# **CBS Broadcast Services Limited**

# Annual report and financial statements Registered number 2149581 for the year ended 31 December 2020

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# Directors' report

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements of CBS Broadcast Services Limited ("the Company") for the year ended 31 December 2020.

#### Principal activities

The Company's principal activities are the provision of administrative and warehouse services, principally to fellow group undertakings. The directors do not foresee any further changes to the administrative activities of the Company.

#### Small business and Strategic report

Under Companies Act 2006, the director was entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies' regime, electing to take advantage of the small companies' exemption from preparing a strategic report.

#### Going concern

The Directors have considered the appropriateness of the going concern assumption. ViacomCBS Inc. has provided the Company with an undertaking that it will, for at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements, continue to make available such funds as needed by the Company. This should enable the Company to continue its operational existence for the foreseeable future by meeting its liabilities as they fall due for payment. Based on this undertaking the directors believe that it remains appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

#### Principal risks and uncertainties

The management of the Company and execution of the Company's strategy are subject to a number of risks. The directors have identified the need to manage the Company's material financial risks, including foreign exchange and liquidity. These risks are monitored through a Group Treasury management function which invests surplus funds, mitigates foreign exchange exposure and manages borrowings for ViacomCBS Inc. group companies (the 'Group').

Group Treasury also seeks to limit counter-party risk by conducting all of its banking and dealing activities with a limited number of major international banks, whose status is kept under review.

#### Financial Risk Management

#### Liquidity Risk

The Company finances its operations through a combination of intercompany payables, issued ordinary share capital and a commitment of financial support from the parent entity.

#### Foreign Exchange Risk

To the extent that the Company enters into banking arrangements and intercompany agreements in currencies different to that of the Company's functional currency, there is an exposure to movements in exchange rates. The Company does not participate in cross-currency hedging.

#### Key performance indicators (KPI)

Given the straightforward nature of the business, KPIs are limited to the financial results of the Company.

#### Results and Dividends

The Company's results for the year are set out on page 7. The Company made a profit of £5,803,624 (2019: profit of £4,840,732). The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (2019: £nil).

The results are in line with the expectations of the directors.

# Directors' report (continued)

The directors who held office during the year and up to the date of signing these financial statements were as follows:

Armando Nuñez (resigned 28 May 2020) Richard Jones David Magness Gielijn Hilarius

#### Directors' Liability Insurance

Qualifying third party indemnity was in force during the financial year and also at the date of approval of the financial statements; and that the indemnity is a qualifying third party indemnity where applicable. These indemnity policies are held by the ultimate holding company, ViacomCBS Inc.

#### Political and charitable contributions

The Company made no political or charitable donations during the year (2019: £nil).

#### Post balance sheet events

The coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19") pandemic has negatively impacted, and is expected to continue to impact the macroeconomic environment, as well as ViacomCBS' business, financial condition and results of operations in 2021. ViacomCBS is the parent company of CBS Broadcast Services Limited ("the Company", hereafter).

The impact of COVID-19 on the Company's businesses includes the cancellation of broadcast events for which we have rights to, delays of the 2021-television broadcast season as a result of temporary production shutdowns, abandonment of content that was not completed, delays in the delivery of programming to third parties, and fewer original programs and live events airing on our broadcast and cable networks. While production has resumed, we are not able to predict whether we will encounter future production delays or shutdowns, or if and to what extent our revenues will continue to be negatively impacted. Additionally, with the resumption of production we began incurring incremental costs relating to health and safety protocols, which are expected to continue throughout 2021.

Further, the impact from the lower revenues has been partially mitigated by lower costs as a result of decreases in production and distribution costs, mainly resulting from production shutdowns; lower advertising and promotion costs; and cost-savings initiatives. As ViacomCBS, we have taken steps to strengthen our financial position during this period of market uncertainty, such as the issuance of long-term debt and redemption of near-term debt and we will continue to actively monitor the potential impact of COVID-19 and related events on the commercial paper and credit markets.

The magnitude of the continuing impact of COVID-19 on our business, financial condition and results of operations will depend on numerous evolving factors that we may not be able to accurately predict or control, including the duration and extent of the pandemic, the impact of federal, state, local and foreign governmental actions, consumer behaviour in response to the pandemic and such governmental actions, and economic and operating conditions in the aftermath of COVID-19. Even after COVID-19 has subsided, we may experience materially adverse impacts to our business as a result of its global economic impact, including any recession that has occurred or may occur in the future. Due to the evolving and uncertain nature of the pandemic, we are not able to estimate the full extent of the impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations. As at 31 December 2020, the Company was in a profit-making position, with a net current asset position of £3.7m and positive equity of £3.2m.

The Directors believe the ViacomCBS Group has adequate liquidity and business plans to continue to operate the business and mitigate the risks associated with COVID-19 for the next 12 months from the date of this report.

#### Directors' confirmations

In the case of each Director in office at the date the Directors' Report is approved:

so far as the Director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware; and

they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a Director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

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#### **Independent Auditors**

Pursuant to Section 487 of the Companies Act 2006, the independent auditors PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, have indicated their willingness to continue in office and a resolution concerning their re-appointment will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006

Approved by the board and signed on its behalf by

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CBS Broadcast Services Limited Company registered number: 2149581 Cannon Place 78 Cannon Street London EC4N 6AF

3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021

# Statement of Directors' Responsibilities in respect of the financial statements

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulation.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have prepared the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", 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 the financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- state whether applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 102, have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- 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 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 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.

# Independent auditors' report to the members of CBS Broadcast Services Limited

# Report on the audit of the financial statements

# **Opinion**

In our opinion, CBS Broadcast Services Limited's financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2020 and of its profit for the year then
  ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", and applicable law); and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

We have audited the financial statements, included within the Annual report and financial statements (the "Annual Report"), which comprise: the Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2020; the Profit and Loss account and Other Comprehensive Income, and the Statement of Changes in Equity for the year then ended; and the notes to the financial statements, which include a description of the significant accounting policies.

# **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) ("ISAs (UK)") and applicable law. Our responsibilities under ISAs (UK) are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Independence

We remained independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, which includes the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this conclusion is not a guarantee as to the company's ability to continue as a going concern.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

## Reporting on other information

The other information comprises all of the information in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover

the other information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this report, any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify an apparent material inconsistency or material misstatement, we are required to perform procedures to conclude whether there is a material misstatement of the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report based on these responsibilities.

With respect to the Directors' report, we also considered whether the disclosures required by the UK Companies Act 2006 have been included.

Based on our work undertaken in the course of the audit, the Companies Act 2006 requires us also to report certain opinions and matters as described below.

#### Directors' report

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, the information given in the Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2020 is consistent with the financial statements and has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

In light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we did not identify any material misstatements in the Directors' report.

# Responsibilities for the financial statements and the audit

# Responsibilities of the directors for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable framework and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. The directors are also responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

Based on our understanding of the company and industry, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to the Companies Act 2006, and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls), and determined that the principal risks were related to fraudulent financial reporting. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

 Discussions with management and the legal counsel, including consideration of known or suspected instances of noncompliance;

- Evaluating and where appropriate, challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in determining significant accounting estimates; and
- · Identifying and testing journal entries, in particular any entries posted with unusual account combinations.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above. We are less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations that are not closely related to events and transactions reflected in the financial statements. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the FRC's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditors' report.

#### Use of this report

This report, including the opinions, has been prepared for and only for the company's members as a body in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving these opinions, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

# Other required reporting

# **Companies Act 2006 exception reporting**

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion:

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

We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

## **Entitlement to exemptions**

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion, the directors were not entitled to: prepare financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime; take advantage of the small companies exemption in preparing the Directors' report; and take advantage of the small companies exemption from preparing a strategic report. We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

Philip Stokes (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

**Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors** 

London

3 December 2021

# Profit and Loss account and Other Comprehensive Income

for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Note	2020 £	Restated* 2019 £
Turnover Cost of sales	2	9,251,726 (2,036,797)	12,186,977 (2,031,500)
Gross profit Administrative expenses	3,4	7,214,929 (2,140,780)	10,155,477 (4,075,939)
Operating profit		5,074,149	6,079,538
Interest income Interest expense	6 6	1,213 (255,769)	(197,178)
Profit before taxation		4,819,593	5,882,360
Tax on profit	7	984,101	(1,041,628)
Profit for the financial year		5,803,694	4,840,732
Other comprehensive expense		(47,139)	(51,736)
Profit and total comprehensive income		5,756,555	4,788,996

<sup>\*</sup> During 2020, the Company has been requested to determine the debt arising in adherence to Section 75 of the Pension Act 1995. The amount due, known as Section 75 debt, has been determined during the last quarter of 2020 as GBP 889,000 and was paid on 19th April 2021. This amount has been included in the accruals and deferred income of 2019, with offset to administrative expenses. Refer to note 10 for further details on the restatement.

There were no other recognised gains and losses in the current or prior year other than those included in the profit and loss account shown above.

The notes on pages 11 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

# **Balance Sheet**

As at 31 December 2020

			**	,	Restated*
	Note	2020	e	2019 £	£
Fixed asset		£	£	L	
Tangible assets	8		220,679		165,727
Current assets					
Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	9	15,048,840 1,081,344		8,063,835 979,064	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,001,544			
		16,130,184		9,042,899	
Current liabilities				(1.001.610)	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year Bank loans and overdrafts	10	(2,915,532) (9,566,789)		(4,201,619) (7,010,205)	
		(12,482,321)		(11,211,824)	
Net current assets / (liabilities)			3,647,863		(2,168,925)
Total assets less current liabilities			3,868,542		(2,003,198)
Provisions for liabilities					
Other provisions	12		(693,903)		(578,718)
Net assets / (liabilities)			3,174,639		(2,581,916)
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	14		2		2
Share based payment reserve			40,298	•	87,437
Profit and loss account			3,134,339		(2,669,355)
Total Shareholders' funds / (deficit)			3,174,639		(2,581,916)

<sup>\*</sup> Refer to note 10 for further details on the restatement.

The financial statements on pages 8 to 22 were approved by the board of directors on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

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Gielijn Hilarius Director

Company registered number: 2149581

# Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Called up Share capital £	Share based payment reserve	Profit and loss Account £	Total equity £
Balance at 1 January 2019	2	139,173	(7,510,087)	(7,370,912)
Total comprehensive income for the year:				
Profit for the financial year	-	-	5,729,732	5,729,732
Share based payments	-	(51,736)	-	(51,736)
Balance at 31 December 2019	2	87,437	(1,780,355)	(1,692,916)
Restatement – Direct Benefit Pension true up	-	-	(889,000)	(889,000)
Balance at 31 December 2019 - Restated	2	87,437	(2,669,355)	(2,581,916)
Balance at 1 January 2020  Total comprehensive income for the year:	2	87,437	(2,669,355)	(2,581,916)
Profit for the financial year	-	-	5,803,694	5,803,694
Share based payments	-	(47,139)	-	(47,139)
Balance at 31 December 2020	2	40,298	3,134,339	3,174,639

The notes on pages 11 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

#### Notes to the financial statements

#### 1 Accounting policies

CBS Broadcast Services Limited (the "Company") is a private company limited by shares and incorporated and domiciled in the England and Wales, the United Kingdom. The address of its registered office is Cannon Place, 78 Cannon Street, London EC4N 6AF.

These financial statements were prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 under the Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* ("FRS 102") as issued in August 2014. The presentation currency of these financial statements is sterling. All amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest £1.

As the Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of ViacomCBS Inc., the Company has taken advantage of the exemption contained in Paragraph 33.1A of FRS 102 and has therefore not disclosed transactions or balances with the ultimate parent of the group or any other wholly owned subsidiaries.

The Company's ultimate parent undertaking, ViacomCBS Inc. includes the Company in its consolidated financial statements. The consolidated financial statements of ViacomCBS Inc. are available to the public and may be obtained from 51 West 52 Street, New York, 10019-6188, USA. In these financial statements, the company is considered to be a qualifying entity (for the purposes of this FRS) and has applied the exemptions available under FRS 102 in respect of the following disclosures:

- Reconciliation of the number of shares outstanding from the beginning to end of the period;
- · Cash Flow Statement and related notes; and
- Key Management Personnel compensation.

As the consolidated financial statements of ViacomCBS Inc. include the equivalent disclosures, the Company has also taken the exemptions under FRS 102 available in respect of the following disclosures:

- Certain disclosures required by FRS 102.26 Share Based Payments; and,
- The disclosures required by FRS 102.11 Basic Financial Instruments and FRS 102.12 Other Financial Instrument Issues in respect of financial instruments not falling within the fair value accounting rules of Paragraph 36(4) of Schedule 1.

The accounting policies set out below have, unless otherwise stated, been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements.

#### 1.1 Measurement convention

The financial statements are prepared on the historical cost basis.

#### 1.2 Going concern

ViacomCBS Inc. has provided the Company with an undertaking that it will, for at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements, continue to make available such funds as are needed by the Company. This should enable the Company to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future by meeting its liabilities as they fall due for payment. Based on this undertaking the directors believe that it remains appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

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Further, the impact from the lower revenues has been partially mitigated by lower costs as a result of decreases in production and distribution costs, mainly resulting from production shutdowns; lower advertising and promotion costs; and cost-savings initiatives. As ViacomCBS, we have taken steps to strengthen our financial position during this period of market uncertainty, such as the issuance of long-term debt and redemption of near-term debt and we will continue to actively monitor the potential impact of COVID-19 and related events on the commercial paper and credit markets.

The magnitude of the continuing impact of COVID-19 on our business, financial condition and results of operations will depend on numerous evolving factors that we may not be able to accurately predict or control, including the duration and extent of the

#### Accounting policies (continued)

pandemic, the impact of federal, state, local and foreign governmental actions, consumer behaviour in response to the pandemic and such governmental actions, and economic and operating conditions in the aftermath of COVID-19. Even after COVID-19 has subsided, we may experience materially adverse impacts to our business as a result of its global economic impact, including any recession that has occurred or may occur in the future. Due to the evolving and uncertain nature of the pandemic, we are not able to estimate the full extent of the impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations. As at 31 December 2020, the Company was in a profit-making position, with a net current asset position of £3.7m and positive equity of £3.2m.

The Directors believe the ViacomCBS Group has adequate liquidity and business plans to continue to operate the business and mitigate the risks associated with COVID-19 for the next 12 months from the date of this report.

No other matters or circumstances have arisen since balance date and the date of this report that, in the opinion of the Directors of the Company, have significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Company in financial years subsequent to 31 December 2020.

#### 1.3 Foreign currency

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated to the Company's functional currency at the foreign exchange rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are retranslated to the functional currency at the foreign exchange rate ruling at that date. Non-monetary assets and liabilities that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction. Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies that are stated at fair value are retranslated to the functional currency at foreign exchange rates ruling at the dates the fair value was determined. Foreign exchange differences arising on translation are recognised in the profit and loss account.

#### 1.4 Basic financial instruments

#### Trade and other debtors / creditors

Trade and other debtors are recognised initially at transaction price less attributable transaction costs. Trade and other creditors are recognised initially at transaction price plus attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses in the case of trade debtors. If the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, for example if payment is deferred beyond normal business terms, then it is measured at the present value of future payments discounted at a market rate of instrument for a similar debt instrument.

#### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash balances and call deposits. Bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the Company's cash management are included as a component of cash and cash equivalents.

#### 1.5 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses.

Where parts of an item of tangible fixed assets have different useful lives, they are accounted for as separate items of tangible fixed assets, for example land is treated separately from buildings.

The company assesses at each reporting date whether tangible fixed assets (including those leased under a finance lease) are impaired.

Depreciation is charged to the profit and loss account on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of each part of an item of tangible fixed assets. Leased assets are depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. Land is not depreciated. The estimated useful lives are as follows:

Leasehold improvements 10-15 years
 machinery and equipment 3-5 years
 Furniture, fixtures and fittings 3-10 years
 Asset retirement obligation 10 years

Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values are reviewed if there is an indication of a significant change since last annual reporting date in the pattern by which the company expects to consume an asset's future economic benefits.

#### Accounting policies (continued)

#### 1.6 Employee benefits

The Company provides a range of benefits to employees, including defined contribution pension plans and share based payments.

#### i) Short term benefits

Short term benefits, including holiday pay and other similar non-monetary benefits, are recognised as an expense in the period in which the service is received.

#### ii) Defined contribution pension plans

The Company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. A defined contribution scheme is a pension plan under which the company pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. The assets of the schemes are held separately from those of the Company in an independently administered fund. Contributions to the schemes are charged to the Profit and loss account as they fall due for payment.

#### iii) Share based payments

The Company participates in a number of equity-settled, share-based compensation plans operated by its parent Company, ViacomCBS Inc. The fair value of the employee services received in exchange for the grant of the options or shares is recognised as an expense. The total amount to be expensed over the vesting period is determined by reference to the fair value of the options or shares granted at the date of the grant, excluding the impact of any non-market vesting conditions (for example, profitability and sales growth targets). Non-market vesting conditions are included in assumptions about the number of options or shares that are expected to vest. At each balance sheet date, the Company revises its estimates of the number of options or shares that are expected to vest. It recognises the impact of the revision to original estimates, if any, in the Profit and loss account, with a corresponding adjustment to reserves.

Equity-settled share-based awards are measured at the date of using an option pricing methodology and expensed over vesting period of the award.

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption under paragraph 35.10(b) of FRS 102 in respect of share based payment transactions on the date of transition to FRS 102 (1 January 2014) and has elected not to apply Section 26 Share based payments to equity instruments granted before the date of transition to FRS 102. The previous framework has been applied to instruments granted prior to the date of transition.

#### 1.7 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts.

#### 1.8 Financial instruments

The Company has chosen to adopt sections 11 and 12 of FRS 102 in respect of financial instruments.

#### i) Financial assets

Basic financial assets, including amounts owed by group undertakings and cash and bank balances, are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest.

Such assets are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method where applicable.

At the end of each reporting period financial assets measured at amortised cost are assessed for objective evidence of impairment. If an asset is impaired the impairment loss is the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of the estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. The impairment loss is recognised in the Profit and loss account.

Financial assets are derecognised when (i) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or (ii) substantially all the risks and rewards of the ownership of the asset are transferred to another party or (iii) despite having retained some significant risks and rewards of ownership, control of the asset has been transferred to another party who has the practical ability to unilaterally sell the asset to an unrelated third party without imposing additional restrictions.

#### ii) Financial Liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including Trade and other creditors amounts owed to group undertakings, are initially recognised at transaction price, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest.

#### Accounting policies (continued)

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts creditors are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade payables are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the liability is extinguished, that is when the contractual obligation is discharged, cancelled or expires.

The Company does not hold or issue derivative financial instruments.

#### iii) Offsetting

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount presented in the financial statements when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

#### 1.9 Accrued Expense

Goods received or services rendered shall be accrued for when an invoice is not recorded in trade creditors or payment has not been made. Generally, an accrual must be recorded if a liability is known and can be reasonably estimated with supporting documentation.

If there is a decrease in the impairment loss arising from an event occurring after the impairment was recognised the impairment is reversed. The reversal is such that the current carrying amount does not exceed what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised. The impairment reversal is recognised in the Profit and loss account. 1.10

#### 1.10 Provisions

A provision is recognised in the balance sheet when the Company has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event, that can be reliably measured and it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation. Provisions are recognised at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

Where the Company enters into financial guarantee contracts to guarantee the indebtedness of other companies within its group, the company treats the guarantee contract as a contingent liability until such time as it becomes probable that the company will be required to make a payment under the guarantee.

Dilapidation provisions are recognised where as a result of a past event, there is a contractual obligation to remove an asset or return an asset to its previous condition. A provision is created based on the anticipated cost of fulfilling this obligation, discounted to present value where the effect of this is significant. Where the activity that caused this obligation is of a capital nature (see section 1.5) or is directly attributable to a capital asset, then the anticipated cost is treated as a tangible fixed asset and depreciated over the life of the asset.

#### 1.11 Turnover

Turnover represents the invoiced value of import, export and administrative services supplied, excluding value added tax. Contribution towards overheads based on a mark-up of costs incurred is separately invoiced to other group companies and is included within other operating income.

#### 1.12 Expenses

#### Operating lease

Payments (excluding costs for services and insurance) made under operating leases are recognised in the profit and loss account on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease unless the payments to the lessor are structured to increase in line with expected general inflation; in which case the payments related to the structured increases are recognised as incurred. Lease incentives received are recognised in profit and loss over the term of the lease as an integral part of the total lease expense.

Interest receivable and Interest payable

Interest payable and similar charges include interest payable, unwinding of the discount on provisions, and net foreign exchange losses that are recognised in the profit and loss account (see foreign currency accounting policy).

Other interest receivable and similar income include interest receivable on funds invested and net foreign exchange gains.

Interest income and interest payable are recognised in profit or loss as they accrue, using the effective interest method.

Foreign currency gains and losses are reported on a net basis.

#### Accounting policies (continued)

#### 1.13 Taxation

Tax on the profit or loss for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in the profit and loss account except to the extent that it relates to items recognised directly in equity or other comprehensive income, in which case it is recognised directly in equity or other comprehensive income.

Current tax is the expected tax payable or receivable on the taxable income or loss for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years.

Deferred tax is provided on timing differences which arise from the inclusion of income and expenses in tax assessments in periods different from those in which they are recognised in the financial statements. Deferred tax is not recognised on permanent

differences arising because certain types of income or expense are non-taxable or are disallowable for tax or because certain tax charges or allowances are greater or smaller than the corresponding income or expense.

Deferred tax is measured at the tax rate that is expected to apply to the reversal of the related difference, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date. Deferred tax balances are not discounted.

Unrelieved tax losses and other deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that is it probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits.

# 2 Turnover

. •	2020 £	2019 £
Rendering of services	9,251,726	12,186,977
	2020· £	2019 £
By geographical market:		
Netherlands United Kingdom	7,204,080 2,047,646 9,251,726	9,572,742 2,614,235 12,186,977

Turnover relates to the company's principal activity. The revenue from the Netherlands market recognition criteria is based on a percentage applied to the actual sales contributed by the UK office to the Netherlands market, plus all the yearly overhead costs.

#### 3 Administrative expenses

Included in operating profit are the following:

	2020 £	Restated* 2019 £
Staff costs (Note 4)	1,646,303	2,736,725
Operating lease charges - machinery & equipment	16,802	13,667
- other	642,264	561,052
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets (Note 8)	60,233	212,057
Auditors' remuneration:		
Audit of these financial statements	31,973	30,450

<sup>\*</sup>The staff costs are the amounts being restated.

#### 4 Staff numbers and costs

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

	Nun	Number of employees	
	2020	2019	
Operations	6	4	
Administration	9	7	
	15	11	

The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were as follows:

		Restated*
	2020	2019
	£	£
Wages and salaries	1,170,344	1,292,613
Share based payments (See note 13)	79,334	22,046
Social security costs	182,771	211,346
Other pension costs	198,211	1,119,695
Other salary related costs	15,643	91,025
	1,646,303	2,736,725

<sup>\*</sup>The other pension costs are the amounts being restated.

#### 5 Directors' remuneration

	2020 £	2019 £
Directors' remuneration	-	780,880

The current directors did not receive any remuneration for their services to the Company. Therefore, for 2020 the aggregate remuneration (2019: £780,880) and the company pension contributions (2019: £13,207), of the highest paid directors, are not disclosed. The 2019 pension contribution were made to a money purchase scheme on his behalf. During the year, the highest paid directors received shares under Corporate long term incentive scheme.

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2020	2019

Retirement benefits are accruing to the following number of directors under: Money purchase schemes

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No director exercised share options in 2020 (2019: 1).

# 6 Interest expense

	2020 £	2019 £
Bank interest expense Interest for late payment of Corporate Income Taxes	(255,769) 1,213	(197,178)
,	(254,556)	(197,178)
7 Tax on profit		
	2020 £	2019 £
Current Tax:	<b>u</b>	~
Prior year reassessments Corporation tax on profit of the year	(994,666)	(43,005) 1,154,100
Total current tax charge	(994,666)	1,111,095
Deferred tax:		
Origination and reversal of timing differences	(19,415)	(55,745)
Changes on tax rates	•	(13,385)
Adjustment in respect of previous periods	(29,280)	(337)
Total deferred tax (credit)/charge	10,565	(69,467)
Total tax charge	984,101	1,041,628

The tax assessed for the year varied from the amount computed by applying the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK 19.00% (2019: 19.00%) to the profit / (loss) before taxation. The differences were attributed to the following factors:

#### Reconciliation of effective tax rate

	2020 £	Restated 2019 £
Tax:		
Profit / (Loss) before tax	4,818,380	6,771,360
Profit / (Loss) multiplied by standard rate in the UK – 19.00% (2019: 19.00%)	915,492	1,286,558
Effects of: Expenses not deductible for tax purposes S75 Debt restatement - see Note 17 Group relief from/ other group companies Changes on tax rates	9,270 (168,910) (775,267)	(5,531) - (182,672) (13,385).
Adjustment in respect of prior periods	(964,686)	(43,342)
Total tax charge included in profit or loss	(984,101)	1,041,628

#### 7 Tax on profit / (loss) (continued)

Deferred tax is measured on a non-discounted basis at the tax rate which is expected to apply in the periods in which timing differences reverse, based on tax rates and laws substantively enacted at the balance sheet date. At Summer Budget 2015, the government announced legislation setting the Corporation Tax main rate at 19% for the years starting 1 April 2017, 2018 and 2019 and at 18% for the year starting 1 April 2020. A further reduction to 17% for the year starting 1 April 2020 was announced at Budget 2016. However, at Budget 2020, the government announced that the Corporation Tax main rate for the years starting 1 April 2020 and 2021 would remain at 19%. The deferred tax balance at 31 December 2020 has been calculated based on these substantively enacted rates accordingly. On 5 March 2021 the government confirmed an increase in the main Corporation Tax rate from 19% to 25%, with effect from 1 April 2023.

#### 8 Tangible fixed assets

	Asset retirement	Leasehold	Machinery and	Furniture, Fixtures and	Total
	obligations	Improvements	Equipment	Fittings	
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost					
Balance at 1 January 2020	460,740	4,218,766	55,533	127,959	4,862,998
Additions	115,185	-	-	-	115,185
Disposals					
Balance at 31 December 2020	575,925	4,218,766	55,533	127,959	4,978,183
Depreciation and impairment					
Balance at 1 January 2020	351,355	4,197,298	51,863	96,755	4,697,271
Depreciation charge for the year	23,037	21,419	3,670	12,107	60,233
Disposals		-	-	-	<u> </u>
Balance at 31 December 2020	274 202	4 219 717	55,533	108,862	4,757,504
Balance at 31 December 2020	374,392	4,218,717		108,862	4,737,304
Net book value					
At 31 December 2019	109,385	21,468	3,670	31,204	165,727
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At 31 December 2020	201,533	49	<u>.</u>	19,097	220,679

2,915,532

4,201,619

# Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

#### 9 Debtors

	2020	2019
•	£	£
Amounts owed by group undertakings	14,125,399	7,701,070
Corporate tax refundable	381,778	-
VAT recoverable	9,705	55,106
Deferred tax assets (see note 11)	172,676	183,241
Prepayments and accrued income	359,282	124,418
	15,048,840	8,063,835
10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2020 £	Restated 2019 £
Trade creditors	_	_
Amounts owed to group undertakings	635,559	1,386,135
Other creditors	65,079	76,648
Corporate tax payable	05,079	709,100
Accruals and deferred income	2,214,894	2,029,736

During 2019 the Company entered into an agreement to provide accounting services to the Foreign Broadcast Service (FBS). Under this agreement the Company as of 31 December 2020 holds cash on behalf of FBS for £75,928 (2019: £34,770) and offsetting liabilities for £65,081 (2019: £29,803) included in the other creditors and £10,847 (2019: £4,967) included in the amounts owed to group undertakings.

During 2020, the Company has been requested to determine the debt arising in adherence to Section 75 of the Pension Act 1995, as a result of ceasing to participate in the related defined benefit pension fund as the last active member, employed by the Company, left active service on 30 April 2019 ("cessation date"). The retirement of the last active member has created the need to accelerate funding under UK legislation. The amount due, known as Section 75 debt, has been determined during the last quarter of 2020 as GBP 889,000 and was paid on 19th April 2021. This amount has been included in the accruals and deferred income of 2019, with offset to administrative expenses. As a consequence of this restatement, the 2019 accruals and deferred income has increased from prior restatement balance of £1,140,736 to restated balance of £2,029,736.

#### 11 Deferred tax assets

The deferred tax debit was mainly as a result of the tax effect of timing differences as follows:

	2020	2019
Deferred tax asset	£	£
Balance as at 01 January	183,241	113,774
Origination and reversal of timing differences	(10,565)	56,082
Effect of changes in tax rates	-	13,385
Balance as at 31 December	172,676	183,241
The elements of deferred taxation provided for in the financial statements are as follows:		
•	2020	2019
	£	£
Difference between book depreciation and tax write down allowance	43,029	64,947
Pension accrual	(2,195)	8,337
Other short term timing differences	131,842	109,957
Total deferred tax debit	172,676	183,241

#### 12 Other Provisions

	Dilapidation provision £
Balance at 1 January 2020 Additions	578,718 115,185
Balance at 31 December 2020	693,903

Dilapidation provisions relate to costs that may be incurred on completion of a property lease in 2029.

#### 13 Employee benefits

#### **Defined contribution plans**

The Company operates a number of defined contribution pension plans. The total expense relating to these plans in the current year was £212,282 (2019: £230,695).

#### Share based payments reserve

ViacomCBS Inc. operates a Restricted Stock Unit ("RSU") Scheme for certain employees of the group. A number of employees of the Company have been granted RSUs under this scheme. RSUs give the employees the right to receive ViacomCBS Inc. Class B Common Stock for nil consideration provided they remain in employment with the group.

In 2020, a grant of RSUs was given to eligible Company employees. As a result, 2,359 (2019: 5,687 RSUs) were issued which will vest over four years in four equal annual instalments from the date of grant, 30 November 2020, subject to forfeiture and other restrictions. All RSU's awarded are equity settled, with an exercise price of £nil (2019: £nil).

At 31 December 2020 there were a total of 2,719 (2019: 6,168) RSU's outstanding with an exercise price of £nil, weighted average remaining contractual life of 3 years (2019: 3 years) and a weighted average fair value of \$26.57 (2019: \$36.66) and of which none were exercisable. The total charge to the Income Statement for the year arising from these shares based payments was £79,334 (2019: £22,046).

The RSU based compensation change recognised in 2020 was £-47,139 (2019: £-51,736).

The fair value of the RSUs in 2020 has been measured based upon the closing stock price of CBS Common Stock on the date of grant. Under the Scheme rules RSU holders are entitled to receive dividends from the date of grant, irrespective of the exercise date. The movement in unvested restricted stock units outstanding is summarised in the following table:

•	2020	2020	2019	2019
	Number of unvested restricted stock units/ Restricted shares	Weighted average fair value	Number of unvested restricted stock units/ Restricted shares	Weighted average fair value \$
Outstanding at 1st January	6,168	\$ 51.15	4,900	51.15
Granted during the year Vested during the year Cancelled during the year	2,359 (5,808)	31.63 38.06	5,687 (1,813) (2,606)	37.80 41.31 42.72
Outstanding at 31st December	2,719	26.57	6,168	43.25

The exercise price for all restricted stock units/restricted shares above are £nil (2019: nil).

#### 14 Called up Share Capital

#### Share capital

		Restated
	2020	2019
	£	£
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
2 (2019: 2) ordinary shares of £1 each	2	2

The holders of ordinary shares are entitled to receive dividends as declared from time to time and are entitled to one vote per share at meetings of the Company.

#### 15 Operating leases

Non-cancellable operating lease rentals are payable as follows:

	2020 £	Restated 2019 £
Less than one year		
Between one and five years	1,251,580	1,159,809
More than five years	4,238,038	4,575,449
·	4,011,557	4,886,257
	9,501,175	10,621,515

#### 16 Ultimate parent company and parent company of larger group

The Company's immediate parent is CBS International (Netherlands) BV. The Company's ultimate parent is ViacomCBS Inc. which is incorporated in the USA. The ultimate controlling party is National Amusements Inc., the beneficial owner of the majority of ViacomCBS Inc. voting shares.

The only group in which the results of CBS Broadcast Services Limited are consolidated is ViacomCBS Inc. The consolidated financial statements for this group are available to the public and can be obtained from 51 West 52 Street, New York, 10019-6188, USA

#### 17 Subsequent events

Management currently believes that it has adequate liquidity and business plans to continue to operate the business and mitigate the risks associated with COVID-19 for the next 12 months from the date of this report.

On 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021 the entire issued share capital of the Company (comprising two ordinary shares of GBP 1.00) was transferred from current immediate parent CBS International (Netherlands) BV to the new immediate parent Paramount Pictures International Limited.

No other matters or circumstances have arisen since balance date and the date of this report that, in the opinion of the Directors of the Company, have significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Company in financial years subsequent to 31 December 2020.

#### 18 Accounting estimates and judgments

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make estimates and key assumptions that influence the application of principles and the reported values of assets and liabilities and of income and expenditure. The actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and the underlying key assumptions are constantly assessed. Revisions of estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised and in future periods for which the revision has consequences.

Key assumptions, concerning the future and other key sources of estimation at the balance sheet date, that may cause material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets or liabilities within the next financial year, such as the recoverability of certain assets, are constantly assessed.