date and the gains or losses on translation are included in the profit and loss account.

Leasing

Operating leases for equipment entered into by the company for use in the joint venture are subject to direct reimbursement (note 5).

Pension costs

The company does not have a pension scheme but contributes to the scheme of the employee's choice.

Notes (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Taxation

The charge for taxation is based on the profit for the year and takes into account taxation deferred because of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes. Provision is made for deferred tax only to the extent that it is probable that an actual liability will crystallise.

Group turnover

Group turnover represents the invoiced value of goods and services supplied by the group net of value added tax, excluding revenues for services provided by the cable system.

Company turnover

Turnover represents revenue invoiced for the services provided by the cable system and is allocated to the joint venture in accordance with the joint venture agreement.

Consolidation

The group financial statements consolidate the financial statements of the company and its subsidiaries together with the attributable share of the results of the associated undertaking and joint venture.

2 Profit on ordinary activities before taxation

1992	1991
£	£

Profit on ordinary activities before taxation is stated

after charging

Auditors' remuneration 16,000 15,000

Notes (continued)

3 Remuneration of directors

	1992 £	1991 £
Directors' emoluments: As directors Remuneration as executives	26,250 74,000	16,093
	100,250	16,093

The emoluments excluding pension contributions of the chairman were £15,000 (1991: £15,000) and those of the highest paid director were £74,000 (1991: £15,000).

The emoluments, excluding persion contributions, of the directors (including the chairman and highest paid director) were within the following ranges:

			Number of directors	
			1992	1991
O£	-	£ 5,000	9	7
£5,001	-	£10,000	1	_
£10,001	-	£15,000	1	_
£15,001	-	£20,000	-	1
£70,001	-	£75,000	1	-

4 Staff numbers and costs

The average number of persons employed by the group (including directors) during the year, analysed by category, was as follows:

	Number of employee	
	1992	1991
Residential cable and telephony	187	161
Business telephony	16	8
Administration	24	25
Construction	22	23
	249	217
	*	

Notes (continued)

4 Staff numbers and costs - (continued)

The aggregate payroll costs of these persons, including capitalised costs, were as follows:

	1992	1991
Recharged to joint venture	£	£
Wages and salaries	4,092,980	3,628,192
Social security costs	439,893	332,598
Other pension costs	107,830	74,984
	4,640,703	4,035,774

5 Leasing

The company has entered into operating leases for the purpose of the business of the joint venture and group and has recharged the cost thereof to the joint venture in accordance with the joint venture agreement.

	1992	1991
	£	£
Operating lease rentals:		
Equipment	2,285	22,054
Motor vehicles	160,308	233,446
	162,593	255,500
		-

6 Taxation

The tax on profit on ordinary activities is wholly attributable to the share of tax on profits of the associated undertaking.

No other provision has been made for taxation as sufficient tax losses brought forward are available to offset against trading profits.

Notes (continued)

7 Tangible fixed assets

Group	and	company
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25		TO . 1	
	·		· -
			Total
buildings	vehicles	fittings	
£	£	£	£
3,472,253	56,259	23,936	3,552,448
82,105	-	-	82,105
(48,810)		-	(48,810)
3,505,548	56,259	23,936	3,585,743
259,672	50,387	23,936	333,995
168,546	5,872	-	174,418
428,218	56,259	23,936	508,413
3,077,330	-	-	3,077,330
3,212,581	5,872	•	3,218,453
	3,472,253 82,105 (48,810) 3,505,548 259,672 168,546 428,218 3,077,330	land and buildings vehicles £ £ 3,472,253 56,259 82,105 (48,810) - 3,505,548 56,259 259,672 50,387 168,546 5,872 428,218 56,259	land and buildings vehicles fixtures & fixtures & fixtures & fittings £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £

Notes (continued)

8 Investment in subsidiary undertakings

Throughout the year the company owned 100% of the ordinary share capital of the following companies, which are all registered in England:

Name of company	Nature of		
	business		
		1992	1991
		£	£
Crystalvision Productions Limited	Dormant	2	2
Crystalvision Text Services Limited	Dormant	2	2
Crystalvision Radio Limited	Dormant	2	2
		6	6

The investments are reflected in the company balance sheet at cost.

9 Investment in joint venture

Under an agreement signed on 27 March 1985 and amended on 26 April 1986 the company and LSCP agreed to participate in the joint venture with effect from 5 Sc, .ember 1983. The purpose of the joint venture is to build and operate cable television and telecommunications systems in the London Boroughs of Croydon, Kingston-Upon -Thames, Richmond-Upon-Thames, Merton and Sutton. Its principal place of business is Communications House, 5 Factory Lane, Croydon.

LSCP has undertaken to provide the capital to build the initial system and to provide the working capital for the operation of the system. LSCP beneficially owns the cable television network and associated fixed assets used in the joint venture, with the principal exception of the freehold property, which is owned by the company.

Profits and losses of the joint venture are allocated 100% to LSCP until such time as the aggregate of the profits so allocated are equal to or greater than the aggregate of the losses so allocated. Thereafter, profits and losses are allocated 75% to LSCP and 25% to the company (or on such other basis as may be agreed between the parties upon the introduction of further equity).

Notes (continued)

9 Investment in joint venture - (continued)

The Cable Authority (now part of the Independent Television Commission), under the power provided to it by the UK Government, has issued Cable Programme Distribution Licences to the company to operate cable systems in the London Borough of Croydon (issued 10 July 1984), Kingston-Upon-Thames and Richmond-Upon-Thames (issued 3 December 1990) and Merton and Sutton (issued 15 March 1990). Each licence continues in force for an initial period of fifteen years from the respective issue dates.

The company has applied for and been granted a Local Delivery Service Licence in respect of the London Borough of Croydon to replace its Cable Programme Distribution Licence for that area under the provisions of Schedule 12 to the Broadcasting Act 1990. The Local Delivery Service Licence was issued by the Independent Television Commission on 16 October 1991 and took effect on 30 June 1992, The Local Delivery Service Licence will continue in force for an initial period of 15 years commencing with the issue date of the Cable Programme Distribution Licence originally issued to the company in respect of the London Borough of Croydon.

The Department of Trade and Industry has issued Telecommunications Licences to the company to run telecommunications systems in the London Boroughs of Croydon (issued 30 September 1985), Kingston-Upon-Thames and Richmond-Upon-Thames (issued 8 May 1990) and Merton and Sutton (issued 23 January 1990). Each licence continues in force for an initial period of fifteen years from the respective issue dates.

	Group and company		
	1992		
	£	£	
Cost:			
At 1 January, as previously stated	•	476,475	
Prior period adjustment/(repaid)	-	187,014	
At 1 January, as restated	553,720	663,489	
Net funds introduced/(repaid)	72,708	(109,769)	
At 31 December	626,428	553,720	

The prior period adjustment represents depreciation borne by the company on behalf of the joint venture which now has been transferred to the joint venture in accordance with the terms of the joint venture agreement.

Notes (continued)

10 Investment in associated undertaking

The company holds 45,000 ordinary £1 shares and 30,000 convertible £1 preference shares in Cable Guide Limited, a company registered in England. This represents a 45% interest in the ordinary shares and a 60% interest in the convertible preference shares.

Group		Company	
1992	1991	1992	1991
75,000	60,000	75,000	60,000
34,590	-	-	_
81,072	15,619	•	*
190,662	75,619	75,000	60,000
	75,900 34,590 81,072	75,000 60,000 34,590 - 81,072 15,619	1992 1991 1992 75,000 60,000 75,000 34,590

The profit and loss account of Cable Guide Limited for the period to 31 December 1992 included turnover of £2,024,175 (1991: £1,399,183) depreciation of £14,181 (1991: £8,016) and a profit before tax of £222,872 (1991: £213,795). The aggregate amount of the capital and reserves was £387,094 (1991: £224,932). Cable Guide Limited produces and distributes programme listings for the cable and satellite programme providers.

In the opinion of the directors the aggregate value of the assets of the company consisting of shares in Cable Guide Limited is not less than the amount at which it is stated in the balance sheet.

Notes (continued)

11 Debtors

Group		Company	
1992	1992 1991	1992	1991
£	£	£	£
1,169,111	602,028	1,169,111	602,028
21,016	26,379	21,016	26,379
4,119	28,971	644	28,971
1,504,262	1,223,668	1,504,262	1,223,668
431,809	233,784	431,809	233,784
	•		
3,130,317	2,114,830	3,126,842	2,114,830
	1992 £ 1,169,111 21,016 4,119 1,504,262 431,809	£ £ 1,169,111 602,028 21,016 26,379 4,119 28,971 1,504,262 1,223,668 431,809 233,784	1992 1991 1992 £ £ £ 1,169,111 602,028 1,169,111 21,016 26,379 21,016 4,119 28,971 644 1,504,262 1,223,668 1,504,262 431,809 233,784 431,809

12 Cash at bank and in hand

The company has provided a charge over the subscriber receipts bank accounts to the Toronto-Dominion Bank (the financing bank of London South Cable Partnership).

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Group		Comp	any
	1992	1991	1992	1991
	£	£	£	£
Trade creditors Amount due to fellow	2,709,065	2,603,571	2,709,065	2,603,571
subsidiary undertakings	336,223	1,169,125	309,844	1,150,060
Taxation and social security	45,146	62,650	45,146	62,650
Other creditors Accruals and deferred	4,016	622,997	•	622,501
income	2,234,297	993,852	2,234,297	993,852
	5,328,747	5,452,195	5,298,352	5,432,634
				

Notes (continued)

14 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Group		Company		
	1992 1991		1992	1992	1991
	£	£	£	£	
Property loans	1,501,115	937,500	1,501,115	937,500	

A property loan of £937,500 is repayable in March 1996. The loan carries interest at 1.75% above LIBOR and is secured by a fixed charge. A mortgage of £563,615 is repayable in July 1997. The mortgage carries interest at 1.5% above LIBOR and is secured on Units 6 and 7, Shannon Commercial Centre, New Malden, Surrey.

15 Called up share capital

31 December 1992 and 1991	
Number	
3,799,299	379,930
	10,070
5,775,000	5,775,000
	6,165,000
31 Decer	nher
	£
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1,810,284	181,028
992,970	9,930
•	_
	190,958
	1992 and Number 3,799,299 1,007,010 5,775,000 31 Decer 1992 and Number

Notes (continued)

16 Other reserves

Other reserves represents the discount on acquisition of a further interest in the associated undertaking made during the year.

17 Reserves

	Associated undertaking £	Subsidiary undertakings £	Company £	Group total £
At 1 January 1992, as previously stated Prior year adjustment	15,619 -	(19,567)	(127,232) 187,014	(131,180) 187,014
As restated Profit for the year	15,619 65,453	(19,567)	59,782 750	55,834 66,203
At 31 December 1992	81,072	(19,567)	60,532	122,037

The company has not presented its own profit and loss account in accordance with \$228(7) of the Companies Act 1985.

18 Reconciliation of operating profit to net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities

	(1,060,179)	1,090,589
Operating profit/(loss) Increase in debtors (Decrease)/increase in creditors	750 (1,015,487) (45,442)	(1,529) (225,413) 1,317,531
	1992 £	1991 £

19 Contingent liabilities

A group of minority "B" shareholders has instigated legal action against, amongst others, the company, under the provisions of Section 459 of the Companies Act 1985. It has been estimated that, if the action is contested to trial, legal fees for the company will amount to approximately £100,000.

Notes (continued)

20 Commitments

The company has entered into non-cancellable operating leases for equipment for the business of the joint venture, the payments for which extend over a period of up to five years. The lease agreements provide that the lessees shall pay all insurance, maintenance and repairs and such liabilities are incurred and settled within the business of the joint venture.

Annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	Equipment
Operating leases which expire:	£
Within one year	38,975
In the second to fifth years inclusive	51,194
	
	90,169

21 Ultimate parent company

Ultimate parent undertaking of larger group of which the company is a member.

The company is a subsidiary undertaking of TCI/US WEST Cable Communications Group, a United States general partnership between subsidiary undertakings of US WEST, Inc and Tele-Communications Inc. US WEST, Inc and Tele-Communications, Inc are incorporated in the United States.

The partnership is the only group in which the results of the company are consolidated. The consolidated financial statements of the partnership are not available to the public.