# **News Offset Limited**

Report and Financial Statements 28 June 2009

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# Directors' report

For the year ended 28 June 2009

The Directors present their annual report on the affairs of News Offset Limited ("the Company") together with the unaudited financial statements for the 52 weeks ended 28 June 2009 ("the year").

#### Principal activity

The Company has not traded throughout the current year and the previous year and is filing the financial statements as a dormant company.

#### Directors and their interests

The Directors of the Company who served during the year were as follows:

S. W. Daintith

(resigned 17 July 2008)

M. C. Gill

S. L. Panuccio

(appointed 17 July 2008)

Except as noted above, all Directors served throughout the year and are still Directors at the date of this report.

The Articles of Association do not require Directors to retire either by rotation or in the year of appointment.

None of the Directors have interests in shares in group companies or any interests which require disclosure in accordance with Companies Act law.

News Corporation has indemnified one or more Directors of the Company against liability in respect of proceedings brought by third parties, subject to the conditions set out in the Companies Act 2006. Such qualifying third party indemnity provision was in force during the year and is in force as at the date of approving the Directors' Report.

By order of the Board

M. C. Gill Director

1 Virginia Street London E98 1XY

13 October 2009

### Balance sheet As at 28 June 2009

	Notes	2009	2008
Current assets Debtors	2	£'000 29,010	£'000 29,010
Net assets		29,010	29,010
Capital and reserves Attributable to equity interests Called-up share capital Profit and loss account	3 3	29,009	29,009
		29,009	29,009
Attributable to non-equity interests Called-up share capital	3	<u> </u>	1
Shareholders' funds		29,010	29,010

For the year ended 28 June 2009 the Company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 480 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to dormant companies...

The Members have not required the Company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to the small Companies regime.

The financial statements on pages 2 to 4 were approved by the Board of Directors on 13 October 2009 and signed on its behalf by:

M. C. Gill Director

13 October 2009

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The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this balance sheet.

## Notes to the financial statements

For News Offset Limited for 28 June 2009 (registered number 1914857)

#### 1 Principal accounting policies

#### Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

The financial statements of the Company are made up to the Sunday closest to the 30 June each year. Consequently, the financial statements for the current period cover 52 weeks ended 28 June 2009.

In preparing the financial statements for the current year, the Company has adopted the amendment to FRS8 'Related Party Disclosures' which became mandatory for all accounting periods beginning on 6 April 2008. The adoption of the amendment to FRS8 has resulted in a change in accounting policy for related party transactions.

#### Related party transactions

As a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking of News Corporation whose financial statements are publicly available, the Company has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS 8 'Related Party Disclosures' not to disclose transactions with other wholly owned members of the group headed by News Corporation.

2	Debtors	2009 £'000	2008 £'000
	Amounts due from group undertakings	29,010	29,010
3	Equity capital and reserves		
a)	Attributable to equity interests	2009 £	2008 £
	Called-up equity share capital Authorised, issued and fully paid:	£	*
	50 ordinary A shares of £1 each	50	50
	50 ordinary B shares of £1 each		50
		100	100
	Attributable to non-equity interests 500 8% preference shares of £1 each	500	500
		600	600

#### Notes to the financial statements – continued

#### 3 Equity capital and reserves - continued

#### b) Reserves

Profit and loss account £'000

Balance at beginning and end of the year

29,009

All of the Preference shares and the Ordinary 'B' shares are held by News International Publishers Limited, a company registered in England and Wales whose ultimate parent company is News Corporation a company incorporated in Delaware. The ordinary 'A' shares are held by Newsett Limited, a company registered in England and Wales 50% owned by News International Publishers Limited.

The Ordinary 'A' and Ordinary 'B' shares rank pari passu with regard to income. The assets of the Company in a liquidation remaining after discharging its liabilities shall be applied first, in payment to the holders of the preference shares of the amounts paid up on such shares, second in payment to the holders of the 'B' ordinary shares of the amounts paid up on such shares, third, in payment to the holders of the 'A' ordinary shares of the amount paid up on such shares and fourth, in distributing the balance of such assets amongst the holders of the 'B' ordinary shares pro rata to the number of such shares held by them respectively.

News International Publishers Limited has waived its right to dividends on the preference shares. On winding up these dividends rank above the repayment of any share capital.

Non-equity share capital is not redeemable and has no voting rights. Distribution in respect of any financial year shall be applied first in paying the holders of the Preference shares.

On a winding up of the Company the nominal value of each Preference share would rank above all other classifications of share capital.

#### 4 Ultimate parent company

The Company is 50% owned by Newsett Limited a company incorporated in England and 50% owned by News International Publishers Limited a company incorporated in England and Wales.

The ultimate parent company is News Corporation, a company incorporated in Delaware.

The largest group in which the results of the Company are consolidated is that headed by News Corporation, whose principal place of business is at 1211 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY10036. The smallest group in which they are consolidated is that headed by Newscorp Investments, a company incorporated in England and Wales. The consolidated financial statements of these groups are available to the public and may be obtained from 1 Virginia Street, London, E98 1FN.