

**Flextech Broadcasting Limited**

**Directors' report and financial  
statements**

Registered number 4125325

31 December 2003



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## **Directors' report**

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2003.

### **Principal activity**

The principal activity of the company is to hold investments in the 4 main television channels operated by various Flextech subsidiaries being UK Living Limited, Bravo TV Limited, Maidstone Broadcasting and Starstream Limited which operate the 'Living', 'Bravo', 'Challenge' and 'Trouble' television channels respectively.

### **Subsequent Events**

In July 2004 the Company's ultimate parent, Telewest Communications plc, successfully completed its financial restructuring and Telewest Global, Inc. became the Company's ultimate holding company. Further details are set out in note 1, basis of preparation.

### **Dividends**

The directors are unable to recommend the payment of a dividend (2002: £nil).

### **Directors and directors' interests**

The directors who held office during the period and to the date of this report were as follows:

CJ Burdick (resigned 18 February 2004)  
SS Cook  
MW Luiz (resigned 31 October 2003)  
LM Opie (appointed 16 September 2003)  
NR Smith (appointed 15 September 2003)

None of the directors had any disclosable interest in the shares of the Company during the period.

SS Cook and CJ Burdick were also directors of Telewest Communications plc at the period end. The interests of the director who held office at the end of the period in the share capital of that company are disclosed in the Telewest Communications plc group accounts.

According to the register of directors' interests, no rights to subscribe for shares in or debentures of the Company were granted to any of the directors or their immediate families, or exercised by them, during the financial period.

## Directors' report *(continued)*

### Auditor

Pursuant to a shareholders' resolution, the Company is not obliged to reappoint its auditor annually and KPMG Audit Plc will therefore continue in office.

By order of the board



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29 October 2004

## Statement of directors' responsibilities

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the 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;
- 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 maintaining 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 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.



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## **Independent auditors' report to the members of Flextech Broadcasting Limited**

We have audited the financial statements on pages 6 to 11.

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 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 any audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

### **Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors**

The directors are responsible for preparing the directors' report and, as described on page 3, the financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards. Our responsibilities, as independent auditors, are established in the United Kingdom by statute, the Auditing Practices Board and by our profession's ethical guidance.

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.

### **Basis of audit opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with 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 judgements 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.

**Independent auditors' report to the members of Flextech Broadcasting Limited**  
*(continued)*

**Opinion**

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 December 2003 and of its result for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

**KPMG Audit Plc**  
*Chartered Accountants*  
*Registered Auditor*

*KPMG Audit Plc*

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*29 October* 2004

## Profit and loss account

*for the year ended 31 December 2003*

	<i>Note</i>	<b>2003</b> <b>£000</b>	2002 £000
<b>Turnover</b>		-	-
<b>Operating loss</b>		-	-
Amounts written off investments	4	-	(285,700)
<b>Loss on ordinary activities before and after taxation and retained for the period</b>		-	(285,700)

All the above results are derived from continuing operations.

The Company has no recognised gains or losses other than those included in the profit and loss account and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented.

The historical cost result in the current and prior period is the same as that reported above.

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these financial statements.



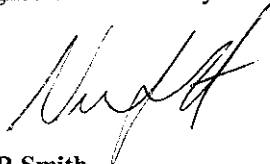
## Balance sheet

at 31 December 2003

	Note	2003 £000	2002 £000
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Investments	4	196,200	196,200
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>196,200</u>	<u>196,200</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Called up share capital	5	1,131,810	1,131,810
Profit and loss account		<u>(935,610)</u>	<u>(935,610)</u>
<b>Shareholders' funds - equity</b>	6	<u>196,200</u>	<u>196,200</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on  
 signed on its behalf by:

29 October 2004 and were



**NR Smith**  
 Director

## Notes

*(forming part of the financial statements)*

### 1 Accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the Company's financial statements.

#### *Basis of preparation*

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable UK accounting standards and under the historical cost accounting rules.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, which the directors believe to be appropriate as the Company relies on support from its ultimate holding company. The ultimate holding company was Telewest Communications plc at 31 December 2003.

In July 2004, Telewest Communications plc successfully completed its financial restructuring. This resulted in the reorganisation of the business and operations of Telewest Communications plc and its subsidiaries ("the group") under Telewest Global, Inc., incorporated in the United States which became the new ultimate holding company. The directors believe that the restructuring has left Telewest Global, Inc. and its subsidiaries ("the new Group") with sufficient liquidity to meet the new Group's funding needs and enable it to provide continued support to subsidiary companies.

#### *Cash flow statement*

Under Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 1 the Company is exempt from producing a cash flow statement on the grounds that the Company's ultimate parent company, Telewest Communications plc, includes it in its own published consolidated financial statements.

#### *Deferred taxation*

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 that result in an obligation to pay more tax in future or a right to pay less tax in future have occurred at the balance sheet date, except as otherwise required by FRS 19 Deferred Tax. Timing differences are differences between the Group's taxable profits and its results as stated in the financial statements that arise from the inclusion of gains and losses in tax assessments in periods different from those in which they are recognised in the financial statements.

A net deferred tax asset is regarded as recoverable and therefore recognised only when, on the basis of all available evidence, it can be regarded as more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted.

#### *Investments*

Investments held as fixed assets are stated at cost less any provisions for permanent diminution in value.

#### *Administrative expenses*

The auditor's remuneration for 2003 and 2002 was borne by the ultimate holding company, Telewest Communications plc.

## Notes (continued)

### 2 Tax on ordinary activities

	2003 £000	2002 £000
Tax on ordinary activities	-	-
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Reconciliation of the company's current tax to the UK statutory rate:		
	2003 £000	2002 £000
Current tax at 30%	-	(85,710)
Effects of:		
Amounts not deductible for tax purposes	-	85,710
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Total tax charge (see above)	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

### 3 Employees and directors

There were no employees during the year (2002: nil). No remuneration was paid to the directors during the year (2002: £nil).

### 4 Fixed asset investments

	Shares in group undertakings £000
<b>Cost</b>	
At start and end of year	1,131,810
	<u>          </u>
<b>Provision for impairment</b>	
At start and the end of the year	935,610
	<u>          </u>
<b>Net book value</b>	
At 31 December 2003	196,200
	<u>          </u>
At 31 December 2002	<u>          </u>

## Notes (continued)

### 4 Fixed asset investments (continued)

The companies in which the Company's interest at the year-end is more than 20% are as follows:

<i>Subsidiary undertakings</i>	<b>Country of incorporation</b>	<b>Principal activity</b>	<b>Class of percentage of shares held</b>
Bravo TV Limited	England	Operation of a television channel	Ordinary 100%
Starstream Limited	England	Operation of a television channel	"A" Ordinary 100% "B" Ordinary 100% "C" Ordinary 100%
UK Living Limited	England	Operation of a television channel	Ordinary 100%
Maidstone Broadcasting	England	Operation of a television channel	Ordinary 100%

At 31 December 2002, the Company carried out an impairment review in accordance with FRS 11 "Impairment of Fixed Assets and Goodwill" to ensure that investments were stated at no more than their recoverable amount, being the higher of their net realisable value and their value in use. As a result, an exceptional charge of £285,700,000 has been charged to the profit and loss account in 2002.

### 5 Called up share capital

	<b>2003 £000</b>	<b>2002 £000</b>
<i>Authorised, allotted, called up and fully paid</i>		
1,131,810,002 Ordinary shares of £1 each	<b>1,131,810</b>	<b>1,131,810</b>

### 6 Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds – equity

	<b>2003 £000</b>	<b>2002 £000</b>
Opening shareholders' funds – equity	<b>196,200</b>	481,900
Loss for the financial year	-	(285,700)
<b>Closing shareholders' funds – equity</b>	<b>196,200</b>	<b>196,200</b>

## Notes (continued)

### 7 Related party transactions

As the Company was a wholly owned subsidiary of Telewest Communications plc, the Company has taken advantage of the exemption contained in Financial Reporting Standard 8 and has therefore not disclosed transactions or balances with entities which form part of the group. The consolidated statements of Telewest Communications plc, within which Company is included, can be obtained from the address given in note 9. There were no other related party transactions.

### 8 Contingent liabilities

The Company, together with other group companies, has given a guarantee and a fixed and a floating charge over certain of its assets to secure borrowings of other group companies. The guaranteed borrowings of these companies was £2,250 million (2002: £2,250 million) of which £2,000 million (2002: £2,000 million) was drawn down at the year-end.

In July 2004, Telewest Communications plc, successfully completed its financial restructuring and the terms of the secured borrowings were amended. The above guarantee has remained in place subsequent to the financial restructuring.

### 9 Ultimate parent company

At 31 December 2003, the ultimate parent company was Telewest Communications plc, which is registered in England and Wales. Telewest Communications plc is the parent of the smallest and largest group for which group financial statements, including the Company, are drawn up. Copies of these group financial statements may be obtained from The Company Secretary, Telewest Communications plc, Export House, Cawsey Way, Woking, Surrey, GU21 6QX. Telewest Global, Inc. became the ultimate parent of the company on 14 July 2004.