ITN ARCHIVE LIMITED

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2003

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## **COMPANY INFORMATION**

Directors J. H. Scorer A. J. Whitaker M. W. Wood

Company Secretary J. H. Scorer

Registered Office 200 Gray's Inn Road London WC1X 8XZ

Registered Number 3807324

Auditors
Deloitte & Touche LLP

Bankers Barclays Bank PLC

#### **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

The directors present their annual report on the affairs of the company, together with the accounts and the report of the auditors for the year ended 31st December 2003.

### **Principal activities**

The principal activities of the company are to sell and market the television archive of Independent Television News Limited in the United States, Canada, Mexico along with any other archives that Independent Television News Limited has the right to sell.

#### Results and dividends

The company's results are set out on page 4. The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend. (2002 £nil). The directors expect a similar level of activity for the foreseeable future.

#### Directors and their interests

The directors who served during the year are as shown below:

S. P. Purvis (resigned on 22nd July 2003)

J. H. Scorer

A. J. Whitaker

M. W. Wood (appointed on 25th July 2003)

During the year to 31st December 2003 the directors had no interests in the shares of the company or any other group company.

A resolution to re-appoint Deloitte & Touche LLP as the company's auditor will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

## Directors' responsibilities

Directors are required by the Companies Act 1985 to ensure that accounts for each financial year are prepared which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and the profit or loss for that period. In preparing the accounts, the directors confirm that suitable accounting policies have been used and applied consistently, that reasonable and prudent judgements have been made where appropriate, that the accounts have been drawn up on a going concern basis, and that applicable accounting standards have been followed. It is also the directors' responsibility to ensure that adequate accounting records are maintained 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 as well as to operate a suitable system of internal control and to safeguard the assets of the company and to take reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

By order of the Board

J. H. Scorer Secretary

200 Gray's Inn Road London

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22nd October 2004

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

#### To the Shareholders of ITN Archive Limited

We have audited the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2003 which comprise the profit and loss account, the balance sheet and the related notes 1 to 13. These accounts have been prepared under 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 accounts in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards. Our responsibility is to audit the accounts in accordance with relevant United Kingdom legal and regulatory requirements and auditing standards.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the accounts 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 accounts, 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 and other members of the group is not disclosed.

We read the directors' report and the other information contained in the annual report for the above year as described in the contents section and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the accounts.

#### 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 accounts. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the accounts, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the circumstances of the company 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 accounts 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 accounts.

## Opinion

In our opinion the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company at 31st December 2003 and of the company's loss for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Deloitte & Touche LLP

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

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London

22nd October 2004

# PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2003

Notes

		2003 £	2002 £
Turnover	(2)	814,213	716,771
Cost of sales		(765,203)	(696,009)
Gross profit		49,010	20,762
Administrative expenses		(172,676)	(183,243)
Operating loss on ordinary activities before taxation	(3)	(123,666)	(162,481)
Taxation	(5)	-	-
Loss on ordinary activities after taxation		(123,666)	(162,481)
Retained loss for the year	(9)	(123,666)	(162,481)

There are no recognised gains and losses in the current and preceding period other than those included in arriving at the result for the year and preceding year. All activities are continuing.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these accounts.

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2003

Notes

Current assets Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	(6)	2003 £ 121,202 186,819	2002 f 121,120 204,352
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(7)	308,021	325,472 (788,398)
Net liabilities	-	(586,592)	(462,926)
Equity capital and reserves Called-up share capital Profit and loss account	(8) (9)	2 (586,594)	2 (462,928)
Shareholders' funds	(10)	(586,592)	(462,926)

The accounts on pages 4 to 9 were approved by the Board on 22nd October 2004 and signed on its behalf by:

M. W. Wood Director

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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these accounts.

#### **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

#### 1. Accounting Policies

A summary of the principal accounting policies, all of which have been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding year with the exception of the policy for deferred taxation, is set out below:

#### (a) Basis of accounting

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

The directors of Independent Television News Limited have confirmed that they will continue to provide financial support to the company for a period of at least 12 months from the date of signing these financial statements such that the company can continue to settle third party liabilities as they fall due.

#### (b) Turnover

Turnover comprises the value of sales (excluding VAT and similar taxes) of services in the normal course of business.

#### (c) Cash flow statement

A cash flow statement has not been prepared because the company is a wholly owned subsidiary of a company incorporated in Great Britain which prepares a consolidated cash flow statement and whose accounts are publicly available.

## (d) Related party transactions

The company has taken advantage of exemption under the rules of Financial Reporting Standard No. 8 not to disclose related party transactions as over 90% of the voting rights of the company are controlled by the ultimate parent company, Independent Television News Limited and whose accounts are publicly available.

#### (e) Foreign currency

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are initially recorded at actual exchange rates as of the date of the transaction or, if hedged, at the forward contract rate. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange prevailing at that date or, if appropriate, at the forward contract rate. All exchange differences are included in the profit and loss account.

## (f) Taxation

Current 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 provided in full on timing differences that result in an obligation at the balance sheet date to pay more tax, or a right to pay less tax, at a future date, at rates expected to apply when they crystallise based on current tax rates and law. Timing differences arise from the inclusion of items of income and expenditure in taxation computations in periods different from those in which they are included in financial statements. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is regarded as more likely than not that they will be recovered. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

## (g) Leases

Rentals under operating leases are charged on a straight-line basis over the lease term, even if payments are not made on such a basis. Benefits received and receivable as an incentive to sign an operating lease are similarly spread on a straight-line basis over the lease term, except where the period to the review date on which the rent is first expected to be adjusted to the prevailing market rate is shorter than the full lease term, in which case the shorter period is used.

#### 2. Turnover

All turnover relates to revenue from licence fees from the USA, Canada and Mexico. Turnover is shown gross of commissions to third parties.

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

## 3. Loss on ordinary activities before taxation

Loss on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging:

	2003 £	2002 £
Operating lease rentals		
- land and buildings	27,314	63,887
	5.000	5,000
- Audit ices	3,000	
Staff costs		
The company has three employees (excluding directors) during the year (2002 three) and the d received no remuneration in respect of services provided to the company (2002 £nil).	irectors	
	2003 £	2002 £
Wages and salaries	118,718	131,565
	11,156 5,893	3,431 4,569
	135,767	139,565
Analysis of tax charge on ordinary activities	2003	2002
	£	£
Current tax Deferred tax	•	-
		-
The tax assessed for the period is lower than that resulting from applying the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK: 30% (2002:30%).		
The differences are explained below:	2002	2002
	2003 £	2002 £
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation	(123,666)	(162,481)
Tax at 30% thereon:	(37,100)	(48,744)
Effects of: Group relief	37,100	48,744
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Current tax charge for the year	-	-
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The company has unutilised US tax losses of £293,635 carried forward at 31st December 2003 that have not been recognised.

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

6.	Debtors		
		2003 £	2002 £
	Trade debtors Called up share capital not paid	121,200 2	118,999 2
	Prepayments and accrued income	<u>.</u>	2,119
		121,202	121,120
7.	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
		2003 £	2002 £
	Amounts owed to parent undertaking Accruals and deferred income	724,374 170,239	624,603 163,795
		894,613	788,398
8.	Called-up share capital		
		2003 £	2002 £
	Authorised:	*	£
	100 ordinary shares of £1 each	100	100
	Allotted, called-up and not paid: 2 ordinary shares of £1 each	2	2
9.	Profit and loss account		
		2003 £	2002 £
	At 1st January	(462,928)	(300,447)
	Loss for the period	(123,666)	(162,481)
	At 31st December	(586,594)	(462,928)
10.	Reconciliation of movement in shareholders' funds		
		2003 €	2002 £
	At 1st January	(462,926)	(300,445)
	Retained loss for the period	(123,666)	(162,481)
	At 31st December	(586,592)	(462,926)

## **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

## 11. Operating lease commitments

At 31st December 2003 the company had minimum annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	Land and buildings 2003	Land and buildings 2002
Operating leases which expire:	£	£
- within one year	30,000	30,000

## 12. Ultimate controlling party

The directors regard Independent Television News Limited, a company registered in England and Wales, as the ultimate parent company and the ultimate controlling party. Independent Television News Limited is the parent company of the largest and smallest group of which the company is a member and for which group accounts are drawn up. Copies of the accounts are available from the Company Secretary, Independent Television News Limited, 200 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8XZ.

## 13. Related party transactions

The company made payments of £177,820 (2002 £159,743) to Reuters Group Plc, a shareholder of Independent Television News Limited, in respect of commissions payable.