

Registration number: 07842430

The Tolkien Estate Limited

Abbreviated Accounts

for the Year Ended 31 December 2015

Critchleys LLP
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Independent Auditor's Report to The Tolkien Estate Limited

Under section 449 of the Companies Act 2006

We have examined the abbreviated accounts set out on pages 2 to 5 together with the financial statements of The Tolkien Estate Limited for the year ended 31 December 2015 prepared under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report is made solely to the company, in accordance with Section 449 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company 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, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated accounts in accordance with section 444 of the Companies Act 2006. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to whether the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts to the Registrar of Companies and whether the abbreviated accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with the regulations made under that section and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our work in accordance with Bulletin 2008/4 issued by the Auditing Practices Board. In accordance with that Bulletin we have carried out the procedures we consider necessary to confirm, by reference to the financial statements, that the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts and that the abbreviated accounts are properly prepared.

Opinion

In our opinion the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with section 444(3) of the Companies Act 2006, and the abbreviated accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with the regulations made under that section.



Robert Kirtland (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of Critchleys LLP, Statutory Auditor

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Date:

16/9/2016

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2015

		2015		2014	
	Note	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Intangible fixed assets	2		1,710,439		1,957,732
Tangible fixed assets	2		1,672		2,229
Investments	2		<u>10,724,000</u>		<u>12,664,024</u>
			12,436,111		14,623,985
Current assets					
Debtors		4,049,751		4,050,162	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>21,369,083</u>		<u>19,006,884</u>	
		25,418,834		23,057,046	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		<u>(12,290,413)</u>		<u>(11,461,940)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>13,128,421</u>		<u>11,595,106</u>
Net assets			<u><u>25,564,532</u></u>		<u><u>26,219,091</u></u>
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	3	1,470,000		3,470,000	
Share premium account		14,106,983		14,106,983	
Profit and loss account		<u>9,987,549</u>		<u>8,642,108</u>	
Shareholders' funds			<u><u>25,564,532</u></u>		<u><u>26,219,091</u></u>

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the Board on 9/9/16 and signed on its behalf by:

Priscilla Tolkien
P M A R Tolkien
Director

The Tolkien Estate Limited

Notes to the Abbreviated Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2015

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The full financial statements, from which these abbreviated accounts have been extracted, have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (Effective January 2015).

Exemption from preparing group accounts

The company is part of a small group. The company has taken advantage of the exemption provided by Section 398 of the Companies Act 2006 and has not prepared group accounts.

Turnover

Turnover represents royalties and other trading income receivable in the year excluding value added tax. This includes an estimate of the amount earned up until the balance sheet date which is included in debtors.

Amortisation

Copyrights are amortised on a straight-line basis over the depreciation period of the assets to which it predominately relates.

Copyrights	over 10 years
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Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Plant and machinery	25% reducing balance
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Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at historical cost less provision for any diminution in value.

Foreign currency

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the exchange rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the closing rates at the balance sheet date. All exchange differences are included in the profit and loss account.

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2 Fixed assets

	Intangible assets £	Tangible assets £	Investments £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 January 2015	2,472,925	3,963	12,664,024	15,140,912
Disposals	-	-	(1,940,024)	(1,940,024)
At 31 December 2015	2,472,925	3,963	10,724,000	13,200,888
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2015	515,193	1,734	-	516,927
Charge for the year	247,293	557	-	247,850
At 31 December 2015	762,486	2,291	-	764,777
Net book value				
At 31 December 2015	1,710,439	1,672	10,724,000	12,436,111
At 31 December 2014	1,957,732	2,229	12,664,024	14,623,985

Details of undertakings

Details of the investments in which the company holds 20% or more of the nominal value of any class of share capital are as follows:

Undertaking	Country of incorporation	Holding	Proportion of voting rights and shares held	Principal activity
Subsidiary undertakings				
The JRR Tolkien Estate Limited	England	Ordinary	100%	Management of copyrights and IP, now dormant

The profit for the financial period of The JRR Tolkien Estate Limited was £nil and the aggregate amount of capital and reserves at the end of the period was £10,724,000.

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3 Share capital

Allotted, called up and fully paid shares

	2015		2014	
	No.	£	No.	£
Ordinary shares of £1 each	270,000	270,000	270,000	270,000
Preference shares of £1 each	1,200,000	1,200,000	3,200,000	3,200,000
	<u>1,470,000</u>	<u>1,470,000</u>	<u>3,470,000</u>	<u>3,470,000</u>