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ABS-CBN Europe Limited

**Report and financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2017**

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ABS-CBN Europe Limited
Company Information
for the Year Ended 31 December 2017

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COMPANY SECRETARY:	L C Bariuan
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ABS-CBN Europe Limited
Strategic Report
for the Year Ended 31 December 2017

The director presents the strategic report for the year ended 31 December 2017.

Principal Activity

The principal activity of the Company in the year under review was that of the provision of digital and pay television services.

Business Review

The Company's financial performance during the year was as follows:

	2017 £	2016 £	Change %
Turnover	4,108,313	4,669,015	-12%
Operating profit (loss)	398,988	(834,464)	148%
Profit (loss) after tax	391,755	(844,542)	146%
Total equity	2,484,562	2,093,746	19%

Turnover decreased by 12% during the year which was caused by the net effect of lower ticket sales and sponsorships from events partially offset by higher subscription revenues from online and household-based platforms. In the previous year, the Company launched its four-pillar event series that showcased world-class Filipino talent in Europe and helped boost turnover.

During the year, the Company expanded its reach across Europe by tapping additional dealer agents and entering into a channel carriage agreement with a pay television distributor. Further, the Company launched new online packages in its objective of addressing the continuing prominent problem of piracy wherein Filipinos abroad get to watch ABS-CBN TV programs and movies for free. As in the past years, online piracy of entertainment content kept soaring and has jumped year-on-year despite group-wide efforts to combat piracy. The Company continues to pursue cases against pirates and has continued to work on shutting down illegal sites.

Airtime revenue for the year ended 31 December 2017, on the other hand, remains a challenge for the Company as the potential mainstream corporate clients target other media platforms not necessarily into niche marketing, coupled by the continuing threats in the EU's economy and security which continues to affect the financial capacity of the Overseas Filipino Workers (OFW) in the region.

In 2017, the Company recognized an impairment loss on its investment of a wholly-owned subsidiary whose principal activity is the remittance of clients' monies from the United Kingdom to the Philippines. Impairment loss amounting to £421,000 (£795,000 in 2016), is presented as "Impairment of fixed asset investment" in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. Subsequently, the Directors of the subsidiary has adopted resolutions deeming it advisable and in the best interest of the subsidiary to completely cease from business activities as an Authorised Payment Institution (API), w.e.f. 1 July 2018. The Board of Directors has no intention to formally liquidate the subsidiary for at least 12 months from the audit report date.

As a result of the foregoing activities, coupled with various cost containment initiatives, the Company managed to generate profits for the year ended 31 December 2017 amounting to £391,755.

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Principal risks and uncertainties

The Company has established a risk and financial management framework whose primary objective is to protect the Company from events that hinder the achievement of its performance objectives.

The objective aims to limit undue counterparty exposure, ensure sufficient working capital exists and monitor the management of risk at a business unit level.

Exposure to Price, Credit, Liquidity and Cash Flow Risk

Price risk. Price risk arises on financial instruments because of changes in, for example, commodity prices or equity prices. The Company's investments which they do not intend to sell in the short-term are not exposed to price risk.

Credit risk. Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for that other party by failing to discharge an obligation. Company policies are aimed at minimizing such losses, and require that deferred terms are only granted to customers who demonstrate an appropriate payment history and satisfy credit worthiness procedures. Details of the Company's debtors are shown in Note 11 to the financial statements.

Liquidity risk. Liquidity risk is the risk that an entity will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The Company aims to mitigate liquidity risk by managing cash generation by its operations and by applying cash collection targets. The Company maintains its internally generated funds and prudently manages proceeds obtained from revenue.

Cash flow risk. Cash flow risk is the risk of exposure to variability in cash flows that is attributable to a particular risk associated with a recognized asset or liability such as future interest payments on a variability rate debt. The Company determines that they have no exposure to cash flow risks.

Existence of Branches in Europe

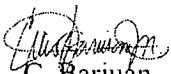
The Company has two offices in Europe particularly in London, United Kingdom (UK) and Milan, Italy. The branches are established to undertake activities including the following:

- a) Sale, marketing, and distribution of cable and digital satellite television service, and all other platforms or means now known or hereinafter discovered, wherein "The Filipino Channel" bundle, or any channel therein, may be distributed;
- b) Sale, marketing, and distribution of internet protocol television (IPTV) service;
- c) Advertising sale for "The Filipino Channel" bundle, and all channels therein;
- d) Production of events, including those intended to promote "The Filipino Channel" and all channels therein (e.g. concerts, movie premieres);
- e) Sale, marketing, and distribution of Philippine-based retail products (e.g. clothing and compact disks).

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Statutory audited financial statements for the two branches are not compulsory since they are only a branch. The Company only needs to submit an original certificate that, its head office in the UK has submitted its statutory accounts (wherein the branches are consolidated) at Companies House.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:


L.C. Bariuan – Director
26 October 2018

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Directors' report
for the Year Ended 31 December 2017

The director presents the director's report for the year ended 31 December 2017.

Directors

The directors of the Company during the year and up to the date of signing these financial statements were as follows:

R L Lopez
L C Bariuan
J A Garcia (appointed 1 January 2018)

Directors' Indemnity

The Company indemnifies the directors in its Articles of Association to the extent allowed under section 232 of the Companies Act 2006. Such qualifying third party indemnity provisions for the benefit of the company's directors remain in force at the date of this report.

Dividends

The Directors have not approved any dividends for the year ended 31 December 2017 (2016: nil).

Future Developments

The Company intends to continue to develop its existing activities and seek opportunities to increase profitability.

Financial Instruments

The Company's principal financial assets and liabilities comprise of cash, trade debtors and trade creditors which arise directly from its operations.

Financial instruments give rise to price, credit, liquidity and cash flow risk. Information on how these risks arise is set out in the Strategic Report, as are the objectives, policies and processes for their management and the methods used to measure each risk.

Going Concern

The Company's business activities, together with the factors likely to affect its future development, its financial position, financial risk management objectives, details of its financial instruments and its exposures to price, credit, liquidity and cash flow risk are described in the Strategic Report on pages 1 to 3.

The Company has considerable financial resources together with the financial support from ABS-CBN Global Limited, its Parent Company. As a consequence, the directors believe that the Company is well placed to manage its business risks successfully despite the current uncertain economic outlook.

After making enquiries, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the Company continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and accounts.

Directors' Responsibilities Statement

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

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Directors' report for the Year Ended 31 December 2017

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law, the directors have elected to prepare the financial statement 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 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 estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable United Kingdom 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 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 to 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.

Auditors


A resolution to reappoint Ernst & Young LLP as auditors will be put to the members at one of its general meeting.

Statement as to Disclosure of Information to Auditors

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 (that is, information needed by the Company's auditors in connection with preparing their report) of which the Company's auditors are unaware of; and
- each director has taken all the 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.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:


L. C. Barúan – Director
26 October 2018

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of ABS-CBN Europe Limited

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of ABS-CBN Europe Limited (the Company) for the year ended 31 December 2017 which comprise the Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Statement of Changes in Equity, the Balance Sheet and the related Notes 1 to 18, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including FRS 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the Company's affairs as at 31 December 2017 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.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report below. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the directors have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the Company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of the other information, we are required to report that fact.

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We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on the Matter Prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- 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; and
- the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are Required to Report by Exception

In light of the knowledge and understanding of the Company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have identified material misstatements in the Strategic Report or Directors' Report.

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.

Respective Responsibilities of Directors

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 4, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

**Independent Auditor's Report
to the Members of ABS-CBN Europe Limited**

Use of our report

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.

Ernst & Young LLP

Ruth Logan (Senior statutory auditor)
for and on behalf of Ernst & Young LLP, Statutory Auditor
Belfast
Date:

26th of October 2018

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Statement of Comprehensive Income
for the Year Ended 31 December 2017

	Notes	2017 £	2016 £
TURNOVER	3	4,108,313	4,669,015
Cost of sales and services		(1,362,881)	(1,227,752)
GROSS PROFIT		2,745,432	3,441,263
Administrative expenses		(2,005,651)	(2,915,733)
		739,781	525,530
Impairment of fixed asset investment	10	(421,000)	(795,000)
Other operating income (loss)		80,207	(564,994)
OPERATING PROFIT (LOSS)	4	398,988	(834,464)
Interest receivable and similar income		147	422
		399,135	(834,042)
Interest payable and similar charges	7	(7,380)	(10,500)
PROFIT (LOSS) ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		391,755	(844,542)
Tax on ordinary activities	8	–	–
PROFIT (LOSS) FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		391,755	(844,542)
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME			
Items that can be reclassified to profit or loss -			
Exchange difference in retranslation of foreign branch		(939)	(143,210)
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS) FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		390,816	(987,752)

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**Statement of Changes in Equity
for the year ended 31 December 2017**

	Called up Share Capital (Note 15) £	Share Premium (Note 16) £	Movement on Foreign Exchange (Note 16) £	Deficit (Note 16) £	Total Equity £
At 1 January 2016	5,050,000	6,283,499	(937,240)	(7,314,761)	3,081,498
Loss for the financial year	–	–	–	(844,542)	(844,542)
Other comprehensive expense	–	–	(143,210)	–	(143,210)
Total comprehensive expense	–	–	(143,210)	(844,542)	(987,752)
At 31 December 2016	5,050,000	6,283,499	(1,080,450)	(8,159,303)	2,093,746
Profit for the financial year	–	–	–	391,755	391,755
Other comprehensive expense	–	–	(939)	–	(939)
Total comprehensive (expense) income	–	–	(939)	391,755	390,816
At 31 December 2017	5,050,000	6,283,499	(1,081,389)	(7,767,548)	2,484,562

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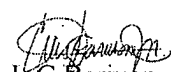
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**Balance Sheet
31 December 2017**

	Notes	2017 £	2016 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	9	70,249	83,628
Investments	10	922,946	922,946
		993,195	1,006,574
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks		56,745	42,254
Trade and other debtors	11	6,057,162	4,963,037
Cash		1,523,433	1,206,199
		7,637,340	6,211,490
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	12	(6,145,973)	(5,124,318)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		1,491,367	1,087,172
NET ASSETS		2,484,562	2,093,746
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	15	5,050,000	5,050,000
Share premium	16	6,283,499	6,283,499
Movement on foreign exchange	16	(1,081,389)	(1,080,450)
Deficit	16	(7,767,548)	(8,159,303)
TOTAL EQUITY		2,484,562	2,093,746

The notes form part of these financial statements

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 26 October 2018 and were signed on its behalf by:


L/C Bariuan – Director

Registered number: 4757516

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2017

1. Authorisation of financial statements and statement of compliance with FRS 101

The financial statements of ABS-CBN Europe Limited (the Company) for the year ended 31 December 2017 were authorised for issue by the board of directors on 26 October 2018 and the balance sheet was signed on the board's behalf by L. C. Bariuan. ABS-CBN Europe Limited is incorporated in England.

These financial statements were prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 101 (FRS 101), *Reduced Disclosure Framework* and in accordance with applicable accounting standards. The Company's financial statements are presented in Sterling and all values are rounded to the nearest pounds (£), except when otherwise indicated.

The financial statements contain information about ABS-CBN Europe Limited as an individual Company and do not contain consolidated financial information as the parent of a group. The Company has taken advantage of the exemption under section 401 of the Companies Act 2006 not to prepare group accounts as it is a wholly owned subsidiary of ABS-CBN Global Limited. The Company's ultimate parent undertaking is Lopez, Inc., a company registered in the Philippines.

The largest and smallest group of undertakings for which group accounts are drawn up is that headed by Lopez Inc., a company registered in the Philippines. Copies of the accounts of Lopez Inc. are publicly available and can be obtained from their official company website: <http://lopez-holdings.ph/>.

The principal accounting policies adopted by the Company are set out in Note 2.

2. Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, which assumes that the Company will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

During the year the Company met its working capital requirements through continued financial support from its parent, ABS-CBN Global Limited.

The parent has agreed to continue to provide such financial support so as to allow ABS-CBN Europe Limited to meet its liabilities as they fall due and to carry on its business without any significant curtailment of operations during the period of 12 months from the date of these financial statements. Therefore, the directors believe it is appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis.

Disclosure exemptions

As permitted by FRS 101, the Company has taken advantage of the disclosure exemptions available under that standard and the Company's immediate parent undertaking, ABS-CBN Global Limited, was notified of and did not object to the use of disclosure exemptions:

- a) the requirements of IFRS 7, *Financial Instruments: Disclosures*;
- b) the requirements of IAS 7, *Statement of Cash Flows*;
- c) the requirements of paragraph 17 of IAS 24, *Related Party Disclosures*;

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- d) the requirements in IAS 24, *Related Party Disclosures* to disclose related party transactions entered into between two or more members of a group, provided that any subsidiary which is a party to the transaction is wholly owned by such a member;
- e) the requirements of paragraphs 10(d), 10(f), 39(c), 111 and 134-136 of IAS 1, *Presentation of Financial Statements*; and
 - i. the requirement in paragraph 38 of IAS 1, *Presentation of Financial Statements* to present comparative information in respect of:
 - (i) paragraph 79(a)(iv) of IAS 1;
 - (ii) paragraph 73(e) of IAS 16, *Property, Plant and Equipment*; and
 - (iii) paragraph 118 of IAS 38, *Intangible Assets*

The Company's financial statements are prepared in Sterling pound (£) as the directors regard this as the Company's functional currency.

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention except where FRS 101 requires items to be account for at fair value.

Judgements and Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial estimates and related notes. However, the nature of estimation means that actual outcome could differ from those estimates.

In the process of applying the Company's accounting policies, management has made the following judgments, apart from those involving estimations, which have the most significant effect on the amounts recognized in the financial statements.

Operating Leases. The evaluation whether an arrangement contains a lease is based on its substance. An arrangement is, or contains a lease when the fulfillment of the arrangement depends on specific asset or assets and the arrangement conveys the right to use the asset.

The Company has entered into operating lease arrangements as a lessee. Due to the length of the lease period, management has determined that all significant risks and benefits of ownership of these properties which the Company leases under operating lease arrangements remains with the lessor.

Taxation. Management judgment is required to determine the amount of deferred tax assets that can be recognized, based upon the likely timing and level of future taxable profits together with an assessment of the effect of future tax planning strategies. Further details are contained in Note 8.

Determination of Functional Currency. Management has determined that is functional currency is Sterling. Sterling is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Company operates and is also the primary currency that mainly influences the sale of services as well as the costs of providing such services.

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Estimating Allowance for Doubtful Accounts. The Company reviews its receivables, including unbilled receivables, at each financial reporting date to assess whether an allowance for impairment should be recorded in the statement of comprehensive income. In particular, judgement by management is required in the estimation of the amount and timing of future cash flows when determining the level of allowance required. Such estimates are based on assumptions about a number of factors and actual results may differ, resulting in future changes in the allowance. Further details are contained in Note 11.

The Company evaluates specific balances where management has information that certain amounts may not be collectible. In these cases, the Company uses judgement, based on available facts and circumstances, and a review of the factors that affect the collectability of the accounts including, but not limited to, the age and status of the receivables, collection experience and past loss experience. The review is made by management on a continuing basis to identify accounts to be provided with allowance.

Impairment of Investments. The Company assesses impairment on investment in its subsidiaries whenever events or changes in circumstance indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. The factors that the Company considers important which could trigger an impairment review include the following:

- significant underperformance relative to expected historical or projected future operating results;
- significant changes in the manner of use of the acquired assets or the strategy for overall business; and
- significant negative industry or economic trends.

The Company recognizes an impairment loss whenever the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is computed using the value in use approach. Recoverable amounts are estimated for individual assets or, if it is not possible, for the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. Impairment loss is recorded if the enterprise value is lower than the carrying amount. The recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit is its value-in-use. Value-in-use is determined using cash flow projections which were based on financial budgets approved by the subsidiaries' senior management covering a five-year period. Further details are contained in Note 10.

Significant Accounting Policies

Foreign currency translation

Trading transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the exchange rates when the transactions were entered into. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the exchange rates ruling at the balance sheet date. Assets and liabilities of foreign operations are translated to the presentation currency using the exchange rate at balance sheet date. Income statement accounts are translated using the monthly weighted average rate. All foreign exchange differences are taken to the statement of comprehensive income in the year in which they arise, with the exception of differences on the retranslation of overseas branches which are taken directly to reserves.

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Tangible Fixed Assets

Property and equipment is stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost comprises the aggregate amount paid and the fair value of any other consideration given to acquire the asset and includes cost directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

Depreciation and amortization are computed on a straight-line method over the useful lives of property and equipment. The useful lives of the Company's property and equipment are estimated as follows:

Asset type	
Improvements to property	Lease term or useful life of over 5 years, whichever is shorter
Office furniture and fixtures	Over 3 years
Motor vehicles	Over 5 years
Computer equipment	Over 5 years

The carrying values of property and equipment are reviewed for impairment if events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable, and are written down immediately to their recoverable amount. Useful lives and residual values are reviewed annually and where adjustments are required, these are made prospectively.

An item of property and equipment is derecognized upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected from its use or disposal. Any gain or loss arising on derecognition of the asset is included in the statement of comprehensive income in the year of derecognition.

Investments

Investment in subsidiaries are held at historical cost less any applicable provision for impairment.

Impairment of Non-Financial Assets

The Company assesses at each reporting date whether there is an indication that tangible fixed assets and investments may be impaired. If any such indication exists, or when annual impairment testing for an asset is required, the Company makes an estimate of the asset's recoverable amount in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss. An asset's recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's or cash-generating unit's fair value less cost to sell and its value in use and is determined for an individual asset, unless the asset does not generate cash inflows that are largely independent of those from other assets or groups of assets. Where the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount, the asset is considered impaired and is written down to its recoverable amount. Impairment losses are recognized in the statement of comprehensive income in those expense categories consistent with the function of the impaired asset.

For assets where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset or cash generating unit is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, not to exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation, had no impairment losses been recognized for the asset or cash generating unit in prior years. A reversal of impairment loss is recognized immediately in the statement of comprehensive income, unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount when it is treated as a revaluation increase.

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Financial Instruments

Date of Recognition. Financial instruments are recognized in the balance sheet when the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Purchases or sale of financial assets that require delivery of assets within the time frame established by regulation or convention in the marketplace are recognized using trade date accounting.

Initial Recognition of Financial Instruments. All financial instruments are initially recognized at fair value. The initial measurement of financial instruments includes transaction costs, except for securities at fair value through profit or loss (FVPL).

Classification of Financial Instruments. The Company classifies its financial assets in the following categories: financial assets at FVPL, held-to-maturity (HTM) investments, loans and receivables and available-for-sale (AFS) financial instruments. Financial liabilities are classified as either financial liabilities at FVPL or other financial liabilities at amortized cost. The classification depends on the purpose for which the instruments were acquired and whether they are quoted in an active market. Management determines the classification of its investment at initial recognition and, where allowed and appropriate, re-evaluates this classification of its investment at every financial reporting date.

Loans and Receivables. Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. Such assets are carried at amortized cost using the effective interest rate method. Gains and losses are recognized in the statement of comprehensive income when the loans and receivables are derecognized or impaired, as well as through the amortization process.

Other Financial Liabilities. Financial liabilities are classified in this category if these are not held for trading or not designated as at FVPL upon the inception of the liability. These include liabilities arising from operations or borrowings. Subsequent to initial recognition, these financial liabilities are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method. Amortized cost is calculated by taking into account any related issue costs, discount or premium. Gains and losses are recognized in the statement of comprehensive income when the liabilities are derecognized, as well as through the amortization process.

Derecognition of Financial Assets and Liabilities

Financial Assets. A financial asset (or, where applicable a part of a financial asset or a part of a group of similar financial assets) is derecognized when:

- the right to receive cash flows from the asset has expired;
- the Company retains the right to receive cash flows from the asset, but has assumed an obligation to pay them in full without material delay to a third party under a “pass-through” arrangement; or
- the Company has transferred its right to receive cash flows from the asset and either (a) has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, or (b) has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, but has transferred control of the asset.

When the Company has transferred its right to receive cash flows from an asset and has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset nor transferred control of the asset, the asset is recognized to the extent of the Company’s continuing involvement in the asset.

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Continuing involvement that takes the form of a guarantee over the transferred asset is measured at the lower of original carrying amount of the asset and the maximum amount of consideration that the Company could be required to repay.

Financial Liabilities. A financial liability is generally derecognized when the contract that gives rise to it is settled, sold, cancelled or expires.

When an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same lender on substantially different terms, or the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified, such an exchange or modification is treated as a derecognition of the original liability and the recognition of a new liability, and the difference in the respective carrying amounts is recognized in the statement of comprehensive income.

Offsetting Financial Instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset with the net amount reported in the balance sheet if, and only if, there is a currently enforceable legal right to offset the recognized amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or to realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. The Company assesses that it has a currently enforceable right of offset if the right is not contingent on a future event, and is legally enforceable in the normal course of business, event of default, and event of insolvency or bankruptcy of the Company and all of the counterparties.

Impairment of Financial Assets

The Company assesses at each financial reporting date whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset or a group of financial assets is impaired.

The Company first assesses whether objective evidence of impairment exists individually for financial assets that are individually significant, and individually or collectively for financial assets that are not individually significant. If there is objective evidence that an impairment loss on loans and receivables carried at amortized cost has been incurred, the amount of the loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows (excluding future credit losses that have not been incurred) discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate (i.e., the effective interest rate computed at initial recognition). The carrying amount of the asset is reduced either directly or through the use of an allowance account. The amount of the loss is recognized in the statement of comprehensive income.

If it is determined that no objective evidence of impairment exists for an individually assessed financial asset, whether significant or not, the asset is included in a group of financial assets with similar credit risk characteristics and that group of financial assets is collectively assessed for impairment. Assets that are individually assessed for impairment and for which an impairment loss is or continues to be recognized are not included in a collective assessment of impairment.

If, in a subsequent year, the amount of the impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognized, the previously recognized impairment loss is reversed. Any subsequent reversal of an impairment loss is recognized in the statement of comprehensive income, to the extent that the carrying value of the asset does not exceed its amortized cost at the reversal date.

Trade and other Debtors. For trade debtors carried at amortized cost, the Company first assesses whether an objective evidence of impairment exists for financial assets that are individually significant. If there is an objective evidence (such as the probability of insolvency or significant financial difficulties of the debtor) that an impairment loss on trade and other debtors carried at amortized cost has been incurred, the amount of loss is measured as the difference between the

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asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows (excluding future credit losses that have not been incurred) discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate (i.e., the effective interest rate computed at initial recognition). Impaired debts are derecognized when they are assessed as uncollectible.

The carrying amount of the asset is reduced either directly or through use of an allowance account and the amount of loss is recognized in the parent company statement of income. Interest income continues to be accrued on the reduced carrying amount based on the original effective interest rate of the asset. If in case the receivable has proven to have no realistic prospect of future recovery, any allowance provided for such receivable is written off against the carrying value of the impaired receivable.

If, in a subsequent year, the amount of the estimated impairment loss increases or decreases because of an event occurring after the impairment was recognized, the previously recognized impairment loss is increased or reduced by adjusting the allowance account. If a future write-off is later recovered, the recovery is recognized in the statement of comprehensive income. Any subsequent reversal of an impairment loss is recognized in the parent company statement of income, to the extent that the carrying value of the asset does not exceed its amortized cost at the reversal date.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The fair value of financial instruments that are traded in active markets at the reporting date is determined by reference to quoted market prices or dealer price quotations without any deduction for transaction costs.

For certain financial instruments which are not traded in an active market, the fair value is determined using appropriate valuation techniques. Such techniques may include using recent arm's length market transactions; reference to the current fair value of another instrument that is substantially the same; discounted cash flow analysis or other valuation models.

Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost includes all cost incurred in bringing each product to its present location and condition.

Net realizable value is based on estimated selling price less any further costs expected to be incurred for marketing and distribution.

Cash

Cash in the balance sheet comprise cash in banks and on hand.

Deferred tax

Deferred income tax is recognized on all temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements except when the deferred tax liability arises from initial recognition of goodwill or an asset or liability in a transaction that is not a business combination and, at the time of the transaction, affects neither the accounting profit nor taxable profit or loss.

Deferred income tax assets are recognized only to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences, carried forward tax credits or tax losses can be utilized.

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Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are measured on an undiscounted basis at the tax rates that are expected to apply when the related asset is realized or liability is settled, based on tax rates and laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

The carrying amount of deferred income tax assets is reviewed at each balance sheet date. Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are offset, only if a legally enforcement right exists to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities, the deferred income taxes relate to the same taxation authority and that authority permits the Company to make a single net payment.

Income tax is charged or credited to other comprehensive income if it relates to items that are credited or charged directly to equity. Otherwise income tax is recognized in the income statement.

Revenue Recognition

Revenue is recognized to the extent that is probable that economic benefits will flow to the Company and the revenue can be reliably measured. Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received, excluding discounts, rebates, value added tax and other sales taxes.

Subscription revenue is invoiced on either a monthly or an annual basis, with a complete month's revenue being recognised in the month in which the contract commenced. Revenue invoiced annually is deferred and amortised on a monthly basis.

On contracts to provide services where the Company has partially performed its contractual obligations, it recognises revenue to the extent that it has obtained the right to consideration through its performance.

Advertising revenue is recognised as income on the dates the advertisements are aired, net of agency commissions and incentives.

Sale of goods is recognised when delivery has taken place and transfer of risks and rewards has been completed.

Sponsorship income is recognised at the fair value of the sponsorship received or receivable.

Gate receipts are recognised when tickets are used or expired.

Pensions

The Company operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Company to the fund in respect of the period.

Operating Leases

Costs in respect of operating leases are charged on a straight line basis over the lease term.

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3. Turnover

Turnover recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income is analysed as follows:

	2017 £	2016 £
Rendering of services	3,627,815	3,728,105
Advertising revenue	85,111	156,642
Sale of goods	80,647	87,902
Sponsorship income	29,350	253,043
Others	285,390	443,323
	4,108,313	4,669,015

Others include sponsorship income from the Company's theatrical releases and for various events held in the United Kingdom.

An analysis of turnover by geographical market is given below:

	2017	2016
United Kingdom	86.73%	86.78%
Italy	13.27%	13.22%
	100.00%	100.00%

4. Operating Profit (Loss)

The operating profit (loss) is stated after charging the following:

	2017 £	2016 £
Impairment of fixed asset investment	421,000	795,000
Depreciation - owned assets	24,361	24,161
Auditors' remuneration – audit services	33,231	34,830
– tax services	2,100	3,300
Net foreign exchange loss (gain)	(80,349)	519,856
Operating leases - Land and buildings	112,386	218,290
Directors' emoluments and other benefits etc.	126,836	21,332

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5. Auditors' Remuneration

The Company paid the following amounts to its auditors in respect of the audit of the financial statements and for other services provided to the Company:

	2017 £	2016 £
Audit of the financial statements	41,969	42,913
Tax compliance services	3,400	3,720
	45,369	46,633

6. Staff Costs

	2017 £	2016 £
Wages and salaries	451,611	568,186
Social security costs	40,575	36,271
Other pension costs	16,923	12,894
	509,109	617,351

The average monthly number of employees during the year is composed of the following:

	2017 Number	2016 Number
Management	1	1
Finance	1	1
Human resources and administration	1	1
Information technology	1	1
Marketing	2	1
Sales	2	2
Technical operation	1	1
News production	1	1
	10	9

7. Interest Payable And Similar Charges

	2017 £	2016 £
Bank service charges	7,380	10,500

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8. Tax on ordinary activities

Analysis of the tax charge

a. Tax charged in the statement of comprehensive income

	2017	2016
	£	£
Current tax:		
Tax on ordinary activities	–	–
	–	–

b. Tax liability recognised in the balance sheet

	2017	2016
	£	£
Creditors:		
Trade and other creditors	–	–
	–	–

c. Reconciliation of the total tax charge

The charge for the year can be reconciled to the profit per statement of comprehensive income as follow:

	2017	2016
	£	£
Profit (loss) on ordinary activities before tax	391,755	(844,542)
Tax on profit (loss) at standard UK rate of 19.25% (2016: 20.00%)	75,413	(168,908)
Effect of:		
Expenses not deductible	93,444	
Effects of group relief/other reliefs	(28)	160,836
Amounts not recognised	(168,829)	8,072
	–	–

d. Unrecognised tax losses

The Company has losses available for carry forward of approximately £5,657,596 and £6,572,923 in 2017 and 2016, respectively. No deferred tax asset has been recognised in respect of these losses as the criteria for recognizing that asset is not met.

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9. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Improvements to Property £	Office Furniture and Fixtures £	Motor Vehicles £	Computer Equipment £	Totals £
COST					
At 1 January 2017	129,559	85,235	14,466	483,617	712,877
Additions	–	–	–	11,131	11,131
Disposals	(12,131)	(76,425)	–	(115,905)	(204,461)
Translation adjustment	76	6,307	–	5,587	11,970
At 31 December 2017	117,504	15,117	14,466	384,430	531,517
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 January 2017	(75,418)	(85,157)	(14,466)	(454,208)	(629,249)
Charge for year	(11,822)	–	–	(12,539)	(24,361)
Disposals	12,129	76,352	–	113,937	202,418
Translation adjustment	(76)	(6,304)	–	(3,696)	(10,076)
At 31 December 2017	(75,187)	(15,109)	(14,466)	(356,506)	(461,268)
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 December 2017	42,317	8	–	27,924	70,249
At 31 December 2016	54,141	78	–	29,409	83,628

10. Fixed Asset Investments

	Shares in group undertakings £
COST	
At 1 January 2017	1,717,946
Additions for the year	421,000
At 31 December 2017	2,138,946
ACCUMULATED IMPAIRMENT	
At 1 January 2017	795,000
Impairment loss for the year	421,000
At 31 December 2017	1,216,000
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2017	922,946
At 31 December 2016	922,946

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On 31 December 2017, the Company subscribed additional 421,000 shares with £1 per share par value of ABS-CBN Remittance Limited through conversion of £421,000 receivables into equity.

In 2017, the Company recognized impairment loss on fixed asset investment amounting £421,000 that are recognized in arriving at operating profit.

The Company's investments at balance sheet date in the share capital of companies include the following:

ABS-CBN Japan Inc.

Country of incorporation: Japan

Nature of business: Provision of satellite services

% of holding: 100.00

Class of shares: Ordinary Japanese Yen

	2017 £	2016 £
Assets	948,257	752,181
Liabilities	(2,422,609)	(2,470,552)
	(1,474,352)	(1,718,371)

ABS-CBN Europe Remittance Limited

Country of incorporation: United Kingdom

Nature of business: Remittance of money from United Kingdom to the Philippines

% of holding: 100.00

Class of shares: Ordinary Shares £1 each

	2017 £	2016 £
Assets	1,728,751	799,819
Liabilities	(1,356,198)	(710,507)
	372,553	89,312

11. Trade and Other Debtors

	2017 £	2016 £
Trade debtors	518,044	378,566
Amounts owed by group undertakings	5,248,214	4,194,618
Other debtors	186,901	298,847
Prepayments and deferred income	94,478	75,932
VAT	9,525	15,074
	6,057,162	4,963,037

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

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12. Trade and Other Creditors

	2017 £	2016 £
Trade creditors	38,837	112,698
Amounts owed to group undertakings	4,485,241	3,360,136
Social security and other taxes	523	2,185
Other creditors	1,031,764	831,144
Accrued expenses	589,608	818,155
	6,145,973	5,124,318

Amounts owed to group undertakings are unsecured and have no fixed repayment terms.

13. Operating Lease Commitments

The Company has an existing commercial lease covering its office space. The operating lease was entered into in 2011 and has a term of 10 years. There are no restrictions placed upon the lessee by entering into this lease.

At 31 December 2017, the Company had minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating lease as follows:

	2017 £	2016 £
Within one year	44,694	44,694
Between one and five years	134,082	178,776
After five years	–	–
	178,776	223,470

14. Pension Commitments

The Company operates a defined contribution scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Company to the fund and amounted to £16,247 (2016: £11,580). Contributions totaling £31,773 (2016: £26,928) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date.

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15. Called Up Share Capital

Authorised, issued and fully paid:				
Number:	Class:	Nominal value:	2017	2016
5,050,000	Ordinary	£1	£5,050,000	£5,050,000

16. Reserves

Called up share capital

The balance on the called up share capital account represents the aggregate nominal value of all ordinary shares in issue.

Share Premium

The balance of the share premium account represents the proceeds received in excess of par value of the shares issued, less any incremental cost directly attributable to the issuance.

Movement on foreign exchange

The foreign currency translation reserve is used to record the currency fluctuations in relation to the translation of the foreign currency branches.

Deficit

The balance held on this reserve is the accumulated losses of the Company.

17. Related Party Disclosures

During the year, recharges for license fees amounting to £1,359,620 were received from ABS-CBN Hungary KFT. At year-end, £669,666 was payable to ABS-CBN Hungary KFT, a 100% subsidiary of ABS-CBN Global Limited, which in turn is a 100% subsidiary of ABS-CBN Corporation.

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption provided by paragraph 8(k) of FRS 101 not to disclose transactions with fellow wholly owned subsidiaries.

18. Parent and Ultimate Controlling Party

The immediate parent company is ABS-CBN Global Limited. The ultimate parent undertaking is Lopez, Inc., a company registered in the Philippines.

The largest and smallest group of undertakings for which group accounts are drawn up is that headed by Lopez Inc., a company registered in the Philippines. Copies of the accounts of Lopez Inc. are publicly available and can be obtained from their official company website: <http://lopez-holdings.ph/>.