# BULLDOG MAGAZINES LIMITED ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2000



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# AUDITORS' REPORT TO BULLDOG MAGAZINES LIMITED UNDER SECTION 247B OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

We have examined the abbreviated accounts set out on pages 2 to 4, together with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 March 2000 prepared under section 226 of the Companies Act 1985.

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated accounts in accordance with section 246 of the Companies Act 1985. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to whether the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with sections 246(5) and (6) of the Act to the registrar of companies and whether the accounts to be delivered are properly prepared in accordance with those provisions and to report our opinion to you.

#### Basis of opinion

We have carried out the procedures we considered necessary to confirm, by reference to the financial statements, that the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts and that the abbreviated accounts to be delivered are properly prepared. The scope of our work for the purpose of this report did not include examining or dealing with events after the date of our report on the financial statements.

#### Opinion

In our opinion the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with sections 246(5) and (6) of the Companies Act 1985, and the abbreviated accounts on pages 2 to 4 are properly prepared in accordance with those provisions.

Smith & Williamson

Smith with -

Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditors

14 December 2000

Onslow Bridge Chambers Bridge Street Guildford GU1 4RA

# ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2000

		200	00	1999	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	2		-		3,500
Investments	2		51,765		51,765
			51,765		55,265
Current assets					
Stocks		14,315		20,702	
Debtors		215,253		101,936	
Cash at bank and in hand		378,664		583,397	
		608,232		706,035	
Creditors: amounts falling due within					
one year		(353,906)		(502,468)	
Net current assets			254,326		203,567
Total assets less current liabilities			306,091		258,832
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	3		45,454		45,454
Share premium account			9,546		9,546
Profit and loss account			251,091		203,832
Shareholders' funds			306,091		258,832

These abbreviated accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the board on 14 December 2000

PDR Dobson

Director

D M Kirke-Smith

**Director** 

# NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2000

#### 1 Accounting policies

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

#### 1.2 Compliance with accounting standards

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

#### 1.3 Turnover

Turnover represents amounts receivable for goods and services net of VAT and trade discounts.

#### 1.4 Goodwill

Acquired goodwill is written off in equal annual instalments over its estimated useful economic life.

#### 1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Fixtures, fittings & equipment

20% Straight line

#### 1.6 Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at cost less provision for diminution in value.

#### 1.7 Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

#### 1.8 Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided at appropriate rates on all timing differences using the liability method only to the extent that, in the opinion of the directors, there is a reasonable probability that a liability or asset will crystallise in the foreseeable future.

#### 1.9 Group accounts

The financial statements present information about the company as an individual undertaking and not about its group. The company and its subsidiary undertaking comprise a small-sized group. The company has therefore taken advantage of the exemptions provided by section 248 of the Companies Act 1985 not to prepare group accounts.

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# NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2000

1	Fixed assets				
		Intangible assets	Tangible assets	Investments	Total
		£	£	£	£
	Cost				
	At 1 April 1999 & at 31 March 2000	35,000	380	51,765	87,145
	Depreciation				
	At 1 April 1999	31,500	380	-	31,880
	Charge for the year	3,500	-	-	3,500
	At 31 March 2000	35,000	380		35,380
	Net book value				
	At 31 March 2000	-	-	51,765	51,765
	At 31 March 1999	3,500		51,765	55,265

#### Holdings of more than 20%

The company holds more than 20% of the share capital of the following companies:

Company	Country of registration or	Shares held	
	incorporation	Class	%
Subsidiary undertakings			
The British Connection Inc.	USA	Ordinary	100

The aggregate amount of capital and reserves and the results of these undertakings for the last relevant financial year were as follows:

	Capital and	Profit for the
	reserves	year
The British Connection Inc.	(261,546)	15,037

The company owns 100% of the issued share capital of The British Connection Inc., a magazine distribution business operating in North America which makes up accounts to 31 March each year.

As stated in the accounting policies note group accounts are not prepared by virtue of the exemption conferred by section 248 of the Companies Act 1985.

3	Share capital	2000 £	1999 £
	Authorised	_	~
	100,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	100,000	100,000
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	Allotted, called up and fully paid		
	45,454 Ordinary shares of £1 each	45,454	45,454