COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER 00874639

EMI Songs Limited Annual Report and Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 March 2021



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Annual Report and Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2021

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Officers and Professional Advisers

The Board of Directors GR Henderson

T F Kelly T W Major J J Platt

Company secretary

TMF Corporate Administration Services Limited

Registered office

22 Berners Street

London W1T 3LP

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Directors' Report

Year ended 31 March 2021

The Directors present their report and the unaudited financial statements of EMI Songs Limited ("the Company") for the year ended 31 March 2021. The comparatives are for the year ended 31 March 2020.

Principal activities and business review

The principal activity of the Company continued to be that of music publishing. No material change in the activities of the business is contemplated.

During the financial year, the Company's turnover decreased by 15.5% on prior year to £804,927 (2020: £952,528). The Company made a profit before taxation of £3,476,881 compared with a £3,514,472 profit before taxation in the prior year.

The Company has net assets of £162,165,798 (2020: £159,349,523) at the reporting date.

The turnover of the Company is generated from usage of the songs written by the Company's composers and will vary in any given year alongside the market conditions and popularity of various genres of music. Direct costs attributed to the turnover are the writer's shares of the royalties earned on their compositions.

The Company pays a proportion of costs recharged from other group companies in accordance with an internal cost share allocation agreement. The costs shared and borne by the Company include salaries and wages, rent and overheads, which have been included in administrative expenses in the profit and loss account.

The Directors are satisfied with the trading performance during the year and are of the opinion that the Company is well positioned to continue trading successfully.

Going concern

The Company made a profit for the financial year of £2,816,275 (2020: £2,846,722), has net current assets of £162,165,798 (2020: £159,349,523) and has net assets of £162,165,798 (2020: £159,349,523) at the reporting date.

These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. In preparing the financial statements the Directors have taken into account all information that could reasonably be expected to be available for the following 12 months from the date of signing the financial statements and beyond.

The Directors have carried out a review of the business and have compared the forecast future anticipated cashflows.

The parent company, EMI Music Publishing Finance (UK) Limited, has agreed to provide financial support to the Company in order that it can continue to trade and meet its liabilities as they fall due.

The Directors have considered the Company's net assets, the Company's ongoing cash requirements, the recoverability of amounts owed by group undertakings and the letter of support received from EMI Music Publishing Finance (UK) Limited.

As a result of the review, the Directors are confident the Company has sufficient access to the financial resources to continue as a going concern for at least 12 months from the date of signing these financial statements and on this basis, they consider that it is appropriate to prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis.

Results and dividends

The profit for the financial year amounted to £2,816.275 (2020: £2,846,722). The Directors have not recommended a dividend (2020: £nil).

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary and the interests of the Group Directors are disclosed in the financial statements of the parent company.

Future developments

The Directors do not anticipate any significant changes to the Company's activity in the foreseeable future.

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Directors' Report (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2021

Directors

The Directors who served the Company during the year and up to the date of signing the financial statements are listed on page 1.

Qualifying third party indemnity provisions

Certain Directors benefited from the qualifying third party indemnity provisions in place during the financial year and at the date of this report.

Political contributions

The Company made no political donations or incurred any political expenditure during the year (2020: £nil).

Small companies' regime

The Company is entitled to take the small companies exemption, under section 414B, in relation to the requirement to prepare a Strategic report.

Signed on behalf of the Directors

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T W Major Director

22 Berners Street London W1T 3LP

Approved by the Directors on 25-Mar-22

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Statement of Directors' Responsibilities in Respect of the Annual Report and the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2021

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and Section 1A of FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities).

Under Company law the Directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they 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 these 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;
- assess the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern; and
- use the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and 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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Statement of Comprehensive Income

Year ended 31 March 2021

		2021	2020
	Notes	£	£
Turnover	3	804,927	952,528
Cost of sales		(496,582)	(640,290)
Gross profit		308,345	312,238
Administrative expenses		(103,491)	(78,759)
Operating profit	4	204,854	233,479
Interest receivable and similar income	5	3,272,027	3,280,993
Profit before taxation		3,476,881	3,514,472
Tax on profit	8	(660,606)	(667,750)
Profit for the financial year		2,816,275	2,846,722

The notes on pages 8 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

All of the activities of the Company are classed as continuing for the current and prior years.

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Balance Sheet

At 31 March 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Current assets Debtors	9	164,016,964	160,523,000
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(1,851,166)	(1,173,477)
Creditors, amounts faming due within one year	10		(1,173,477)
Net current assets		162,165,798	159,349,523
Net assets		162,165,798 =	159,349,523
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	H	1,000	1,000
Share premium account		98,495,100	98,495,100
Profit and Loss Account		63,669,698	60,853,423
Shareholders' funds		162,165,798	159,349,523

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A – Small Entities.

For the year ending 31 March 2021 the Company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 479A of the Companies Act 2006 relating to subsidiary companies.

The members have not required the Company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The notes on pages 8 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

25-Mar-22

These financial statements on pages 6 to 14 were approved by the Board of Directors on _____ and signed on their behalf by:

T W Major Director

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2021

1. Accounting policies

EMI Songs Limited (the "Company") is a private company limited by shares, incorporated, domiciled and registered in England and Wales in the United Kingdom. The registered number is 00874639 and the registered address is 22 Berners Street, London, W1T 3LP.

These financial statements were prepared in accordance with Section 1A of Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102"). The presentation currency of these financial statements is sterling. All amounts are rounded to the nearest £1.

The accounting policies set out below have, unless otherwise stated, been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements.

Judgements made by the Directors, in the application of these accounting policies that have significant effect on the financial statements and estimates with a significant risk of material adjustment in the next year are discussed in note 2.

Basis of preparation

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom.

Going concern

The Company made a profit for the financial year of £2,816,275 (2020: £2,846,722), has net current assets of £162,165,798 (2020: £159,349,523) and has net assets of £162,165,798 (2020: £159,349,523) at the reporting date.

These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. In preparing the financial statements the Directors have taken into account all information that could reasonably be expected to be available for the following 12 months from the date of signing the financial statements and beyond.

The Directors have carried out a review of the business and have compared the forecast future anticipated cashflows.

The parent company, EMI Music Publishing Finance (UK) Limited, has agreed to provide financial support to the Company in order that it can continue to trade and meet its liabilities as they fall due.

The Directors have considered the Company's net assets, the Company's ongoing cash requirements, the recoverability of amounts owed by group undertakings and the letter of support received from EMI Music Publishing Finance (UK) Limited.

Cash flow statement

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption available under FRS 102 Section 1A - Small Entities from preparing a statement of cash flows.

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2021

1. Accounting policies (continued)

Foreign currency

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated to the Company's functional currency at the foreign exchange rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the Balance Sheet date are retranslated to the functional currency at the foreign exchange rate ruling at that date. Non-monetary assets and liabilities that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction. Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies that are stated at fair value are retranslated to the functional currency at foreign exchange rates ruling at the dates the fair value was determined. Foreign exchange differences arising on translation are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Classification of financial instruments issued by the Company

In accordance with FRS 102.22, financial instruments issued by the Company are treated as equity only to the extent that they meet the following two conditions:

- they include no contractual obligations upon the Company to deliver cash or other financial assets or to exchange financial assets or financial liabilities with another party under conditions that are potentially unfavourable to the Company; and
- where the instrument will or may be settled in the Company's own equity instruments, it is either a non-derivative
 that includes no obligation to deliver a variable number of the Company's own equity instruments or is a derivative
 that will be settled by the Company's exchanging a fixed amount of cash or other financial assets for a fixed number
 of its own equity instruments.

To the extent that this definition is not met, the proceeds of issue are classified as a financial liability. Where the instrument so classified takes the legal form of the Company's own shares, the amounts presented in these financial statements for called up share capital and share premium account exclude amounts in relation to those shares.

Basic financial instruments

Trade and other debtors/creditors

Trade and other debtors are recognised initially at transaction price less attributable transaction costs. Trade and other creditors are recognised initially at transaction price plus attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses in the case of trade debtors. If the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, for example if payment is deferred beyond normal business terms, then it is measured at the present value of future payments discounted at a market rate of instrument for a similar debt instrument.

Taxation

Tax on the profit or loss for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income except to the extent that it relates to items recognised directly in Equity or Other Comprehensive Income, in which case it is recognised directly in Equity or Other Comprehensive Income.

Current tax is the expected tax payable or receivable on the taxable income or loss for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the Balance Sheet date and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years.

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2021

1. Accounting policies (continued)

Taxation (continued)

Deferred tax is provided on timing differences which arise from the inclusion of income and expenses in tax assessments in periods different from those in which they are recognised in the financial statements. Deferred tax is not recognised on permanent differences arising because certain types of income or expense are non-taxable or are disallowable for tax or because certain tax charges or allowances are greater or smaller than the corresponding income or expense.

Deferred tax is measured at the tax rate that is expected to apply to the reversal of the related difference, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the Balance Sheet date. Deferred tax balances are not discounted.

Unrelieved tax losses and other deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that is it probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits.

Related party transactions

The Company is exempt under the terms of FRS 102.33 Related Party Disclosures from disclosing related party transactions with entities that are part of the Sony Corporation Group or investees of the Sony Corporation Group provided that any subsidiary which is party to the transaction is wholly owned by the Group.

Turnover

The Company's turnover is wholly attributable to its principal activity and the Directors do not believe that any part of the Company's worldwide market is significantly different from any other.

Turnover is generated from usage of the songs written by the Company's composers and will vary in any given year alongside the market conditions and popularity of various genres of music. It is recorded when reported to the Company by the relevant source, or when the Company reasonably estimates that the income has been carned from a relevant source. Turnover is stated after deducting all sales commissions and any sales related taxes levied on turnover.

All turnover arises from continuing activities. In certain countries, the Company has assigned its rights to royalty income to other undertakings of the EMI Music Publishing Group.

Expenses

Interest receivable and similar income

Interest receivable and similar income include interest receivable on funds invested. Interest receivable is recognised in Statement of Comprehensive Income as it accrues, using the effective interest method.

Debtors - royalty advances

Royalties due to a composer are credited against the outstanding advance in the year of receipt until the amount of the advance is fully recovered. If it is thought that future earnings will not amount to the net value of an advance, a provision for the estimated shortfall will be raised. Advances are included in debtors as recoverable within one year although certain amounts may be recovered after more than one year.

Provisions

A provision is recognised where the expected future earnings of a writer do not support the net value of the advance. Advances to writers who are deemed to be unproven at the time of the advance are fully provided for at that time. A further review of the recoverability of unproven and proven writers is undertaken at the end of the period, and an additional adjustment to the provision may be made at this point. The movement in this provision credited to the Profit and Loss Account in the year was £2,989 (2020: £4,165).

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2021

2. Accounting estimates and judgements

In preparing these financial statements, the Directors do not consider that they have made any accounting estimates or judgements which have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

3. Turnover

The turnover is attributable to the one principal activity of the Company.

An analysis of turnover by geographical market is given below:

2021	2020
£	£
280,424	338,825
324,784	337,724
151,855	211,981
47,864	63,998
804,927	952,528
	£ 280,424 324,784 151,855 47,864

4. Operating profit

Cost recharges of £103,491 (2020; £78,759) due to other group companies are included in administrative expenses in the Statement of Comprehensive Income in respect of salaries and wages, rent and overheads and other administrative expenses.

5. Interest receivable and similar income

	2021 £	2020 £
Interest receivable from group undertakings	3,272,027	3,280,993

6. Directors' remuneration

The Directors, who are also the key management of the Company, received no direct remuneration from the Company during the year (2020: £nil).

The UK Directors were remunerated by Sony Music Publishing (UK) Limited, corresponding costs are appropriately borne by the Company. The US Directors were remunerated by Sony Music Holdings Inc.

7. Staff numbers and costs

The Company had no employees (2020: none).

Salary costs are borne by another group Company and a portion of the costs are recharged to the Company.

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660,606

667,750

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2021

Taxation		
Total tax expense recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income		
	2021 £	2020 £
Current tax		
Current tax on profit for the year	660,653	667,750
Total current tax	660,653	667,750
Deferred tax		
Origination and reversal of timing differences	(47)	-
Total deferred tax	(47)	
Total tax	660,606	667,750
Reconciliation of effective tax rate		
	2021 £	2020 £
Profit for the financial year	2,816,275	2,846,722
Total tax expense	660,606	667,750
Profit before taxation	3,476,881	3,514,472
Tax using the UK corporation tax rate of 19% (2020: 19%)	660,606	667,750

Factors that may affect future tax charges

Total tax

The standard rate of tax applied to reported profit on ordinary activities is 19% (2020: 19%). The March 2020 Budget announced that a rate of 19% would continue to apply with effect from 1 April 2020, and this change was substantively enacted on 17 March 2020. In the Spring Budget in 2021, the Government announced that from 1 April 2023 the corporation tax rate will increase to 25%. Since the proposal to increase the rate to 25% has not been substantively enacted at the balance sheet date, its effects are not included in these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Amounts owed by group undertakings Prepayments and accrued income Deferred tax assets	163,740,605 276,313 46	160,326,657 196,343
	164,016,964	160,523,000

At 31 March 2021, debtors falling due after more than one year amounted to £nil (2020: £nil).

Amounts owed by group undertakings are unsecured, bear interest between 0% - 2.6%, have no fixed date of repayment and are repayable on demand.

10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Accruals and deferred income Corporation tax	522,764 1,328,402	505,727 667,750
	1,851,166	1,173,477

11. Called up share capital

Share capital

Allotted, called up and fully paid:

,	2021 £	2020 £
1,000 (2020: 1,000) Ordinary shares of £1 each at 1 April and 31 March	1,000	1,000

The holders of ordinary shares are entitled to receive dividends as declared from time to time and are entitled to one vote per share at meetings of the Company.

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2021

11. Called up share capital (continued)

Reserves

Called up share capital

Represents the nominal value of shares issued.

Share Premium account

Represents the excess paid over the nominal value of shares issued.

Profit and Loss Account

Represents the reserves for net gains and losses recognised in the Profit and Loss Account.

12. Ultimate parent company and parent company of larger group

The ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party of the Company is Sony Corporation, a Company registered in Japan.

The largest group in which the results of the Company are consolidated is that headed by Sony Corporation, 1-7-1 Konan Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan 108-0075. The smallest group in which they are consolidated is that headed by EMI Music Publishing Finance (UK) Limited, 22 Berners Street, London, W1T 3LP. The consolidated financial statements of these groups are available to the public and may be requested from 22 Berners Street, London, W1T 3LP, United Kingdom.