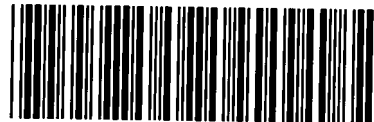


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**BBC Earth Productions Limited**  
**Directors' report and financial statements**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2018**

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## **Directors' report**

The Directors present their report and the financial statements of BBC Earth Productions Limited (the "Company") for the year ended 31 March 2018.

## **Principal activity and business review**

The principal activity of the Company during the year was film production and production management of other 'BBC Earth' projects produced by different parts of the BBC Worldwide Limited group.

The Company is exempt from the requirement to prepare a Strategic report by virtue of it qualifying as a small company as defined by the Companies Act 2006, section 415(A).

## **Results and dividends**

The Company made a profit of £430,803 for the year ended 31 March 2018 (2017 profit: £3,814).

The Directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend.

## **Directors**

The Directors who served during the year, and subsequent to the year end, were as follows:

Martyn Freeman  
Thomas Fussell  
Mark Reynolds

Anthony Corriette is the Company Secretary.

## **Donations**

The Company did not make any political or charitable donations during the year (2017: nil).

## **Going concern**

After making enquiries, the Directors have a reasonable expectation that the business has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for a period of at least 12 months from the date of signing of these financial statements, and accordingly the going concern basis continues to be adopted in the preparation of the accounts.

## **Directors' indemnities**

The Directors had no interest in the share capital of BBC Earth Productions Limited at 1 April 2017 or 31 March 2018. No rights to subscribe for shares in or debentures of the Company were granted to the Directors or their immediate family, or exercised by them, during the financial year. The Directors are covered by Directors' and officers' insurance in place throughout the financial year, as appropriate, under the BBC group scheme.

**Directors' report (continued)**

**Disclosure of information to auditors**

The Directors who held office at the date of approval of this Directors' report confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware; and each Director has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a Director to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information.

**Auditors**

Pursuant to Section 487 of the Companies Act 2006, the auditor will be deemed to be reappointed and Grant Thornton UK LLP will therefore continue in office.

**Small companies note**

In preparing this report, the Directors have taken advantage of the small companies exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

On behalf of the Board



Anthony Corriette  
Company Secretary

26 July 2018

Registered Office:  
1 Television Centre  
101 Wood Lane  
London W12 7FA

### **Statement of Directors' responsibilities**

The Directors are responsible for preparing 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 they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and UK Accounting Standards (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework'.

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 estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

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 have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

## **Independent Auditor's report to the members of BBC Earth Productions Limited**

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of BBC Earth Productions Limited (the 'company') for the year ended 31 March 2018 which comprise the Statement of comprehensive income, the Statement of financial position, the Statement of changes in equity and the related notes, 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 Financial Reporting Standard 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 March 2018 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. 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.

### **Who we are reporting to**

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.

### **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.

## **Independent Auditor's report to the members of BBC Earth Productions Limited (continued)**

### **Other information**

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report,<sup>1</sup> other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our 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 this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

### **Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

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

- the information given in the directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

### **Matter on which we are required to report under the Companies Act 2006**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report.

### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which 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; or
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

## **Independent Auditor's report to the members of BBC Earth Productions Limited (continued)**

### **Responsibilities of directors for the financial statements**

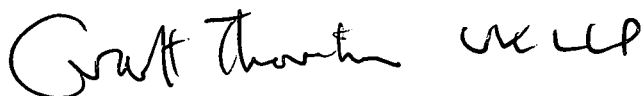
As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement set out on page 4, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable 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: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.



**Steven Leith**

Senior Statutory Auditor  
for and on behalf of Grant Thornton UK LLP  
Statutory Auditor, Chartered Accountants  
London

Date: 26/7/2018



## Statement of comprehensive income

For the year ended 31 March

	Note	2018 £	2017 £
<b>Turnover</b>	1c	<b>2,883,632</b>	3,117,847
Cost of sales		<b>(2,164,231)</b>	(2,866,108)
<b>Gross profit</b>		<b>719,401</b>	251,739
Administrative expenses		<b>(187,546)</b>	(254,114)
<b>Operating Profit / (Loss)</b>		<b>531,855</b>	(2,375)
<b>Profit / (Loss) on ordinary activities before taxation</b>		<b>531,855</b>	(2,375)
Tax on profit / (loss) on ordinary activities	4	<b>(101,052)</b>	6,189
<b>Profit for the financial year</b>		<b>430,803</b>	3,814
Other comprehensive income for the year		-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>		<b>430,803</b>	3,814

The profit for the current year and the profit for the prior year were from continuing operations.

The notes on pages 11 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

## Statement of financial position

As at 31 March

	Note	2018 £	2017 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Investments	5	2	2
<b>Current assets</b>			
Work in progress	6	-	866,155
Debtors	7	85,728	20,192
Cash at bank and in hand		1,046,942	197,643
		<b>1,132,670</b>	<b>1,083,990</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	8	<b>(716,813)</b>	<b>(1,098,936)</b>
<b>Net current assets / (liabilities)</b>		<b>415,857</b>	<b>(14,946)</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>415,859</b>	<b>(14,944)</b>
<b>Net assets / (liabilities)</b>		<b>415,859</b>	<b>(14,944)</b>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Share capital	9	1	1
Retained earnings	10	415,858	(14,945)
<b>Total shareholder's funds / (deficit)</b>		<b>415,859</b>	<b>(14,944)</b>

The notes on pages 11 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

The Company's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies' regime.

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



Thomas Fussell  
Director

## Statement of changes in equity

	Share capital £	Retained earnings £	Total equity £
<b>Balance at 1 April 2016</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>(18,759)</b>	<b>(18,758)</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the period</b>			
Profit	-	3,814	3,814
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	3,814	3,814
<b>Transactions with owners, recorded directly in equity</b>			
Dividends	-	-	-
Total distributions to owners	-	-	-
<b>Balance at 31 March 2017</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>(14,945)</b>	<b>(14,944)</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the period</b>			
Profit	-	430,803	430,803
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	430,803	430,803
<b>Transactions with owners, recorded directly in equity</b>			
Dividends	-	-	-
Total distributions to owners	-	-	-
<b>Balance at 31 March 2018</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>415,858</b>	<b>415,859</b>

The notes on pages 11 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

## Notes to the financial statements

### 1 Principal accounting policies

A summary of the Company's principal accounting policies is set out below. These accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the current and preceding years to items considered material to the financial statements.

#### 1a Basis of preparation

BBC Earth Productions Limited is a company incorporated in the United Kingdom under the Companies Act. The address of the registered office is given on page 3. The nature of the Company's operations and its principal activities are set out in the Directors' report on page 2.

The Company meets the definition of a qualifying entity under FRS 100 (Financial Reporting Standard 100) issued by the Financial Reporting Council. These financial statements were prepared in accordance with FRS 101 (Financial Reporting Standard 101) 'Reduced Disclosure Framework' as issued by the Financial Reporting Council.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis.

As permitted by FRS 101, the company has taken advantage of the disclosure exemptions available in relation to business combinations, share-based payments, non-current assets held for sale, financial instruments, capital management, presentation of comparative information in respect of certain assets, presentation of a cash-flow statement, impairment of assets and related party transactions and standards not yet effective. Where required, equivalent disclosures for the exemption adopted are given in the Group accounts of BBC Worldwide Limited.

#### 1b Going concern

After making enquiries, the Directors have a reasonable expectation that the business has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for a period of at least 12 months from the date of signing of these financial statements, and accordingly the going concern basis continues to be adopted in the preparation of the accounts.

#### 1c Turnover

Turnover in the statement of comprehensive income relates to amounts earned in relation to the film and television productions. Production funding is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income over the period of the production. Where production funds received exceed costs incurred to date, the balance is treated as deferred income and held on the statement of financial position until further costs are incurred. At this point it is released to the statement of comprehensive income as turnover. Turnover excludes value added tax and trade discounts.

#### 1d Foreign currency translation

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at a monthly average exchange rate.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the year end. Surpluses and deficits arising from the translation of monetary assets and liabilities at these rates of exchange, together with exchange differences arising from trading, are included in the statement of comprehensive income.

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### 1 Principal accounting policies (continued)

#### 1e Work in progress

Work in progress is stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

#### 1f Investments

Fixed asset investments are recorded at cost less provision for impairment. Only dividends received and receivable are credited to the Company's statement of comprehensive income.

#### 1g Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment. Loans receivable are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised costs using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

#### 1h Cash and cash equivalents

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours. Cash equivalents are highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value.

#### 1i Creditors

Creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers.

Creditors are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### 1j Taxation

The charge for taxation is based on the profit or loss for the year and takes into account taxation deferred because of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the statement of financial position and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profit. Except where otherwise required by accounting standards full provision without discounting is made for all temporary differences that have arisen but not reversed at the statement of financial position date.

Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that, on the basis of all available evidence, it is more likely than not that they will be recovered. Deferred tax is measured on an undiscounted basis at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which temporary differences reverse, based on tax rates and laws enacted or substantively enacted at the statement of financial position date.

#### 1k Group financial statements

The financial statements present information about the Company as an individual undertaking and not about its group. The Company is exempt under section 400 of the Companies Act 2006 from the requirement to prepare group financial statements on the grounds that it is a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking of BBC Worldwide Limited, incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales.

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### 2 Auditor's Remuneration

The audit fee relating to the Company was as follows:

	2018	2017
	£	£
Fees for the audit of the Company	9,000	7,750

### 3 Staff costs

The Directors received no remuneration from the Company during the year in respect of qualifying services (2017: £nil). The Company had no employees during the year or the preceding year.

### 4 Taxation

#### 4a Analysis of charges for the year

The charge for the year, based on a rate of corporation tax of 19% (2017: 20%), comprised:

	2018	2017
	£	£
<b>Current tax:</b>		
UK group relief payable / (receivable)	101,052	(475)
Adjustments in respect of previous years	-	(5,714)
<b>Total current tax charge / (credit) (note 4b)</b>	<b>101,052</b>	<b>(6,189)</b>

#### 4b Factors affecting the tax charge

The current tax charge (2017 credit) for the year differs from the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2017: 20%). The differences are explained as follows:

	2018	2017
	£	£
Profit / (Loss) on ordinary activities before tax	531,855	(2,375)
Current tax charge / (credit) at 19% (2017: 20%)	101,052	(475)
Effects of:		
Prior year adjustments	-	(5,714)
<b>Current tax charge / (credit) for the period (note 4a)</b>	<b>101,052</b>	<b>(6,189)</b>

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### 4c Factors that may affect future tax charges

On 18 November 2015, the Finance Act 2015 reduces the main rate of corporation tax to 19% effective from 1 April 2017 and on 15 September 2016, The Summer Finance Bill 2016 reduces the corporation tax rate to 17% from 1 April 2020. As these reductions to the rate were substantively enacted at the statement of financial position date, the Company's future current tax charge will reduce accordingly.

### 5 Investments

	Investments in subsidiary undertakings	Total
	£	£
Cost and net book value		
At 1 April 2017	2	2
Additions during the year ended 31 March 2018	-	-
<b>At 31 March 2018</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>

Principal investments	Percentage of ordinary share capital held	Country of incorporation / registration	Principal activity
Earth Film Productions Limited	100%	England	Motion films production
BBC Earth Productions (Giant Films) Limited	100%	England	Production of large format films for Giant Screen theatres

### 6 Work in progress

	2018 £	2017 £
Work in progress	-	866,155
	-	866,155

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### 7 Debtors

	2018 £	2017 £
Trade debtors	45,133	6,542
Other debtors	11,284	-
Prepayments and accrued income	29,311	13,650
	<b>85,728</b>	<b>20,192</b>

### 8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2018 £	2017 £
Trade creditors	717	60,562
Other creditors	8,159	17,608
Amounts owed to subsidiary undertakings	1	1
Amounts owed to group undertakings	366,702	610,659
Accruals and deferred income	341,234	410,106
	<b>716,813</b>	<b>1,098,936</b>

The amounts owed to group undertakings and subsidiary undertakings are current, unsecured and do not attract interest.

### 9 Share capital

	2018 £	2017 £
<i>Authorised:</i>		
1 Ordinary share of £1	1	1
<i>Issued, allotted, called up and fully paid:</i>		
1 Ordinary share of £1	1	1

### 10 Reserves

Reserves represent the retained earnings of the company since incorporation.

### 11 Commitments and contingent liabilities

At 31 March 2018, the Company had one outstanding lease commitment totalling £15,250, due within less than 12 months. No contingent liabilities have been recognised.



## **Notes to the financial statements (continued)**

### **12 Parent undertaking and controlling party**

The Company's immediate parent is BBC Worldwide Limited and the Company's ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party is the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) which is incorporated in the United Kingdom by Royal Charter. The largest group in which the results of the Company are consolidated is that headed by the BBC. The smallest group in which they are consolidated is that headed by BBC Worldwide Limited incorporated in the United Kingdom.

The consolidated accounts of BBC may be obtained online at [www.bbc.co.uk/annualreport](http://www.bbc.co.uk/annualreport).