

BBC World Service Television Limited

Directors' report and financial statements

for the year ended 31st March 2000

Registered Number: 2592868



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Directors' report

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2000.

Principal activities

The company's only activity during the year was the assignment of its investment in a joint venture entertainment channel in Australia, UKTV Pty Limited.

Results for the period

The company did not trade during the year.

Millennium compliance

The 'millennium issue' was the threat that systems or equipment would not function properly as a result of the year change from 1999 to 2000. There was a risk that problems might arise, for example, with systems and equipment showing incorrect dates, failing to operate reliably or not operating at all.

BBC World Service Television Limited suffered no disruption at changeover from 1999 to 2000.

Although media attention was focused on the year change from 1999 to 2000 there is also a slight risk at other key dates subsequent to the year change, for example 29 February 2000. BBC World Service Television Limited suffered no disruption at this date and continues to monitor systems and equipment in respect of other known risk dates. Although there can be no categorical assurance that all potential problems have been removed, BBC World Service Television Limited considers it unlikely that there will be any future material disruption to its key services as a result of the millennium issue.

Credit payment policy

It is the company policy to adhere to the payment terms agreed with the supplier. Payments are contingent on the supplier providing goods and services to the required standard

Directors and directors' interests

The directors of the company during the year were as follows:

M C Young
P R Teague

None of the directors who held office at the end of the financial year had any beneficial interest in the shares of the company.

By order of the board



J A Holder
Company Secretary

Statement of directors' responsibilities

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year 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 directors are required to :

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the statements;
- 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 proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. 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.

Auditors' report to the members of BBC World Service Television Limited

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the directors' report and, as described on page 2, the financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards. Our responsibilities, as independent auditors, are established in the United Kingdom by statute, the Auditing Practices Board and by our profession's ethical guidance.

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. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the directors' 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 directors' remuneration and transactions with the company is not disclosed.

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of the 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 directors 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 31 March 2000 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

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Chartered Accountants

Registered Auditors

31 August 2000

Balance Sheet
as at 31st March 2000

	Notes	2000 £'000	1999 £'000
Fixed assets			
Investments	4	-	1,171
Current assets			
Debtors	5	<u>6,000</u>	<u>4,829</u>
Net assets		<u>6,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>
Capital & reserves			
Called up share capital	6	6,000	6,000
Profit & loss account		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Equity shareholders' funds	7	<u>6,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 29 August 2000 and were signed on its behalf by:



M C Young
Director

Notes

(forming part of the financial statements)

1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies which have been applied consistently are set out below:

Basis of preparation

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

The company is exempt from the requirement of Financial Reporting Standard No. 1 (Revised) to prepare a cash flow statement on the grounds of its size.

Investments

Investments are stated at cost less provisions for permanent diminution in value.

2. Auditors' remuneration

The auditors' remuneration in the current year and the preceding year was borne by a parent undertaking.

3. Staff cost and directors' emoluments

The company had no employees during the year or preceding year.

No director of the company received emoluments for services to the company during the year, (1999: £nil).

4. Fixed asset investment

	2000	1999
	£'000	£'000
Loans to undertaking in which the company has a participating interest	<u>—</u>	<u>1,171</u>

The investment in the incorporated Australian joint venture, UKTV Pty Limited has been assigned during the current period.

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5. Debtors

	2000 £'000	1999 £'000
Amounts due from parent undertaking	<u>6,000</u>	<u>4,829</u>

6. Share Capital

	2000 £'000	1999 £'000
Authorised		
10,000,000 A Ordinary Shares of £1 each	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
6,000,002 Ordinary Shares of £1 each	<u>6,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>

7. Reconciliation of movements in equity shareholders' funds

	2000 £'000	1999 £'000
Opening equity shareholders' funds	6,000	6,000
Profit for the financial year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Closing equity shareholders' funds	<u>6,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>

8. Profit and loss account

During the financial year and the preceding financial year the company did not trade and received no income and incurred no expenditure. Consequently during these periods the company made neither a profit nor a loss.

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9. Related parties

As the company is a wholly owned subsidiary of the British Broadcasting Corporation, the company has taken advantage of the exemption contained in FRS 8 and has therefore not disclosed transactions or balances with entities which form part of the group headed by the British Broadcasting Corporation. The consolidated financial statements of the British Broadcasting Corporation within which this company is included, can be obtained from BBC Information Services, White City, 201 Wood Lane, London W12 7TS.

There are no other transactions with related parties which require disclosure.

10. Ultimate parent company and parent undertaking of the smallest and largest group of which the company is a member

The directors consider the ultimate controlling party and holding company to be the British Broadcasting Corporation which is incorporated in the United Kingdom by Royal Charter. The financial statements of the ultimate holding company, which heads the largest group in which the results of the company are consolidated, are available to the public from BBC Information Services, White City, 201 Wood Lane, London, W12 7TS.

The company is a subsidiary undertaking of BBC Worldwide Limited, registered in England and Wales, which heads the smallest group in which the results of the company are consolidated. The consolidated financial statements are available to the public and may be obtained from BBC Information Services, White City, 201 Wood Lane, London, W12 7TS.