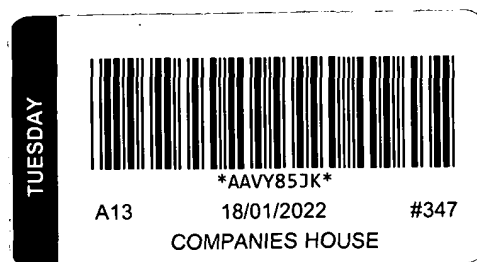


Company Registration No. 07295096

Stage Three Music Publishing Limited

Unaudited Report and Financial Statements

31 December 2021



Stage Three Music Publishing Limited

Directors' report

The directors present their Directors' report and unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 for Stage Three Music Publishing Limited (the "Company").

Principal activities

The Company is dormant and did not trade during the year. It is not expected to trade in the foreseeable future.

Business review

The Company has been dormant as defined in section 1169 of the Companies Act 2006 throughout the current and prior year. It is anticipated that the Company will remain dormant for the foreseeable future. Key performance indicators are not considered necessary for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the business or the Company.

The Company did not trade in the current year or prior year.

Political and charitable contributions

The Company made no political or charitable contributions or incurred any political expenditure during the current year or prior year.

Directors

The directors who held office during the year, except as noted, were as follows:

Jonathan Baker
Thomas Coesfeld (appointed on 1 February 2021)
David D'Urbano
Maximilian Dressendörfer (resigned on 31 March 2021)
Benjamin Katovsky
Hartwig Masuch
Alistair Norbury

Dividends

No dividend was declared or paid during the year (2020: £nil).

Approved by the Board of Directors
and signed on behalf of the Board



David D'Urbano
Director
12 January 2022

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Stage Three Music Publishing Limited

Statement of financial position as at 31 December 2021

	Note	2021 £'000	2020 £'000
Current assets			
Trade and other receivables	3	-	-
Total current assets		-	-
Total assets		-	-
Equity			
Share capital	4	-	-
Total equity		-	-

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this Statement of financial position.

Stage Three Music Publishing Limited did not trade during the current year and has made neither profit nor loss, nor any other recognised gain or loss.

Audit exemption statement

For the year ending 31 December 2021 the Company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 480 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to dormant companies.

Directors' responsibilities

The members have not required the Company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements of Stage Three Music Publishing Limited, registered number 07295096 were approved by the Board of Directors on 12 January 2022.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors



David D'Urbano
Director

Stage Three Music Publishing Limited

Notes to the financial statements Year ended 31 December 2021

1. Accounting policies

Stage Three Music Publishing Limited (the "Company") is a company incorporated in the United Kingdom.

Basis of preparation

The Company's financial statements have been prepared and approved by the directors in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the United Kingdom ("UK").

The financial statements are presented in pounds sterling. They are prepared on the historical cost basis.

The Company has taken exemption from preparing consolidated financial statements afforded by section 400 of the Companies Act 2006, because it is a wholly owned subsidiary of Bertelsmann SE & Co. KGaA which prepares consolidated financial statements that are publicly available (refer to Note 7).

2. Employee costs and directors' emoluments

The number of staff employed by the Company is nil (2020: nil), therefore no costs were incurred in either year. The directors did not receive emoluments in respect of their services to the Company (2020: £nil). Their emoluments were borne by affiliate company BMG Rights Management Services (UK) Limited.

3. Trade and other receivables

	2021 £'000	2020 £'000
Due within one year		
Trade and other receivables from Group companies	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

4. Share capital

	2021 £'000	2020 £'000
Authorised, issued and fully paid:		
5 (2020: 5) ordinary shares of £1 each	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

The holders of ordinary shares are entitled to receive dividends as declared from time to time and are entitled to one vote per share at meetings of the Company.

Stage Three Music Publishing Limited

Notes to the financial statements (continued) **Year ended 31 December 2021**

5. Related parties

Identity of related parties

The Company's ultimate parent company and group is the international media company Bertelsmann SE & Co. KGaA.

The Company had a related party relationship in the year with subsidiaries of Bertelsmann SE & Co. KGaA, and with its directors and executive officers.

Related party transactions

During the year the Company entered into £nil transactions with related parties (2020: £nil).

6. Dividends paid

The directors did not recommend a dividend in 2021 (2020: nil).

7. Ultimate parent company and controlling party

The immediate parent company is BMG Rights Management UK Limited, a company incorporated in the United Kingdom. The ultimate parent is Bertelsmann SE & Co. KGaA. The results of the Company are included in the consolidated financial statements of Bertelsmann SE & Co. KGaA which is registered at Carl-Bertelsmann-Strasse 270, 33311 Gütersloh, Germany. These consolidated financial statements are publicly available.

No other group financial statements include the results of the Company.