

**BBC World Service Television Limited**

**Directors' report and financial statements**

**for the year ended 31st March 1998**

Registered Number: 2592868



## **Directors' report and financial statements**

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## **Directors' report**

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31st March 1998.

## **Principal activities**

The company's only activity during the year was the holding of an investment in a joint venture entertainment channel in Australia, "UKTV".

## **Results for the period**

The company did not trade during the year.

## **Directors and directors' interests**

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

R W Phillis (Chairman) (resigned 30.11.97)

M C Young

P R Teague (appointed 02.12.97)

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*

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11 March 1999

### **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;
- 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.



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**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*

As described on page 2 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion to you.

*Basis of 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 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 31st March 1998 and of its result for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'KPMG'.

**KPMG**  
*Chartered Accountants  
Registered Auditors*

12 March 1999

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**Balance Sheet**  
*as at 31st March 1998*

	Notes	1998 £'000	1997 £'000
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Investments	4	949	498
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	5	<u>5,051</u>	<u>5,502</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>6,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>
<b>Capital &amp; reserves</b>			
Called up share capital	6	6,000	6,000
Profit & loss account		—	—
<b>Equity shareholders' funds</b>	7	<u>6,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 11 March 1999 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, (1997: £nil).

### **4. Fixed asset investment**

	<b>1998</b>	<b>1997</b>
	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>
Loans to undertaking in which the company has a participating interest	<u><b>949</b></u>	<u><b>498</b></u>

The investment is in the unincorporated Australian joint venture, UKTV.

**Notes**

*(forming part of the financial statements)*

<b>5. Debtors</b>	<b>1998</b>	1997
	<b>£'000</b>	£'000
Amounts due from parent undertaking	<u><b>5,051</b></u>	<u>5,502</u>
<b>6. Share Capital</b>	<b>1998</b>	1997
	<b>£'000</b>	£'000
Authorised		
10,000,000 A Ordinary Shares of £1 each	<u><b>10,000</b></u>	<u>10,000</u>
Allotted, called up and fully paid	<b>1998</b>	1997
	<b>£'000</b>	£'000
6,000,002 Ordinary Shares of £1 each	<u><b>6,000</b></u>	<u>6,000</u>
<b>7. Reconciliation of movements in equity shareholders' funds</b>		
	<b>1998</b>	1997
	<b>£'000</b>	£'000
Opening equity shareholders' funds	<b>6,000</b>	6,000
Profit for the financial year	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
Closing equity shareholders' funds	<u><b>6,000</b></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.



**Notes**

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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, 210 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.