John Libbey Eurotext Limited

Reports and Financial Statements

for the year ended

31st December 2004





# Reports and financial statements

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### Director's report

The director has pleasure in presenting his report, together with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2004.

#### **Principal activity**

The principal activity of the company in the year under review was that of production and distribution of books and magazines in Europe, primarily in France.

#### Review of business and future developments

The company operates from offices in Paris. A summary of the results of the year's trading is given in the profit and loss account on page 4 of the financial statements. The director considers the state of the company's affairs, as disclosed by the balance sheet, to be satisfactory. No changes are planned in the company's operations in the foreseeable future.

#### **Dividends**

A dividend of £nil is proposed in respect of the period (2003 - £215,394).

#### Director

The director who held office during the year, together with his beneficial interests in the share capital of the company, was as follows:

	Ordinary £1	shares
	2004	2003
G. A. Cahn	1,000	1,000

#### Director's responsibilities

Company law requires the director to prepare financial statements for each financial period which 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 those financial statements, the director is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The director is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable him to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. He is 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.

# **Director's report (continued)**

#### **Auditors**

Riches & Company have signified their willingness to continue in office, and will be proposed for reappointment in accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985.

On behalf of the Board

Date of approval

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# Independent auditors' report to the shareholders of John Libbey Eurotext Limited

We have audited the financial statements of John Libbey Eurotext Limited on pages 4 to 12 for the year ended 31st December 2004. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. 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.

### Respective responsibilities of the director and auditors

As described in the statement of director's responsibilities on page 1 the company's director is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and United Kingdom Auditing Standards.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the director's report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding director's remuneration and transactions with the company is not disclosed.

We read the director's report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

#### Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with United Kingdom Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the director in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

#### Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31st December 2004 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Date of approval

10 October Loss

Riches & Company Chartered Accountants Registered Auditor

# Profit and loss account Year ended 31st December 2004

	Notes	2004 £	2003 £
Turnover	2	4,318,567	3,879,960
Cost of sales		(2,884,430)	(2,578,824)
Gross profit		1,434,137	1,301,136
Administrative expenses		(903,005)	(672,346)
Operating profit	3(a)	531,132	628,790
Interest receivable and similar income Interest payable and similar charges	3(b) 3(c)	28,961 (18,716)	51,338 (6,749)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	3	541,377	673,379
French taxation expense	6	(220,138)	(230,575)
Profit on ordinary activities before UK taxation		321,239	442,804
Taxation	6	-	-
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation		321,239	442,804
Retained profits brought forward		707,314	479,904
Proposed dividend		-	(215,394)
Retained profits carried forward		£1,028,553	£707,314

All amounts relate to continuing operations.

The company has no recognised gains and losses other than those included in the profits above, and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented.

There is no difference between the profit on ordinary activities before taxation and the profit for the year stated above, and their historical cost equivalents.

# Balance sheet as at 31st December 2004

		2004			003
Fixed assets	Note	£	£	£	£
Tangible assets	7		104,004		97,758
Current assets					
Stock Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	8 9	31,223 1,299,697 1,407,741		54,046 1,405,846 1,584,537	
O 194		2,738,661		3,044,429	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10(a)	(1,797,770)	ı <b>.</b>	(2,426,674)	
Net current assets			940,891		617,755
Total assets less current liabilities			1,044,895		715,513
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	10(b)		(15,342)		(7,199)
			£1,029,553		£708,314
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital Profit and loss account	11		1,000 1,028,553		1,000 707,314
Shareholders' funds	13		£1,029,553		£708,314

Approved by the board on 10 October 2005

G. A. Cahn Director

# Cash flow statement Year ended 31st December 2004

		2004		2003	
	Note	£	£	£	£
Net cash inflow from operating activities	15		84,152		692,904
Returns on investments and servicing of finance					
Interest received Interest paid		27,105 (1,399)		24,177 (2,887)	
Net cash inflow from returns on investments and servicing of finance		<del></del>	25,706		21,290
Taxation					
French corporate taxes paid UK corporation tax paid	ž.	245,740		77,485	
			(245,740)		(77,485)
Capital expenditure and financial investment			(210,110)		(77,100)
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets		40,914		32,811	
Net cash outflow from investing activities			(40,914)		(32,811)
(Decrease)/increase in cash	16		£(176,796)		£603,898

### Notes forming part of the financial statements

### 1 Accounting policies

#### (a) Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

#### (b) Turnover

Turnover represents net invoiced sales excluding value added tax.

#### (c) Depreciation

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off the cost of each asset on a reducing balance basis over its estimated useful life:

Furniture and fittings - 25% Office equipment - 25% Motor vehicles - 25%

Goodwill - straight line 50%

#### (d) Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of invoiced cost and net realisable value.

Cost includes all direct expenditure and the basis of calculation is consistent with that of prior periods.

#### (e) Deferred taxation

Provision is made at current rates for taxation deferred in respect of all material timing differences except to the extent that, in the opinion of the director, there is reasonable probability that the liability will not arise in the foreseeable future.

#### (f) Finance and operating leases

Where assets are acquired by leasing arrangements which give rights approximating to ownership, the amount representing the outright purchase price of such assets is included in tangible fixed assets. The capital element of future rentals is treated as a liability and the interest element is charged to the profit and loss account over the period of the lease. The asset is depreciated over the shorter of its estimated useful life and the term of the lease.

Leasing charges in respect of operating leases are recognised in the profit and loss account over the lives of the lease agreements as incurred.

#### (g) Foreign currency

The company's books are maintained in Euros and are converted into sterling using the closing rate method. All foreign exchange differences are charged to the profit and loss account for the year.

# **Notes (continued)**

### 2 Turnover

The turnover and profit before taxation are attributable to the one principal activity of the company and arose entirely in Europe.

3	Profi	t on ordinary activities before taxation		
			2004	2003
			£	£
	(a)	The operating profit is stated after charging:		
		Depreciation	34,668	32,586
		Director's remuneration (note 4)	232,937	205,125
		Auditors' remuneration	3,000	3,000
		Operating lease rentals - land and buildings	65,995	65,834
		- other	1,818	1,352
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	(b)	Interest receivable and similar income:	07.405	04.477
		Bank interest receivable	27,105	24,177
		Foreign exchange gains	1,856	27,161
			£28,961	£51,338
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	(c)	Interest payable and similar charges comprises:		
		Bank interest expense	23	1,936
		Hire purchase interest	1,376	949
		Foreign exchange losses	17,317	3,864
			£18,716	£6,749
4	Direc	ctor's remuneration		
			£	£
	Mana	agement remuneration	213,437	174,991
	Direc	ctor's fees	19,500	30,134
			£232,937	£205,125
	Chai	rman and highest paid director	£232,937	£205,125
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# **Notes (continued)**

### 5 Staff numbers and costs

The average number of persons (including directors) employed by the company during the period was as follows:

	2004 number	2003 number
Production Other	27 8	26 5
Total employees	35	31
The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were as follows:	£	£
Wages and salaries Social security costs and welfare charges	935,217 449,210 ———	859,333 407,854
£	1,384,427	£1,267,187

### 6 Taxation

The company is treated as non-resident in the United Kingdom with effect from 1st January 1994. Therefore, only French Corporation taxes are payable.

#### French taxes

	2004 £	2003 £
Main corporate income tax at up to 34.3%(2003 - 34.3%) Other local corporate taxes	190,105 7,866	221,658 6,273
Fiscal penalties and prior year adjustments	22,167	2,644
	£220,138	£230,575

# **Notes (continued)**

### 7 Tangible fixed assets

	Motor vehicles	Office equipment furniture and fittings	Total
Cook	£	£	£
Cost: At 1st January 2004 Additions	41,465 26,045	263,167 14,869	304,632 40,914
Disposals	20,043	(37,462)	(37,462)
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At 31st December 2004	67,510	240,574	308,084
Depreciation:	· 		
At 1st January 2004	29,519	177,355	206,874
Charge for the year	9,498	25,170	34,668
On disposals	-	(37,462)	(37,462)
At 31st December 2004	39,017	165,063	204,080
Net book values:			
At 31st December 2004	£28,493	£75,511	£104,004
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At 31st December 2003	£11,946	£85,812	£97,758

Included in the above are assets held under finance leases at a net book value of £32,145. Depreciation of £10,715 has been charged on these assets.

### 8 Stock

In the director's opinion the replacement cost of stocks at 31st December 2004 did not differ materially from the amount included in the balance sheet.

#### 9 Debtors

	2004 . £	2003 £
Trade debtors	1,223,101	1,269,120
Other debtors	64,799	35,756
Prepayments and accrued income	11,797	100,970
	£1,299,697	£1,405,846

# Notes (continued)

10	Creditors					
.0	Olouic	0.0	2004	2003		
			£	£		
	(a)	Amounts falling due within one year:				
		Amounts received in advance	479,872	1,007,909		
		Trade creditors	701,823	733,323		
		Accruals	332,473	272,472		
		French taxes due	34,470	172,670		
		Other creditors	23,270	20,020		
		Hire purchase liabilities	9,940	. 4,886		
		Proposed dividend	215,922	215,394		
			£1,797,770	£2,426,674		
	(b)	Amounts falling due after more than one year:				
	(-)	Hire purchase liabilities	£15,342	£7,199		
11	Called	up share capital				
			2004	2003		
	Author		040.000	040.000		
		10,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	£10,000	£10,000		
	Allotte	d, called up and fully paid:				
		1,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	£1,000	£1,000		
12	Opera	Operating leases				
	At the balance sheet date there were annual commitments under non-cancellable operating					
	leases	as follows:	2004	. 2000		
			2004 £	2003 £		
	Land	and buildings	L.	L		
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	Expirir	ng in two to five years	£70,888	-		
		ng in more than five years	-	£70,715		
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40	Marra	ment on shareholders' funds				
13	Move	ment on snareholders' tunds	2004	2003		
			2004 £	2003 £		
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	Profit f	for the year	321,239	227,410		
		ht forward	708,314	480,904		
	Corrio	d forward	£1,029,553	£708,314		
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# Notes (continued)

### 14 Controlling party

The director, G. Cahn, holds a controlling interest in the company, being the owner of 100% of the issued share capital.

### 15 Reconciliation of operating profit to net cashflow from operating activities

		2004	2003			
		. 2004 £	£			
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	Operating profit	531,132	628,790			
	Depreciation charges	34,668	32,586			
	Decrease/(increase) in stocks	22,823	(27,910)			
	Decrease/(increase) in debtors	131,751	(502,481)			
	(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(620,761)	538,622			
	Foreign exchange (loss)/gain realised	(15,461)	23,297			
			-			
	Net cash inflow from operating activities	£84,152	£692,904			
16	Analysis of changes in cash at bank and in hand during the year					
		2004	2003			
		£	£			
	Deleges at 4at January 2004	4 504 527	090 630			
	Balance at 1st January 2004	1,584,537	980,639 603,898			
	Net cash (outflow)/inflow	(176,796)	003,696			
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	Balance at 31st December 2004	£1,407,741	£1,584,537			