(Registered Number: 00700925)

Annual Report and Financial Statements For the year ended 31 December 2013

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## **Directors' Report**

The directors have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2013.

#### **Principal activity**

The company did not trade during the year and is unlikely to do so in the foreseeable future.

#### **Directors**

The current directors of the company or those who held office during the year are as follows:

S Brennan (resigned on 1 April 2014)

T Weldon

M Gardiner (appointed on 31 March 2014)

The present directors will continue in office pursuant to the Articles of Association.

#### **Elective resolutions**

At the 1990 annual general meeting an elective resolution was passed in respect of dispensing with the following provisions:

- the laying of the annual report and financial statements before the company in general meeting; and
- the holding of an annual general meeting.

The provisions of this elective resolution will apply for subsequent years until the election is revoked.

## **Auditors**

At the 1990 annual general meeting a special resolution was passed resolving not to appoint registered auditors.

Accordingly no report of the registered auditors is submitted.

This report was approved on the

24/9

2014.

By order of the Board

M Gardiner Director

80 Strand London WC2R 0RL

#### **Balance sheet at 31 December 2013**

	Notes	2013 £	2012 £
Current liabilities	3	(5,852)	(5,852)
Net current liabilities		(5,852)	(5,852)
Capital and reserves			
Authorised, allotted, called-up and full paid:	4	100	100
Profit and loss account – deficit	5	(5,952)	(5,952)
Equity shareholders' deficit		(5,852)	(5,852)

There is no difference between the opening and closing equity shareholders' funds stated above, and therefore no separate reconciliation of movements in equity shareholders' funds has been presented.

For the year ended 31 December 2013 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 480 of the Companies Act 2006. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

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

The notes on page 3 form part of these financial statements.

The financial statements on pages 2 to 3 were approved by the board of directors on the 24/9 2014 and were signed on its behalf by:

M Gardiner Director

Company Number: 00700925

# Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 31 December 2013

## 1 Accounting policy and basis of Financial Statements

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the historical cost basis of accounting and in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards in the United Kingdom.

#### 2 Profit and loss account

During the year the company has not traded or incurred any liabilities and accordingly no profit and loss account is submitted. The company's profit or loss on ordinary activities before taxation was therefore nil.

There are no emoluments paid to directors in respect of their services to Hamish Hamilton Children's Books Limited.

## 3 Current Liabilities

3	Current Liabilities		
		2013	2012
		£	£
	Amounts falling due within one year:		
	Amounts due to Group undertakings	(5,852)	(5,852)
4	Called up Share Capital		
	•	2013	2012
		£	£
	Authorised, allotted, called up and fully paid:		
	100 shares of £1 each	100	100
5	Reserves		
		2013	2012
		£	£
	At January 2013 and December 2013	(5,952)	(5,952)

#### 6 Ultimate and immediate parent undertakings

The company's immediate parent undertaking is Hamish Hamilton Ltd. Hamish Hamilton Ltd is a wholly owned subsidiary of Penguin Books Ltd who is a wholly owned subsidiary of Penguin Random House Ltd ("PRHL"). PRHL is owned by Bertelsmann 53% and Pearson 47%. The Company's ultimate parent Company is Bertelsmann SE & Co KGaA, which is incorporated in Germany. Copies of consolidated financial statements (the smallest and largest financial statements in which the Company is consolidated) can be obtained from:

Bertelsmann SE & Co KGaA Corporate Communications Carl Bertelsmann Strasse 270 Postfach 111 D-33311 Gütersloh Germany.