

Company No. 861473

DONCASTER NEWSPAPERS LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended

31 DECEMBER 1996



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DIRECTORS' REPORT

for the year ended 31 DECEMBER 1996

The directors present their report and the financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 December 1996.

ACTIVITIES

During the year the Company did not trade, incurred no liabilities and consequently, made neither profit nor loss. No changes in the Company's activities are expected in the foreseeable future. The directors do not recommend payment of a dividend (1995 : £nil).

DIRECTORS AND DIRECTORS' INTERESTS

The following persons were directors of the company during the year:

J M Burns	(resigned 2nd June 1997)
P Manuel	(resigned 8th August 1996)
Crosswall Nominees Limited	(appointed 8th August 1996)
UNM Investments Limited	(appointed 8th August 1996)

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 and loss for that period. In preparing these financial statements the directors are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently,
- make judgments 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 financial statements, and
- 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 are 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.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)

for the year ended 31 DECEMBER 1996

DIRECTORS' SHARE INTERESTS

The Company's ultimate holding company is United News & Media plc.

No director had any interest in the shares of the ultimate holding company, the company nor in any fellow subsidiary undertaking.

DIRECTORS' INSURANCE

The company maintains insurance policies on behalf of all directors against liability arising from neglect, breach of duty and breach of trust in relation to the company.

AUDITORS

The Company has exercised its entitlement under Section 250 Companies Act 1985 (as amended) to dispense with the requirement to appoint auditors.

LAYING OF REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS

The Company has passed an elective resolution dispensing with the requirement to lay reports and accounts before the Company in general meeting.

Under the provisions of Section 253(2) of the Companies Act 1985 (as amended), a member has the right to require the reports and accounts to be laid before the company in general meeting. The member must deposit notice of intention to exercise such right at the registered office of the company within twenty eight days of the date of this report.

By order of the board



Crosswall Nominees Limited
Secretary

Date

30/10/97

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

for the year ended 31 DECEMBER 1996

	1996 £	1995 £
Profit on disposal of property	-	46,223
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	-	-
TRANSFERRED TO RESERVES	<u>-</u>	<u>46,223</u>

The company has no recognised gains or losses for the years ending 1996 and 1995 other than the profit for the financial year.

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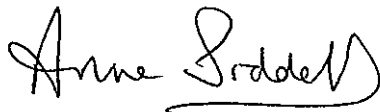
BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1996

	Note	1996 £	1995 £
DEBTORS: amounts falling due after more than one year			
Amounts owed by group undertakings		762,497	762,497
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year			
Amounts owed to group undertakings		(1,566,736)	(1,566,736)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS LIABILITIES		<u>(804,239)</u>	<u>(804,239)</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	3	100,000	100,000
Share Premium	4	60,000	60,000
Other Reserves	4	749	749
Profit and loss account	4	(964,988)	(964,988)
Shareholders' funds - all equity		<u>(804,239)</u>	<u>(804,239)</u>

The Company was dormant within the meaning of Section 250 Companies Act 1985 (as amended) throughout the year ended 31 December 1996

The financial statements on pages 4 to 7 were approved by the board of directors and were signed on its behalf by



UNM Investments Limited
Director

Date

30/10/97

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31 DECEMBER 1996

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a. Basis of accounting

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

b. Cashflow Statement

The company is exempt from the requirement to produce a cashflow statement. A consolidated cashflow statement is produced by the ultimate holding company.

2. DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS AND INTERESTS

None of the directors received any emoluments in respect of their services to the company during the year (1995:£nil).

3. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

	1996 £	1995 £
Authorised:		
100,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>
Allotted and fully paid :		
100,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>

4. RESERVES

	Share Premium £	Other Reserves £	Profit & Loss Account £
As at 1 January 1996	60,000	749	(964,988)
Profit for the year	-	-	-
As at 31 December 1996	<u>60,000</u>	<u>749</u>	<u>(964,988)</u>

5. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

	1996 £	1995 £
Profit for the financial year	-	46,223
Opening shareholders funds	(804,239)	(850,462)
Closing shareholders funds	<u>(804,239)</u>	<u>(804,239)</u>

6. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY AND PARENT UNDERTAKINGS

The directors consider United News & Media plc, a company registered in England and Wales, to be the company's ultimate holding company. Copies of the group accounts of United News and Media plc can be obtained from the Company Secretary at Ludgate House, 245 Blackfriars Road, London SE1 9UY.