Registered number: 03359692

BAUER AR HOLDINGS LIMITED

Directors' Report and Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 December 2014

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Company Information

Directors

P Keenan

D Ford

S Vickery

Company secretary

Bauer Group Secretariat Limited

Registered number

03359692

Registered office

1 Lincoln Court Lincoln Road Peterborough PE1 2RF

Independent auditor

Grant Thornton UK LLP

Registered Auditor & Chartered Accountants

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Directors' Report For the Year Ended 31 December 2014

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2014.

Results and dividends

The profit for the year, after taxation, amounted to £48,000 (2013 - £NIL).

The directors do not recommend the payment of a final dividend (2013: £NIL).

Directors

The directors who served during the year were:

P Keenan

D Ford

S Vickery

Going concern

Notwithstanding the fact that the Company has net liabilities, the directors have prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis. The directors have received confirmation from Bauer Radio Limited, a parent company, of its intention to financially support the Company such that they can meet their obligations as they fall due for a period of at least twelve months from the date of the directors approval of these financial statements.

Directors' responsibilities statement

The directors are responsible for preparing the Strategic Report, the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards 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 these financial statements, the directors are required to:

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

The directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements and other information included in Directors' Reports may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Directors' Report For the Year Ended 31 December 2014

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the persons who are directors at the time when this Directors' Report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware, and
- that director has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a director in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information.

Auditor

Grant Thornton UK LLP, was appointed as auditor by the directors to fill a vacancy in accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006.

Grant Thornton UK LLP, has indicated its willingness to continue in office. The Company has elected under section 487 of the Companies Act 2006 not to re-appoint the auditor annually. Therefore the auditor, Grant Thornton UK LLP, is deemed to be re-appointed for the next financial year.

This report was approved by the board on 29 June 2015 and signed on its behalf.

S Vickery Director

Strategic Report For the Year Ended 31 December 2014

Business review

The Company is an investment holding company. It did not trade during the year and is not expected to do so in 2014.

Financial key performance indicators

Given the straight forward nature of the business, the Company's directors are of the opinion that analysis using KPIs is not necessary for an understanding of the development, performance or the position of the business.

This report was approved by the board on 29 June 2015 and signed on its behalf.

S Vickery Director

Independent Auditor's Report to the Shareholders of Bauer AR Holdings Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Bauer AR Holdings Limited for the year ended 31 December 2014, which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the Company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. 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 Auditor's 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 auditor

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

A description of the scope of an audit of financial statements is provided on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditscopeukprivate.

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 December 2014 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

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

Steven Leith (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of

Grant Thornton UK LLP

Statutory Auditor

Chartered Accountants

London

29 June 2015

Profit and Loss Account For the Year Ended 31 December 2014

| | Note | 2014 £000 | 2013 £000 |
|---|------|--------------|--------------|
| Profit on ordinary activities before taxation | 2 | - | - |
| Tax on profit on ordinary activities | 4 | 48 | |
| Profit for the financial year | _ | 48 | - |
| - | | | |

All amounts relate to continuing operations.

There were no recognised gains and losses for 2014 or 2013 other than those included in the Profit and Loss Account.

The notes on pages 7 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet As at 31 December 2014

| | Note | £000 | 2014 £000 | £000 | 2013 £000 |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|------|--------------|
| Fixed assets | ٠ | | | | |
| Investments | 5 | | 20,200 | | 20,200 |
| Current assets | | | | | |
| Debtors | 6 | - | | 36 | |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 7 | (15,445) | | (2) | |
| Net current (liabilities)/assets | - | <u> </u> | (15,445) | | 34 |
| Total assets less current liabilities | | _ | 4,755 | _ | 20,234 |
| Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year | 8 | _ | | | (15,527) |
| Net assets | | _ | 4,755 | _ | 4,707 |
| Capital and reserves | | - | | _ | |
| Called up share capital | 9 | | 3,954 | | 3,954 |
| Share premium account | 10 | | 777 | | 777 |
| Profit and loss account | 10 | _ | 24 | _ | (24) |
| Shareholders' funds | 11 | | 4,755 | _ | 4,707 |

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf on 29 June 2015.

S Vickery Director

The notes on pages 7 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2014

1. Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

These financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis, under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom. The directors, in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 18, "Accounting Policies" ("FRS 18"), confirm that the accounting policies used by the Company are the most appropriate, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

The Company is itself a subsidiary company and is exempt from the requirement to prepare group accounts by virtue of section 400 of the Companies Act 2006. These financial statements therefore present information about the Company as an individual undertaking and not about its group.

1.2 Going concern

The Company is dependent on continuing financial support made available by a parent company, Bauer Radio Limited. Continuing financial support is required both to enable the Company to meet its liabilities as they fall due and to continue operating without immediate realisation of all its assets. Bauer Radio Limited, has confirmed its intention to maintain its financial support for the foreseeable future and consequently these accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.

1.3 Cash flow

The Company, being a subsidiary undertaking where 90% or more of the voting rights are controlled within the group whose consolidated financial statements are publicly available, is exempt from the requirement to draw up a cash flow statement in accordance with FRS 1.

1.4 Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at cost less provisions for impairment.

The need for any fixed asset impairment write-down is assessed by comparison of the carrying value of the asset against the higher of its realisable value and its value in use.

2. Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation

Fees for the audit of the Company were borne by fellow group undertakings for both years and have not been recharged.

There were no fees paid to the Company's auditor, Grant Thornton UK LLP, for any non audit services to the Company for the year (2013: PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP £NIL).

3. Staff costs

The Company has no employees other than the directors, who did not receive any remuneration (2013 - £NIL).

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2014

| Taxation | | |
|--|--------------------|------------------------|
| | 2014 £000 | 2013 £000 |
| UK corporation tax credit on profit for the year | (48) | - |
| Factors affecting tax charge for the year | • | |
| | | |
| The tax assessed for the year is lower than (2013 - the same as) the UK of 21.5% (2013 - 23.25%). The differences are explained by | | oration tax ir |
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Factors that may affect future tax charges

The Company has an unrecognised deferred tax asset at 31 December 2014 of £66,000 (2013: £49,000) which primarily comprises unused deficits carried forward. Deferred tax assets are only recognised to the extent that they are more likely than not to be recovered in the foreseeable future.

5. Fixed asset investments

| | Investments |
|--|------------------|
| | in subsidiary |
| | companies |
| | £000£ |
| Cost or valuation | |
| At 1 January 2014 and 31 December 2014 | 30,368 |
| Impairment | |
| At 1 January 2014 and 31 December 2014 | 10,168 |
| Net book value | |
| At 31 December 2014 | 20,200 |
| | |
| At 31 December 2013 | 20,200 |
| | |

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2014

5. Fixed asset investments (continued)

Subsidiary undertakings

The following were subsidiary undertakings of the Company:

| Name | Class of shares | Holding |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|---------|
| Absolute Radio Ltd | Ordinary | 100% |
| Bauer AR Digital Radio Ltd | Ordinary | 100% |
| One Golden Square Creative Limited | Ordinary | 100% |

| Name | Business | Registered office |
|------------------------------------|--|-------------------|
| Absolute Radio Ltd | Broadcasting | England |
| Bauer AR Digital Radio Ltd | Holding company | Scotland |
| One Golden Square Creative Limited | Exploitation of rights in music and digital applications | England |

The carrying value of the Company's investment is reviewed for impairment when there are indications that the asset may be impaired. When testing for impairment, recoverable amounts are measured at their value in use by discounting the future expected cash flows from the investments.

In the opinion of the directors the value of investments is not less than the aggregate amount at which they are stated in the balance sheet.

6. Debtors

| | 2014 | 2013 |
|------------------------------------|----------|------|
| | £000 | £000 |
| Amounts owed by group undertakings | • | 36 |
| | <u>=</u> | |

Amounts owed by other group undertakings are unsecured, interest free and have no fixed date of repayment.

7. Creditors:

Amounts falling due within one year

| | 2014 £000 | 2013 £000 |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Amounts owed to group undertakings | 15,445 | 2 |
| | | |

The amounts due to other group undertakings are unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand.

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2014

| ## Amounts owed to group undertakings Amounts owed to group undertakings are unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand. 9. Share capital 2014 2013 2000 | 8. | Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year | | |
|--|-----|---|--------------------|------------------------------------|
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| Profit for the financial year 48 - | | | | 2013 £000 |
| Closing shareholders' funds 4,755 4,707 | | | | 4,707 - |
| | | Closing shareholders' funds | 4,755 | 4,707 |

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2014

12. Ultimate parent controlling party and related party transactions

The immediate parent company is Bauer Golden Square Limited.

Heinrich Bauer Verlag KG, established in Germany, is regarded by the directors as the Company's ultimate controlling party.

The only parent undertaking for which Group accounts are drawn up is Heinrich Bauer Verlag KG, registered in Germany. Copies of Heinrich Bauer Verlag KG accounts are publicly available.

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No 8 "Related party disclosures" and has not disclosed transactions with wholly owned group undertakings.