

# **Radio Productions London Limited**

**Report and Financial Statements**  
**29 June 2008**

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## **Directors' report**

**For the year ended 29 June 2008**

The Directors present their annual report on the affairs of Radio Productions London Limited ("the Company") together with the financial statements and auditors' report for the 52 weeks ended 29 June 2008 ("the year").

### **Principal activity**

The principal activity of the Company is that of an investment holding company within the Newscorp Investments group.

### **Business review**

A business review has not been completed for the Company because it is defined under Section 247 of the Companies Act as a small company.

### **Principal risks and uncertainties facing the business**

A summary of the principal risks and uncertainties facing the Company has not been completed because it is defined under Section 247 of the Companies Act as a small company.

### **Results and dividends**

The Company's profit for the financial year was £Nil (2007 - £1,687,000).

No dividends have been paid in 2008 (2007 - £31,284,821).

### **Directors and their interests**

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

S. W. Daintith	(resigned 17 July 2008)
M. C. Gill	(appointed 13 August 2007)
S. F. Hutson	(resigned 20 March 2008)
C. Stone	(appointed 10 March 2008)

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

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

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

News Corporation has indemnified one or more Directors of the Company against liability in respect of proceedings brought by third parties, subject to the conditions set out in the Companies Act 1985. Such qualifying third party indemnity provision was in force during the year and is in force as at the date of approving the Directors' Report.

### **Charitable and political contributions**

The Company has made no charitable or political contributions in the year (2007 - £Nil).

### **Auditors**

The Directors have passed a resolution to dispense with the requirement to reappoint auditors annually. Ernst & Young LLP are deemed to be reappointed as auditors in the absence of a notice that the appointment is to be terminated.

## Directors' Report - continued

### Statement of Directors' responsibilities

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 of its profit or loss 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;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; 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 responsible for keeping proper accounting records which 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 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.

### Directors' statement of disclosure of information to auditors

The Directors who were members of the Board at the time of approving the Director's Report are listed on page 1. Having made enquiries of fellow Directors and of the Company's auditors, each of these Directors confirms that:

- to the best of each Director's knowledge and belief, there is no information relevant to the preparation of their report of which the Company's auditors are unaware; and
- each Director has taken all steps a director might reasonably be expected to have taken to be aware of relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information.

By order of the Board



M. C. Gill  
Director

1 Virginia Street  
London  
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11 November 2008

## **Independent Auditors' report**

**To the members of Radio Productions London Limited**

We have audited the Company's financial statements for the 52 weeks ended 29 June 2008 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes numbered 1 to 9. 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**

The Directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) as set out in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view, are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985 and that the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements.

In addition, we report to you if, in our opinion, 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 other transactions are 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 International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) 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, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the Company's affairs as at 29 June 2008 and of its result for the 52 weeks then ended;
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985; and
- the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements.

Ernst & Young LLP  
Registered auditor  
London

*Ernst & Young LLP*  
*14/11/2008*

## Profit and loss account

For the year ended 29 June 2008

	Notes	2008 £'000	2007 £'000
Operating expenses		-	6
<b>Operating profit</b>	2	-	6
Loss on disposal of fixed asset investment	3	-	(25)
Interest receivable and similar income	5	-	1,706
<b>Profit on ordinary activities before taxation</b>		-	1,687
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	6	-	-
<b>Profit for the financial year</b>	8	-	1,687

There are no recognised gains or losses other than the profit attributable to shareholders of the Company of £Nil in the year ended 29 June 2008 (2007 - £ 1,687,000).

Details of movements in reserves are shown in note 8.

All operations of the Company continued throughout both years and no operations were acquired or discontinued.

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this profit and loss account.

## Balance sheet

As at 29 June 2008

	Notes	2008 £'000	2007 £'000
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors		-	-
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<b>Net current assets</b>		-	-
		<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Net assets</b>		-	-
		<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Equity capital and reserves</b>			
Called-up share capital	8	-	-
Profit and loss account	8	-	-
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<b>Equity shareholders' funds</b>	8	-	-
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The financial statements on pages 4 to 8 were approved by the Board of Directors on 11 November 2008 and signed on its behalf by:



M. C. Gill  
Director

11 November 2008

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

# Notes to the financial statements

29 June 2008

## 1 Principal accounting policies

### Basis of preparation

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

The financial statements of the Company are made up to the Sunday closest to the 30 June each year. Consequently, the financial statements for the current period cover 52 weeks ended 29 June 2008.

The principal accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding year.

### Cash flow statement

The Company is exempt from the requirement of FRS 1 'Cash Flow Statements' to include a cash flow statement as part of its financial statements because it is a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking of a body corporate and consolidated cash flow statement is included in the financial statements of News Corporation, the ultimate parent company.

### Taxation

Current tax, including UK corporation tax and foreign tax, is provided at amounts expected to be paid (or recovered) using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events have occurred at that date that will result in an obligation to pay more, or a right to pay less or to receive more, tax.

Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that the Directors consider that it is more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted.

Deferred tax is measured on an undiscounted basis at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which timing differences reverse, based on tax rates and laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

### Related party transactions

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

## 2 Operating profit

The Directors of the Company received no remuneration for their services to the Company during the year (2007 - £Nil). The Directors received emoluments for their services provided to other group undertakings as disclosed in the financial statements of those companies.

The Company has no employees (2007 - None).

## 3 Loss on disposal of fixed assets

	2008 £'000	2007 £'000
Loss on disposal of Sky Radio	-	(25)



## Notes to the financial statements - continued

### 4 Auditors' remuneration

	2008 £'000	2007 £'000
Audit of the financial statements	6	6

Auditors' remuneration, including amounts in respect of non-audit services, is borne by another group undertaking.

### 5 Interest receivable and similar income

	2008 £'000	2007 £'000
Interest income from group undertakings	-	1,681
Other interest receivable	-	25
	-	1,706

### 6 Tax on profit on ordinary activities

#### a) Factors affecting current tax charge

The tax assessed on the profit on the ordinary activities for the year is £Nil (2007 - £Nil). The difference between the tax assessed and the standard rate of corporation tax of 30% from 2 July 2007 to 31 March 2008 and 28% from 1 April 2008 to 29 June 2008 (2007 - 30%) is explained below:

	2008 £'000	2007 £'000
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	-	1,687
Corporation tax at 29.5% (2007 - 30%)	-	506
Permanent differences	-	8
Group relief claimed	-	(514)
Total current tax	-	-

#### b) Factors affecting future tax charge

The standard rate of Corporation Tax in the UK changed to 28% with effect from 1 April 2008. In addition, the UK government has enacted a number of significant changes to the Capital Allowances regime through Finance Act 2007 and Finance Act 2008. These changes include reducing the rate of allowances on plant and machinery from 25% to 20% (10% for certain fixtures integral to a building), abolition of balancing adjustments on the sale of an industrial building and phased abolition of Industrial Buildings Allowances by 31 March 2011.

## Notes to the financial statements - continued

### 7 Dividends

	2008 £'000	2007 £'000
Equity dividend on ordinary shares: £Nil per ordinary share (2007 - £312,850)	-	31,285

### 8 Equity capital and reserves

#### a) Called-up equity share capital

	2008 £	2007 £
Authorised, allotted and fully-paid: 100 ordinary shares of £1 each	100	100

#### b) Reserves

	Profit and loss account £'000
At beginning and end of the year	-

#### c) Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds

	2008 £'000	2007 £'000
Profit for the financial year	-	1,687
Equity dividends paid on ordinary shares	-	(31,285)
Net reduction to shareholders' funds	-	(29,598)
Opening shareholders' funds	-	29,598
Closing shareholders' funds	-	-

### 9 Ultimate parent company

The Company's immediate parent company is NI Radio Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales.

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

The largest group in which the results of the Company are consolidated is that headed by News Corporation, whose principal place of business is at 1211 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY10024. The smallest group in which they are consolidated is that headed by Newscorp Investments, a company incorporated in England and Wales. The consolidated financial statements of these groups are available to the public and may be obtained from 1 Virginia Street, London, E98 1FN.