Apple Corps Limited

Report and Accounts

31 January 1995



Registered No. 764797

DIRECTORS

Mrs Y O Lennon H L Gerrard J L Eastman G Harrison

SECRETARY

Standby Films Limited

AUDITORS

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their report and group accounts for the year ended 31 January 1995.

RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The group profit for the year, after taxation, amounted to £3,626,714 (1994 -£1,360,193).

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend.

REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS AND PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The principal activity of the group is the exploitation of audio, visual and ancillary activities relating to "The Beatles". No changes to this activity are proposed.

DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS

The directors who served during the year and their interests in the share capital of the company were as follows:

	At 31 January	At 1 February
	1995	1994
	Ordinary	Ordinary
	shares	shares
Mrs Y O Lennon	25	25
G Harrison	25	25
H L Gerrard	_	-
J L Eastman	_	_

AUDITORS

A resolution to reappoint Ernst & Young as auditors will be put to the members at the Annual General Meeting.

By order of the board

For and on behalf of Standby Films Limited

Secretary

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE ACCOUNTS

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the group and of the profit or loss of the group for that period. In preparing those accounts, 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 accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the group 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 group and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS

to the members of Apple Corps Limited

We have audited the accounts on pages 5 to 17, which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and on the basis of the accounting policies set out on pages 9 and 10.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 3 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those accounts 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 accounts. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the accounts, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the group'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 accounts 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 accounts.

Opinion

In our opinion the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the group as at 31 January 1995 and of the profit of the group for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Ernst & Young

Chartered Accountants

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Registered Auditor

London

GROUP PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

for the year ended 31 January 1995

		1995	1994
	Notes	£	£
TURNOVER	2	17,285,805	9,675,647
Administrative expenses		13,508,636	9,080,857
		3,777,169	594,790
Exchange differences		(12,428)	16,541
Other operating income		560,000	644,000
Income from interests in associated undertakings		329,414	372,428
		876,986	1,032,969
OPERATING PROFIT	3	4,654,155	1,627,759
Interest receivable	6	378,330	286,824
Interest payable	7	(40,668)	(53,344)
		337,662	233,480
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		4,991,817	1,861,239
Tax charge on profit on ordinary activities	8	(1,365,103)	(501,046)
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION			
ATTRIBUTABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE PARENT UNDERTAKIN	ig 9,17	3,626,714	1,360,193
			

STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

There are no recognised gains or losses other than the profit attributable to shareholders of £3,626,714 in the year ended 31 January 1995 and £1,360,193 in the year ended 31 January 1994.

GROUP BALANCE SHEET

at 31 January 1995

		1995	1994
	Notes	£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	10	9,808	20,307
Investments:	11	(42.202	442.052
In associated undertakings	11	643,202	442,052
		653,010	462,359
CURRENT ASSETS			
Film production costs		3,549,653	2,275,292
Debtors	12	2,923,202	825,833
Cash and short term deposits at bank and in hand		3,452,627	4,332,545
		9,925,482	7,433,670
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	14	4,470,235	5,449,351
NET CURRENT ASSETS		5,455,247	1,984,319
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		6,108,257	2,446,678
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	16	100	100
Profit and loss account	17	6,108,157	2,446,578
Shareholders' funds	17	6,108,257	2,446,678
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BALANCE SHEET at 31 January 1995

		1995	1994
	Notes	£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	10	9,808	20,307
Investments	11	176,482	176,482
		186,290	196,789
CURRENT ASSETS			
Film production costs		3,549,653	2,275,292
Debtors	12	2,958,650	1,117,526
Cash and short term deposits at bank and in hand		2,248,121	3,129,091
		8,756,424	6,521,909
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	14	2,412,884	3,605,722
NET CURRENT ASSETS		6,343,540	2,916,187
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		6,529,830	3,112,976
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	16	100	100
Profit and loss account	17	6,529,730	3,112,876
Shareholders' funds	17	6,529,830	3,112,976

GROUP STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

for the year ended 31 January 1995

	Mata	1995 £	1994 £
	Notes	£	£
NET CASH (OUTFLOW)/INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	3(b)	(419,408)	1,561,003
RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS AND SERVICING OF FINANCE			
Interest received		378,330	286,824
Interest paid		(40,668)	(53,344)
NET CASH INFLOW FROM RETURNS			
ON INVESTMENTS AND SERVICING OF FINANCE		337,662	233,480
TAXATION			
Corporation tax paid (including advance corporation tax)		(2,665)	(31,442)
Overseas tax paid		(795,184)	(322,314)
Corporation tax repaid			115,402
TAX PAID		(797,849)	(238,354)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets		(323)	(375)
NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		(323)	(375)
NET CASH (OUTFLOW)/INFLOW BEFORE FINANCING		(879,918)	1,555,754
(DECREASE)/INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	13	(879,918)	1,555,754

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

Basis of consolidation

The group accounts consolidate the accounts of Apple Corps Limited and all its subsidiary undertakings drawn up to 31 January each year, with the exception of Apple Corps S.A., whose accounts are made up to 31 December and Apple Corps Inc., and its subsidiaries, whose accounts are made up to 30 June, in both cases for local fiscal reasons.

Undertakings, other than subsidiary undertakings, in which the group has an investment representing not less than 20% of the voting rights and over which it exerts significant influence, are treated as associated undertakings. The group accounts include the appropriate share of these undertakings' results and reserves based on audited accounts to 31 December 1994.

No profit and loss account is presented for Apple Corps Limited as permitted by section 230 of the Companies Act 1985.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset by equal annual instalments over its expected useful life, which is four years.

Film production costs

Film production costs are carried at cost and will be amortised on release of the film under the cost recovery method.

Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided using the liability method on all timing differences to the extent that they are expected to reverse in the future without being replaced, calculated at the rate at which it is anticipated that the timing differences will reverse. Advance corporation tax which is expected to be recoverable in the future is deducted from the deferred taxation balance.

Foreign currencies

Company

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

Group

The accounts of the overseas subsidiary undertakings are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. The exchange difference arising on the retranslation of opening net assets is taken directly to reserves. All other translation differences are taken to the profit and loss account.

Affiliated undertakings

In these accounts companies are described as affiliated to Apple Corps Limited if:

- (i) they have the same shareholders or ultimate shareholders as Apple Corps Limited; or
- (ii) the company is owned by one or more of the shareholders of Apple Corps Limited.

Leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to income on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Returns

No provision is made for any reduction in royalties receivable in subsequent periods as a result of the return of records sold in respect of which royalties would normally have become due and payable during the year. Any reductions are accounted for as a deduction from turnover in subsequent periods.

2. TURNOVER

Turnover represents income derived from the group's ordinary activities, stated net of value added tax, and is accounted for when the income would normally be due and payable to the group.

It is the opinion of the directors that, in view of the nature of the group's business, the markets in which it operates do not differ substantially from each other and are, therefore, treated as one market for the purposes of disclosing turnover in these accounts.

3. OPERATING PROFIT

(a) This is stated after charging:

	1995	1994
	£	£
Directors' remuneration (see below)	600,000	400,000
Depreciation	10,822	11,494
Auditors' remuneration – audit services	28,000	30,000
 non-audit services 	210,000	212,000
Operating lease rentals - land and buildings	30,000	45,000

Certain income in the profit and loss account in respect of the year ended 31 January 1994 has been reallocated from turnover to other operating income to ensure the comparatives correspond with the treatment adopted in 1995.

(b) Reconciliation of operating profit to net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities:

	1995	1994
	£	£
Operating profit	4,654,155	1,627,759
Depreciation	10,822	11,494
Translation reserve	34,865	5,268
Share of profits of associated undertakings	(329,414)	(372,428)
Increase in film production costs	(1,274,361)	(1,132,926)
(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	(2,343,483)	864,737
(Decrease)/Increase in creditors	(1,171,992)	557,099
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities	(419,408)	1,561,003

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4. DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION

	1995	1994
	£	£
Fees	600,000	400,000
Other emoluments (including pension contributions)	_	_
	600,000	400,000

There was no chairman of the company during the year and no highest paid director.

Directors' emoluments (excluding pension contributions) fell within the following ranges:

1994	1995			
No.	No.			
4	-	£100,000	01 -	£95,001
_	4	£150,000	01 –	£145,001

In addition, amounts charged to the profit and loss account include fees for the promotional services of Mrs Y O Lennon and Mr G Harrison amounting to £2,479,250 each (1994 – £1,372,250 each).

Name and likeness payments amounting to £79,144 (1994 – £66,945) were also payable to both Mr G Harrison and The Estate of John Lennon of which Mrs Y O Lennon is the sole executrix and a beneficiary.

5. STAFF COSTS

Excluding directors

		1995	1994
		£	£
	Wages and salaries	80,883	76,191
	Social security costs	9,408	7,901
		90,291	84,092
	The average number of employees, excluding directors,	No.	No.
	all employed in an administrative capacity, was	5	4
6.	INTEREST RECEIVABLE		
		1995	1994
		£	£
	Bank deposits	377,948	244,007
	Interest supplement on repayment of corporation tax	_	15,845
	Interest on certificate of tax deposit	382	26,972
		378,330	286,824
			

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7. INTEREST PAYABLE

•		1995	1994
		£	£
	Other interest	40,668	53,344
8.	TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES		
	The tax charge is made up as follows:		
		1995	1994
		£	£
	Based on the profit for the year:		
	Corporation tax at 33% (1994 – 33%)	1,540,000	555,140
	Double taxation relief	(793,576)	(320,833)
		746,424	234,307
	ACT written back	(317,714)	(193,328)
	Overseas taxation	795,184	322,314
		1,223,894	363,293
	Adjustment in respect of prior years	12,945	(407)
		1,236,839	362,886
	Associated undertakings	128,264	138,160
		1,365,103	501,046

9. PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE PARENT UNDERTAKING

The profit dealt with in the accounts of the parent undertaking was £3,416,854 (1994 - £1,431,671).

10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Group and Company

	Fixtures,		
	fittings and	Motor	
	equipment	vehicles	Total
	£	£	£
Cost:			
At 1 February 1994	90,163	35,000	125,163
Additions	323	<u> </u>	323
At 31 January 1995	90,486	35,000	125,486
Depreciation:			
At 1 February 1994	87,356	17,500	104,856
Provided during the year	2,072	8,750	10,822
At 31 January 1995	89,428	26,250	115,678
Net book value:			
At 31 January 1995	1,058	8,750	9,808
At 1 February 1994	2,807	17,500	20,307
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11. INVESTMENTS

Group

			Associated
			undertakings
		1995	1994
		£	£
Share of net assets at 1 February		442,052	207,784
Share of after tax profits for the year		201,150	234,268
Share of net assets at 31 January		643,202	442,052
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Company			
	Subsidiary	Associated	
	undertakings	undertakings	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 February 1994 and 31 January 1995 Amounts written off:	12,827	171,700	184,527
At 1 February 1994 and 31 January 1995	(8,045)	_	(8,045)
Net book value:			
At 1 February 1994 and 31 January 1995	4,782	171,700	176,482
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The company holds more than 10% of the equity of the following undertakings:

Name of company	Country of incorporation (or registration)	Proportion of share capital held		Nature of business
Subsidiary undertakings				
Apple Corps S.A.	Switzerland	100%		Intermediate holding company
Apple Corps Inc.	USA	100%*		Intermediate holding company
Apple Records Inc.)	•
(California)	USA	100%*)	
Apple Records Inc.)	Exploitation of
(New York)	USA	100%*)	musical copyrights
Apple Music Inc.	USA	100%*)	
Apple Films Inc.	USA	100%*		Exploitation of film copyrights
Python Music Limited	England	100%		Production
•	& Wales			and commercial exploitation of films
Apple Publicity Limited	England			-
••	& Wales	100%		Dormant
* Held by a subsidiary under	rtaking.			

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11.	INVESTMENTS (continued)				
	Со	untry of	Proportion		
	incorpora		of share		
	Name of company regis	tration)	capital held	Nature of	business
	Principal subsidiary undertakings				
	Apple Management Limited	England			
	8	& Wales	100%	Dormant	
	Apple Electronics Limited	England			
	٤	& Wales	100%	Dormant	
	Associated undertakings				
	Maclen (Music) Limited	England	20%	Exploitation	on of
	8	& Wales		musical co	pyrights
	Maclen Joint Limited	England	20%	Exploitation	on of
	ė.	& Wales		musical co	pyrights
	Subafilms Limited	England	23.9%	Marketing	, production
	č	& Wales		and distrib	oution of
				films and	videos
12.	DEBTORS				
12,	DEDICAL		Group		Company
		1995	1994	1995	1994
		£	£	£	£
	Prepayments	1,619	6,371	1,619	6,371
	Amounts owed by subsidiary undertakings				
	after deducting provision of £53,174				
	(1994 – £53,174)	_	-	62,190	312,042
	Amounts owed by associated				
	undertakings	2,723,034	306,421	2,723,034	306,421
	Amounts owed by affiliated undertakings	17,655	10,909	17,655	10,909
	Taxation recoverable	100.004	246,114		246,114
	Other debtors	180,894	256,018	154,152	235,669
		2,923,202	825,833	2,958,650	1,117,526

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13. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	•				Change
			1995	1994	in year
			£	£	£
	Cash and short term deposits at bank and i	n hand	3,452,627	4,332,545	(879,918)
			1994	1993	in year
			£	£	£
	Cash and short term deposits at bank and	in hand	4,332,545	2,776,791	1,555,754
14.	CREDITORS: amounts falling due within	one year			
			Group		Company
		1995	1994	1995	1994
		£	£	£	£
	Accruals	2,127,412	3,259,378	2,123,634	3,255,375
	Amounts owed to subsidiary undertaking	s -	-	_	253,967
	Amounts owed to associated undertaking	s 618,494	657,040	-	75,856
	Amounts owed to affiliated undertakings	578,457	665,867	_	2,454
	Loan (see below)	225,000	225,000	_	_
	Other creditors	722,068	636,138	96,043	18,070
	Current corporation tax	198,804	5,928	193,207	
		4,470,235	5,449,351	2,412,884	3,605,722
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The loan of £225,000 is from an associated undertaking and interest is payable at 1% above the base rate of National Westminster Bank PLC. There are no fixed terms for repayment.

15. DEFERRED TAXATION

There was no potential liability to deferred taxation at either 31 January 1995 or 31 January 1994.

16. SHARE CAPITAL

		Authorised		Allotted, called up and fully paid	
	1995	1994	1995	1994	
	No.	No.	£	£	
Ordinary shares of £1 each	100	100	100	100	

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17. RECONCILIATION OF SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS AND MOVEMENTS ON RESERVES Group

Group	Share capital £	Profit and loss account £	Total £
At 1 February 1993 Exchange differences on retranslation of	100	1,081,117	1,081,217
net assets of subsidiary undertakings	_	5,268	5,268
Profit for the year	_	1,360,193	1,360,193
At 1 February 1994 Exchange differences on retranslation of	100	2,446,578	2,446,678
net assets of subsidiary undertakings	_	34,865	34,865
Profit for the year	_	3,626,714	3,626,714
At 31 January 1995	100	6,108,157	6,108,257
Company		454-5	
Company	Share	Profit and	
	capital	loss account	Total
	£	£	£
At 1 February 1993	100	1,681,205	1,681,305
Profit for the year	_	1,431,671	1,431,671
At 1 February 1994	100	3,112,876	3,112,976
Profit for the year	_	3,416,854	3,416,854
At 31 January 1995	100	6,529,730	6,529,830

18. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The group is involved in various legal disputes in the ordinary course of business and, as at 31 January 1995, the directors are of the opinion that none of the claims or disputes of which they are aware will result in a material loss to the group.

19. OTHER FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

Annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

Group and company

	Land and building	
	1995	1994
	£	£
Operating leases which expire:		
Within one year	-	45,000
In over five years	75,000	-
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

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20. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

At 31 January 1995 capital commitments contracted for and not provided in these accounts amounted to £nil (1994 – £nil).

At 31 January 1995 no amounts had been authorised by the directors but not contracted for (1994 - £nil).

21. TRANSACTIONS WITH DIRECTORS

The company is party to an agreement with Maclen (Music) Limited and Maclen Joint Limited, in which Mrs Lennon has a disclosable interest of 40% in the share capital of the companies. Apple Corps Limited provides administration services to Maclen (Music) Limited and Maclen Joint Limited.