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# NORTHERN & SHELL BROADCASTING (CI) LIMITED (Formerly CLT-UFA HOLDINGS LIMITED)

**REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** 

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010

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## **ANNUAL REPORT**

## For the year ended 31 December 2010

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## **OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS**

## **DIRECTORS**

Mr D A Menet	resigned 23 July 2010
Ms D Airey	resigned 23 July 2010
Mr D Hockley	resigned 23 July 2010
Mr R C Desmond	appointed 23 July 2010
Mr R Sanderson	appointed 23 July 2010
Mr S Myerson	appointed 23 July 2010
Mr M S Ellice	appointed 23 July 2010
Dr P Ashford	appointed 23 July 2010

## **SECRETARY**

State Street (Jersey) Limited (formerly Mourant & Co Secretaries Limited)

## **COMPANY NUMBER**

FC027840 (Jersey - Channel Islands)

## **REGISTERED OFFICE**

22 Greenville Street St Helier Jersey, JE4 8PX Channel Islands

#### **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

#### For the year ended 31 December 2010

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2010

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The Company's principle activity is a holding company

#### **RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS**

The Company recorded a profit before taxation of £64,954,000 (2009 loss of £103,463,000)

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (2009 £nil)

#### **REVIEW OF THE YEAR AND FUTURE PROSPECTS**

On 23 July 2010, the entire share capital of the Company was acquired by Northern & Shell Broadcasting Limited

The profit and loss account is set out on page 6

The directors consider the result for the year to be satisfactory. It is the intention of the Company to continue in its principal activity for the foreseeable future.

The risks, uncertainties and key performance indicators pertaining to the Company are consistent with those experienced by the Company's fellow subsidiaries. These are discussed in the "Review of the year and future prospects" section in the Directors' Report of Northern & Shell Media Group Limited, the ultimate parent of the Company.

The Company's net assets were £101,063,000 as at 31 December 2010 (2009 £36,109,000)

## **DIRECTORS**

The membership of the board during the year is set out on page 2

#### FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The management of the business and the execution of the Company's strategy are subject to a number of risks

The key business risks and uncertainties affecting the Company's subsidiaries are considered to relate to competition from other broadcasters and the performance of the advertising market

## **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

## For the year ended 31 December 2010

## **ELECTIVE RESOLUTIONS - AUDITORS AND AGM**

The Company has passed an elective resolution under article 87(4) of Companies (Jersey) Law 1991 whereby it has dispensed with the holding of an Annual General Meeting until such time as the election is revoked

Further elective resolutions passed at the same time dispense with

- a) Laying of the annual report and financial statements before the Company in General Meeting, and
- b) Appointment of auditors as the company does not satisfy the requirements of article 109(1) of Companies (Jersey) Law 1991

By order of the Board

Mr R Sanderson Director

Date 10 May 2011

22 Greenville Street St Helier Jersey, JE4 8PX Channel Islands

## STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE DIRECTORS' REPORT AND THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## For the year ended 31 December 2010

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 UK Accounting Standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

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,
- state whether applicable UK 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 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.

## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

## For the year ended 31 December 2010

	Notes	2010 £000	2009 £000
Impairment of fixed asset investment	3	64,954	(103,463)
PROFIT/(LOSS) ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		64,954	(103,463)
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	2		<u>-</u>
PROFIT/(LOSS) FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		64,954	(103,463)

There are no recognised gains and losses other than those stated above and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented

There are no material differences between the profit on ordinary activities before taxation and the profit for the year stated above and their historical cost equivalents

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

## **BALANCE SHEET as at 31 December 2010**

FIXED ASSETS	Notes	2010 £000	2009 £000
Investment  NET ASSETS	3	101,063	<u>36,109</u> 36,109
CAPITAL AND RESERVES		101,003	30,109
Called up share capital Profit and loss account	4 5	- 101,063	36,109
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		101,063	36,109

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and signed on its behalf by

Mr R Sanderson

Date JaMay 2011 Company registered number FC027840

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

## For the year ended 31 December 2010

## 1 PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### (a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and applicable accounting standards. The principal accounting policies are set out below

## (b) Going Concern

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

## (c) Consolidated financial statements and cash flow statement

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Northern & Shell Media Group Limited and is included in the consolidated financial statements of Northern & Shell Media Group Limited, and is therefore exempt from the obligation to prepare and deliver group accounts in accordance with Section 400 of the Companies Act 2006

Northern & Shell Media Group Limited prepares and files consolidated financial statements which include the cashflows of the Company The Company has therefore relied on the exemption provided by FRS1 from preparing its own cash flow statement

#### (d) Fixed asset investments

Investments are held at cost less provision for any permanent diminution in value. Their value is reviewed annually by the Directors, and provision is made, where appropriate for any permanent diminution of value.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## For the year ended 31 December 2010

2 TAXATION ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	2010	2009
Current taxation	£000	£000
UK corporation tax on profit of the year at 28% (2009 28%)	<u> </u>	
Total current taxation charge	<u> </u>	
The tax assessed for the year differs from the rate of 28% (2009 28%) and the	e differences are expl	ained below
	2010 £000	2009 £000
Profit on ordinary activities before tax		
Profit on ordinary activities before tax  Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by the rate of 28% (2009 28%)	£000	£000
·	£000 64,954	£000 (103,463)

## **Deferred taxation**

On 22 June 2010, the Chancellor announced that the main rate of UK corporation tax will reduce from 28% to 27% with effect from 1 April 2011. On 23 March 2011, the Chancellor announced a further reduction in the main rate of UK corporation tax to 26% with effect from 1 April 2011.

The Company has no deferred tax assets, either recognised or unrecognised (2009 £nil)

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

## For the year ended 31 December 2010

#### 3 FIXED ASSET INVESTMENT

	2010 £000	2009 £000
Cost at 1 January	352,000	352,000
Temporary impairment provision At 1 January Impairment charge	(315,891) 315,891	(212,428) (103,463)
	-	(315,891)
Permanent impairment write down At 1 January	-	•
Impairment charge	(250,937)	-
	(250,937)	
At 31 December	101,063	36,109

The fixed asset investment is stated at cost and represents the interest in Channel 5 Television Group Limited, whose principle activity is the holding of investments

Prior to the acquisition of the Company by Northern & Shell Broadcasting Limited on 23 July 2010, the Company tested its investments annually for impairment and booked movements through a temporary impairment provision. When testing for impairment, recoverable amounts were measured at their fair value in use by discounting the future expected cash flows from the investments.

The 2009 valuation uses cash flow projections based on management approved budgets and the Company's five year plan. Cash flows beyond the initial five year period were extrapolated using a long term growth rate of 3%. The cash flows were discounted at a pre-tax discount rate of 8 40%, the Company's current cost of capital.

Subsequent to the acquisition of the Group, the Company changed its accounting policy in line with the ultimate parent to no longer temporarily impair investments. The investment in Channel 5 Television Group Limited was then permanently impaired

## 4. SHARE CAPITAL

4. SHARE OALTAE	2010 £	2009 £
Authorised The Company is authorised to issue an unlimited number of ordinary shares of no par value	<u>-</u>	
Allotted and fully paid 3 ordinary shares of no par value	2	2_

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### For the year ended 31 December 2010

#### 5. RESERVES AND SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

	Share Capital £000	Profit and loss account £000	Total shareholder funds £000
At 31 December 2009	-	36,109	36,109
Profit for the year		64,954	64,954
As at 31 December 2010	<del>-</del> _	101,063	101,063

#### **6 GUARANTEES AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

The Company is part of the Northern & Shell Media Group Limited group. At 31 December 2010, certain claims in the normal course of business were pending against the Group and certain tax computations were still subject to agreement with the relevant taxation authorities. Although there is uncertainty regarding the final outcome of these matters, the directors believe, based on professional advice received, that an adequate provision has been made in the financial statements for anticipated liabilities and the probable ultimate resolution of such matters will not have a material effect on the financial statements of the Company

#### 7 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company is exempt under the terms of FRS 8 from disclosing related party transactions with entities that are part of the Northern & Shell Media Group Limited group

## 8. ULTIMATE PARENT UNDERTAKING

The immediate parent undertaking is Northern & Shell Broadcasting Limited and the ultimate parent undertaking is Northern & Shell Media Group Limited The ultimate controlling party is Richard Desmond, the Chairman of Northern & Shell Media Group Limited

The largest and smallest group into which these accounts are consolidated is Northern & Shell Media Group Limited respectively Northern & Shell Media Group Limited registered in England. The consolidated financial statements of Northern & Shell Media Group Limited can be obtained from The Northern & Shell Building, Number 10 Lower Thames Street, London, EC3R 6EN, United Kingdom