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East Anglian Daily Times Company Limited

Report and Financial Statements

31 December 2002



East Anglian Daily Times Company Limited

Registered No. 2560197

DIRECTORS

J A Fry
A D Jeakings
J O Ellison

SECRETARY

J O Ellison

AUDITORS

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2002.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY AND REVIEW OF BUSINESS

The company did not trade during the year.

DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS

The directors who held office during the year were as follows :

	Appointed	Resigned
P M Strong		May 22, 2002
G H C Copeman		March 1, 2002
C H Lawrence		November 28, 2002
J O Ellison	May 22, 2002	
J A Fry	October 4, 2002	
A D Jeakings	October 4, 2002	

Mr J A Fry and Mr A D Jeakings were also directors of the holding company at 31 December 2002 and have declared their interests in the shares of the holding company in that company's accounts.

Mr J O Ellison had the following interests in the shares of the holding company:

	on appointment	at 31 December 2002
Ordinary shares of 20p each	12,131	12,180

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE ACCOUNTS

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts for each financial year which 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 those accounts, 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 accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors confirm that the accounts comply with the above requirements.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 1985. They 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.

By order of the board



J O Ellison
Secretary
16 July 2003

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF EAST ANGLIAN DAILY TIMES COMPANY LIMITED

We have audited the company's financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2002 which comprise the Balance Sheet and the related notes 1 to 5. These financial statements have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and United Kingdom Auditing Standards.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Directors' Report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transactions with the company is not disclosed.

We read the Directors' Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with United Kingdom 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 judgments made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's 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 as at 31 December 2002 and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'EY by UP', is written over the printed name of the auditor.

Ernst & Young LLP
Registered Auditor
Cambridge
16 July 2003

East Anglian Daily Times Company Limited

BALANCE SHEET

at 31 December 2002

	Notes	2002 £	2001 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors - amounts owed by parent company		8,167,654	8,167,654
NET ASSETS		<u>8,167,654</u>	<u>8,167,654</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	3	5,000,000	5,000,000
Share premium account		3,167,654	3,167,654
Profit and loss account		-	-
EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		<u>8,167,654</u>	<u>8,167,654</u>

These accounts were approved by the Board of Directors
on 16 July 2003 and signed on their behalf by:


A D Jeakings
Director

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

at 31 December 2002

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

2 PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

The company has not traded during the year and accordingly it has made neither a profit nor a loss. No profit and loss account has therefore been prepared.

3 SHARE CAPITAL

	Authorised ----->		Allotted, called up & fully paid	
	2002 No.	2001 No.	2002 £	2001 £
Ordinary shares of £1 each	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000

4 HOLDING COMPANY

At 31 December 2002, the parent undertaking for which group accounts were drawn up and of which the company was a member was Archant Limited, registered in England and Wales. Copies of that company's accounts can be obtained from The Registrar, Companies House, Crown Way, Maindy, Cardiff.