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GOADSBY & HARDING (HOLDINGS) LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY UNDERTAKINGS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1999

Company Number: 2446167

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## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1999

Company registration number: 2446167 Registered office: 37/43 St Peter's Road Bournemouth BH1 2JR Directors: J A Tofield C Rowley (resigned 30 June 1999) R Harcourt B P Read D Errington S Hedger J Sexton (appointed 1 July 1998) Secretary: D Errington Auditors: Grant Thornton Registered auditors Chartered accountants

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#### REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The directors present their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 1999.

## Principal activities

The group is principally engaged in residential and commercial estate agency, surveying and related activities.

#### Review of the business

There was a profit for the year after taxation amounting to £106,018. The directors recommend dividends absorbing £105,000 leaving £1,018 retained.

## Post balance sheet event

The company has agreed to acquire, shortly after the year end, 5,133 ordinary shares from News Communications & Media Plc.

#### Directors

The present membership of the Board is set out below. All directors served throughout the year. J Sexton was appointed to the Board on 1 July 1998 and C Rowley resigned on 30 June 1999.

The interests of the directors in the shares of the company at 1 July 1998 and at 30 June 1999, were as follows:

	The Company	
	Ordinary Shares	
	1999	1998
J A Tofield	32,008	32,808
C Rowley (resigned 30 June 1999)	-	-
R Harcourt	28,488	29,288
B P Read	29,508	30,308
D Errington	17,454	18,174
S Hedger	_	_
J Sexton (appointed 1 July 1998)	5,500	-

#### REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

#### Directors' responsibilities for the financial statements

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the group will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records, for safeguarding the assets of the group and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

#### Charitable donations

During the year donations to charitable organisations amounted to £1,924 (1998: £2,081).

## Year 2000 compliance

Many computer systems which express dates using only the last two digits of the year may malfunction due to the date change to the Year 2000. This risk to the business relates not only to the group's computer systems, but also to some degree on those of the group's customers and suppliers.

The Goadsby & Harding Group has reviewed its computer systems for the impact of the Year 2000 date change. The main systems affected are:

- accounting and management information
- property management accounts
- residential lettings
- payroll

These systems have been replaced or updated during the last two years and are considered to be Year 2000 compliant.

The issue is complex and no business can guarantee that there will be no Year 2000 problems. However the Board believes that its plans and resources allocated have appropriately and adequately addressed the issue.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

## **Auditors**

Grant Thornton offer themselves for reappointment as auditors in accordance with section 385 of the Companies Act 1985.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

B P READ Chief Executive

23 September 1999

#### REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF

## GOADSBY & HARDING (HOLDINGS) LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 24 which have been prepared under the accounting policies set out on pages 5 and 6.

## Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 2 the 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 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 state of affairs of the company and the group at 30 June 1999 and of the profit of the group for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

GRANT THORNTON
REGISTERED AUDITORS
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Poole

23 September 1999

## PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

## Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The principal accounting policies of the group have remained unchanged from the previous year and are set out below.

#### Basis of consolidation

The group financial statements consolidate the financial statements of the company and of its subsidiary undertakings (see note 9) drawn up to 30 June 1999. All intra group profits or losses are eliminated on consolidation.

#### Turnover

Turnover comprises commission and fees receivable, exclusive of Value Added Tax. Commissions on sales of residential and commercial properties are recognised as earned when the contract for sale is exchanged, provided that thereafter the contract is, or is expected to be, completed. Other commissions are accounted for mainly on a cash received basis. Fees for other professional services are recognised when they become due and payable.

## Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of tangible fixed assets over their expected useful lives.

The rates generally applicable are:

Asset	Method	Rate
Freehold properties	Straight line	2% per annum
Long leaseholds	Straight line	2% per annum
Short leaseholds and		
leasehold improvements	Straight line	Period of lease
Fixtures, furniture and		
equipment	Straight line	10% per annum
Computers	Straight line	20% per annum
Motor vehicles	Reducing balance	25% per annum
Equipment on finance leases	Straight line	Over the life of the lease

## PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Investments

Investments in subsidiaries are included at cost.

#### Goodwill

Purchased goodwill and goodwill arising on consolidation is capitalised and amortised over its expected useful life of 20 years. Following the introduction of FRS 10 there has been no reinstatement of goodwill previously credited to or written off against reserves.

#### **Deferred taxation**

Deferred tax is provided for using the tax rates estimated to arise when the timing differences reverse and is accounted for to the extent that it is probable that a liability or asset will crystallise. Unprovided deferred tax is disclosed as a contingent liability.

Debit balances arising in respect of advance corporation tax on dividends payable or proposed are carried forward to the extent that they are expected to be recovered.

## Contributions to pension funds

Defined contribution schemes

The pension costs charged against profits represent the amount of the contributions payable to the schemes in respect of the accounting period.

#### Leased assets

Assets held under finance leases and hire purchase contracts are capitalised in the balance sheet and depreciated over their expected useful lives. The interest element of leasing payments represents a constant proportion of the capital balance outstanding and is charged to the profit and loss account over the period of the lease.

All other leases are regarded as operating leases and the payments made under them are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

## CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1999

	Note	1999 £	1999 £	1998 £	1998
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Turnover	1		6,124,631		5,606,940
Other operating income	1		90,333		64,993
			6,214,964		5,671,933
Staff costs	3	(3,487,137)		(3,278,420)	
Depreciation		(266,264)		(250,045)	
Other operating charges		(2,138,027)		(1,939,510)	
Trading profit before			(5,891,428)		(5,467,975)
amortisation of goodwill			323,536		203,958
Amortisation of goodwill	7		(68,896)		(66,239)
Operating profit			254,640		137,719
Exceptional item					
Profit on sale of investment property			-		379,850
Net interest	2		(53,695)		(45,923)
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Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	1		200,945		471,646
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	4		(94,927)		(145,977)
Profit on ordinary activities					
after taxation	5		106,018		325,669
Dividends	6		(105,000)		(247,335)
Transfer to reserves	15		1,018		78,334

There were no recognised gains or losses other than the profit for the financial year.

# CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AT 30 JUNE 1999

	Note	1999 £	1999 £	1998 £	1998 £
Fixed assets		-	٥	2	~
Intangible assets Tangible assets	7 8		759,177 1,314,599 2,073,776		774,967 1,126,976
Current assets			2,073,770		1,901,943
Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	10	1,048,889 276,936 1,325,825		972,817 330,065 1,302,882	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(1,798,352)		(1,619,163)	
Net current liabilities			(472,527)		(316,281)
Total assets less current liabilities			1,601,249		1,585,662
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	12		(829,467)		(860,868)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	13		(5,215)		(7,393)
			766,567		717,401
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	14		215,804		213,424
Share premium account	15		353,331		323,563
Capital redemption reserve Profit and loss account	15 15		55,168 142,264		55,168 125,246
Shareholders' funds	16		766,567		717,401

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 23 September 1999.

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COMPANY BALANCE SHEET AT 30 JUNE 1999

		1999	1999	1998	1998
	Note	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	8		1		i
Investments	9		3,721,569		3,721,569
Current assets			3,721,570		3,721,570
Debtors	10	217,449		27,302	
Cash at bank and in hand		815	-	792	
Creditors: amounts falling due		218,264		28,094	
within one year	11	(162,830)	-	(486,087)	
Net current assets/(liabilities)			55,434		(457,993)
Total assets less current liabilities			3,777,004		3,263,577
Creditors: amounts falling due					
after more than one year	12		(2,135,189)		(2,178,439)
			1,641,815		1,085,138
Capital and reserves					
-					
Called up share capital	14		215,804		213,424
Share premium account	15 15		353,331		323,563
Capital redemption reserve	15		55,168		55,168
Profit and loss account	15		1,017,512		492,983
Shareholders' funds			1,641,815		1,085,138

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 23 September 1999.

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# CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1999

Note   1999   1999   1998						
Net cash inflow from operating activities   17					_	
Returns on investments and servicing of finance   39,242   43,215   (80,924)   Finance lease interest paid   (72,645)   (80,924)   Finance lease interest paid   (17,592)   (14,237)   (16,972)   (187,530)   (106,972)   (187,530)   (106,972)   (187,530)   (106,972)   (187,530)   (106,972)   (187,530)   (106,972)   (187,530)   (106,972)   (187,530)   (106,972)   (187,530)   (106,972)   (197,570)   (197,	·	Note	£	£	£	£
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	(Decrease) in cash	19		(53,129)		(429,102)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1999

## TURNOVER AND PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION

Turnover is attributable to residential and commercial estate agency, surveying and related activities.

The profit on ordinary activities is stated after:

	1999 £	1998 £
Auditors' remuneration	18,500	17,000
Depreciation and amortisation:		
Goodwill	68,896	66,239
Tangible fixed assets, owned	179,897	171,373
Tangible fixed assets, held under finance leases	86,367	81,926
(Profit) on disposal of tangible fixed assets	(4,546)	(3,254)
Operating lease rentals	<u>284,232</u>	246,874
Other operating income includes:		
Rents receivable (net)	90,333	64,993
NET INTEREST		
	1999	1998

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	1999	1998
	£	£
On bank loans and overdrafts	72,864	68,894
Finance charges in respect of finance leases	17,592	14,237
	90,456	83,131
Other interest receivable and similar income	(36,761)	(37,208)
	53,695	45,923

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1999

## 3 DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES

	1999	1998
	£	£
Staff costs during the year were as follows:		
Wages and salaries	3,077,171	2,916,820
Social security costs	297,009	274,710
Other pension costs	112,957	86,890
	3,487,137	3,278,420
The average number of employees of the group during the year was 244 (19	998: 225).	
The number of full time equivalent employees during the year was 164.		

Remuneration in respect of directors was as follows:

	199 <del>9</del>	1998
	£	£
Management remuneration	864,265	944,970
Pension contributions to money purchase pension schemes	98,214 962,479	72,521

During the year 4 directors (1998: 4 directors) participated in money purchase pension schemes.

The amounts set out above include remuneration in respect of the highest paid director as follows:

	1999	1998
	£	£
Emoluments	96,875	124,456
Pension contributions to money purchase pension schemes	11,141	8,238
	108,016	132,694

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## 4 TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

The taxation charge represents:

	1999	1998	
	£	£	
Corporation tax at 31% (1998: 31%)	95,000	137,094	
Deferred tax (note 13)	185	20,716	
	95,185	157,810	
Adjustments for prior year:			
Corporation tax	2,105	1,490	
Deferred tax (note 13)	(2,363)	(13,323)	
	94,927	145,977	
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## 5 PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION

The company has taken advantage of section 230 of the Companies Act 1985 and has not included its own profit and loss account in these financial statements. The group profit for the year includes a profit of £629,529 (1998: £75,313 loss), including dividends from subsidiary companies of £690,000 (1998: £247,335) which is dealt with in the financial statements of the company.

# 6 DIVIDENDS

	1999	1998
	£	£
Ordinary shares - special dividend of NILp per share (1998: 211.97p)		
paid to the largest shareholder	-	142,335
Ordinary shares - proposed final dividend of 48.65p per share (1998: 48.65p)	105,000	105,000
	105,000	247,335

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## 7 INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Goodwill £
The Group	
Cost	
At 1 July 1998	1,324,749
Additions At 30 June 1999	53,106
At 30 June 1999	1,377,855
Amounts written off	
At 1 July 1998	549,782
Provided in the year	68,896
At 30 June 1999	618,678
Net book amount at 30 June 1999	759,177
Net book amount at 30 June 1998	774,967
Goodwill included above relates to the following:	
	Goodwill at original cost £
Goodwill on consolidation relating to	
acquisition of Goadsby & Harding Limited	1,324,749
Purchased goodwill arising on acquisition	
of unincorporated business	53,106
•	1,377,855

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TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

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The Group

Long Freehold leaseholds properties £			2,019			567 80,718		567 80,718	1,452 526,464	1,492 371,945
Short leaseholds and leasehold improvements lease			162,490	107,430	7,260	114,690	ı	114,690	47,800	47,679
Fixtures, furniture and equipment	1,288,304	1,517,904	1,517,904	916,433	150,752	1,067,185	3	1,067,185	450,719	371,871
Motor vehicles	862,581	921,766 (44,799)	876,967	528,592	96,071	624,663	(35,860)	588,803	288,164	333,989
Total £	2,748,535	3,211,361 (44,799)	3,166,562	1,621,559	266,264	1,887,823	(35,860)	1,851,963	1,314,599	1,126,976
	Cost At 1 July 1998 Additions	Disposals	At 30 June 1999	Depreciation At 1. July 1998	Provided in the year		Eliminated on disposals	At 30 June 1999	Net book amount at 30 June 1999	Net book amount at 30 June 1998

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# 8 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS (CONTINUED)

The figures stated above include assets held under finance leases as follows:

	Gro	oup
	Equipment £	Motor vehicles
	r	£
Net book amount at 30 June 1999	170,427	202,271
Net book amount at 30 June 1998	<u>89,564</u>	210,518
Depreciation provided in the year	18,935	67,432
The gross amount of land and buildings on which depreciation is being provided	is as follows:	
	1999	1998
	£	£
Freehold properties	607,182	440,522
Long leaseholds	2,019	2,019
	609,201	442,541
The Company		
		Fixtures,
		furniture and equipment
Cost		£
At 1 July 1998 and		
at 30 June 1999		2,056
Depreciation		
At 1 July 1998 and		
at 30 June 1999		
Net book amount		
At 30 June 1999 and		
at 30 June 1998		<u> </u>

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## 9 FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

The company

Shares in group undertakings

Cost

At 1 July 1998 and at 30 June 1999

3,721,569

At 30 June 1999 the company had interests in the following group undertakings:

Name of group undertaking	Class of share capital held	Proportion held	Nature of business
Goadsby & Harding Limited	Ordinary	100%	Estate agents, surveyors and valuers
Goadsby & Harding (Survey & Valuation) Limited	Ordinary	100%	Valuers

## 10 DEBTORS

	The Group 1999	The Group 1998	The Company 1999	The Company 1998
	£	£	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:				
Trade debtors	835,735	743,841	-	_
Amounts owed by group undertakings	-	-	216,397	-
Other debtors	14,773	9,898	2	2
Prepayments and accrued income	197,331	191,778	-	_
	1,047,839	945,517	216,399	
Amounts falling due after more than one year:		•	·	
Advance corporation tax	1,050	27,300	1,050	27,300
÷	1,048,889	972,817	217,449	27,302

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## 11 CREDITORS - AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	The Group 1999	The Group 1998	The Company 1999	The Company 1998
	£	£	£	£
Bank loan	43,244	39,086	37,285	33,699
Trade creditors	445,006	420,732	-	2,350
Amount owed to subsidiary undertaking	-	-	16,500	307,450
Current corporation tax	68,750	78,617	-	-
Advance corporation tax	318	26,568	318	26,568
Social security and other taxes	294,248	246,676	-	-
Proposed dividends	106,274	106,274	106,274	106,274
Other creditors	34,316	15,893	4	3
Accruals	689,572	550,263	2,449	9,743
Amounts due under finance leases	116,624	135,054	-	-
	1,798,352	1,619,163	162,830	486,087

## 12 CREDITORS - AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	The Group 1999 £	The Group 1998 £	The Company 1999 £	The Company 1998 £
Bank loan	752,648	802,577	685,189	728,439
Loan from subsidiary undertaking	-	-	1,450,000	1,450,000
Amounts due under finance leases	76,819	58,291	-	-
	829,467	860,868	2,135,189	2,178,439
Loan from subsidiary undertaking	76,819	58,291	1,450,000	1,450,00

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## 12 CREDITORS - AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR (CONTINUED)

Borrowings are repayable as follows:

	The Group 1999	The Group 1998	The Company 1999	The Company 1998
	£	£	£	£
Within one year				
Bank loans and overdrafts	43,244	39,086	37,285	33,699
Finance leases	116,624	135,054		-
After one and within two years				
Bank loans	47,158	42,619	40,656	36,745
Finance leases	56,065	50,543	=	-
After two and within five years				
Bank loans	168,664	152,404	145,382	131,399
Finance leases	20,754	7,748	-	-
After five years				
Bank loans	536,826	607,554	499,151	560,295
Loan from group undertakings	-	_	1,450,000	1,450,000
-	989,335	1,035,008	2,172,474	2,212,138

The bank facilities are secured by fixed charges over freehold properties of Goadsby & Harding (Holdings) Limited and Goadsby & Harding Limited. There are also floating charges over the assets of these companies and unlimited cross-guarantees between the company and its subsidiary undertaking, Goadsby & Harding Limited.

The bank loans are repayable by instalments expiring in 2008 and 2010 and interest is charged at fluctuating market rates.

The loan from the subsidiary undertaking of £1,450,000 is repayable otherwise than by instalments and is interest free. It is repayable upon the joint agreement of Goadsby & Harding (Holdings) Limited and Goadsby & Harding Limited and it is not intended that the loan will be repayable within five years.

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## 13 PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES - DEFERRED TAXATION

The movements in the deferred taxation provision in the financial statements are set out below:

	The Group 1999	The Group 1998	The Company 1999	The Company 1998
	£	£	£	£
Accelerated capital allowances	15,199	11,665	-	-
Other timing differences	(9,984)	(4,272)	-	-
	5,215	7,393		
At 1 July 1998	7,393	-	_	-
Transfer to profit and loss account	(2,178)	7,393	-	-
At 30 June 1999	5,215	7,393		

Deferred tax has been provided in full.

## 14 SHARE CAPITAL

	1999 £	1998 £
Authorised 1,000,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	1,000,000	1,000,000
Allotted, called up and fully paid 215,804 (1998: 213,424) ordinary shares of £1 each	215,804	213,424

## Allotments during the year

The company made an allotment of 2,380 ordinary shares at £10.50 per share. The difference between the total consideration of £24,990 and the nominal value of £2,380 has been credited to the share premium account (£22,610).

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## 15 SHARE PREMIUM ACCOUNT AND RESERVES

	Share premium account The Group The Company		Capital redemption reserve The Group The Company		Profit and loss account The Group The Company	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
At 1 July 1998	323,563	323,563	55,168	55,168	125,246	492,983
Result for the year	-	-	-	-	1,018	524,529
Premium on allotment in year	22,610	22,610	_	_	_	_
Reduction in provision for	22,010	22,010				
preliminary expenses	7,158	7,158	-	-	16,000	-
At 30 June 1999	353,331	353,331	55,168	55,168	142,264	1,017,512

The cumulative amount of goodwill arising from acquisitions, which has been written off to group reserves, is £76,921 (1998: £76,921).

The balances on the share premium account and the capital redemption reserve may not be legally distributed under Section 263 of the Companies Act 1985.

## 16 RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

	The Group 1999	The Group 1998
	£	£
Profit for the financial year	106,018	325,669
Dividends	(105,000)	(247,335)
	1,018	78,334
Purchase of own shares	_	(176,650)
Goodwill written off to reserves	-	(76,921)
Issue of shares	24,990	-
Reduction in provision for preliminary expenses	23,158	-
Net increase/(decrease) in shareholders' funds	49,166	(175,237)
Shareholders' funds at 1 July 1998	717,401	892,638
Shareholders' funds at 30 June 1999	766,567	717,401

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## 17 NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	1999	1998	
	£	£	
Operating profit	254,640	137,719	
Depreciation	266,264	253,299	
Amortisation of goodwill	68,896	66,239	
(Profit) on sale of fixed assets	(4,546)	(3,254)	
Increase in debtors	(106,759)	(62,949)	
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	245,314	(188,591)	
Net cash inflow from operating activities	723,809	202,463	

## 18 RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH FLOW TO MOVEMENT IN NET DEBT

$oldsymbol{arepsilon}$	£
(Decrease) in cash in the year (53,129) (429,	102)
Cash outflow from financing 45,771 204,	994
Cash outflow from finance leases 153,791 140,	726
Change in net debt resulting from cash flows 146,433 (83,	382)
Inception of finance leases (153,889) (154,	250)
Movement in net debt in the year $(7,456)$ $(237,456)$	632)
Net debt at 1 July 1998 (704,943) (467,	311)
Net debt at 30 June 1999 (704,	943)

## 19 ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET DEBT

	At 1 July 1998 £	Cash flow £	Non-cash items £	At 30 June 1999 £
Cash at bank and in hand	330,065	(53,129)	-	276,936
Debt due within one year	(39,086)	(4,158)	_	(43,244)
Debt due after more than one year	(802,577)	49,929	-	(752,648)
Finance leases	(193,345)	153,791	(153,889)	(193,443)
	(704,943)	146,433	(153,889)	(712,399)

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## 20 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

	The Group	The Group	The Company	The Company
	1999	1998	1999	1998
	£	£	£	£
Contracted for but not provided in these financial statements	13,000	132,000	<del></del>	

#### 21 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

There were no contingent liabilities at 30 June 1999 or 30 June 1998.

## 22 PENSION COMMITMENTS

The company operates a number of defined contribution pension schemes designed to provide retirement benefits for its directors and employees. The assets of the schemes are held separately from those of the company in independently administered funds. Contributions totalling £16,164 (1998: £3,728) were payable to the funds at the year end and are included in creditors.

#### 23 OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

The group has operating lease payments amounting to £190,970 (1998: £167,250) which are due within one year. The leases to which these amounts relate expire as follows:

	1999		1998	
	Land and buildings £	Other £	Land and buildings £	Other £
In one year or less	30,970	200	11,950	200
Between one and five years	76,050	-	55,500	-
In five years or more	83,750	_	99,600	-
•	190,770	200	167,050	200

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## 24 POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

The company has agreed to acquire, shortly after the year end, 5,133 ordinary shares from News Communications & Media Plc.