# THE PERFECT POSTER COMPANY LIMITED (Registered Number: 1131184)

ANNUAL REPORT

**31 DECEMBER 2004** 



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## DIRECTORS' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

## 53 WEEKS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

## **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

The Directors submit their report and the financial statements of the Company for the 53 weeks ended 31 December 2004.

## REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS AND DIVIDENDS

The Company did not trade during the 53-week period under review, or in the prior period.

The Directors do not recommend payment of a dividend (2003: £Nil).

## **DIRECTORS**

The following Directors served during the period:

L P Healy B M A Hopkins J J Parkinson A J Round I G Fallon

None of the Directors had any beneficial interest in the shares of the Company during the period. The interests of the Directors, who are not directors of Independent News & Media PLC, the Company's ultimate parent undertaking, in the share options of that company at the beginning and end of the period were:

	At	Granted	Exercised	At	Weighted
	26 December	During	During	31 December	Average Exercise
	2003	Year	Year	2004	Price
A J Round	507,783		-	507,783	€2.37

The interests of the other Directors, who are also directors of Independent News & Media PLC, in the shares and share options of that company, are disclosed in that company's accounts.

#### **DIRECTORS' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

#### 53 WEEKS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

## **DIRECTORS' REPORT (Continued)**

#### STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

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 profit or loss of the Company 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.
- Prepare the accounts 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 accounts 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.

## **AUDITORS**

A resolution to re-appoint PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as auditors to the Company will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

By order of the Board

A J Round

Company Secretary

Date: 2. July

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF

## THE PERFECT POSTER COMPANY LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements which comprise the profit and loss account, the balance sheet and the related notes which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out in the statement of accounting policies.

## Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors' responsibilities for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards are set out in the statement of directors' responsibilities.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and United Kingdom Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. This report, including the opinion, has been prepared for and only for the company's members as a body in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving this opinion, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the directors' report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transactions is not disclosed.

We read the other information contained in the annual report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the financial statements. The other information comprises only the directors' report.

## Basis of audit 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 at 31 December 2004 and of its result for the 53 weeks then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

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Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

London

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# PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

## 53 WEEKS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

	Note	53 weeks ended 31 December 2004 £	52 weeks ended 26 December 2003 £
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION	2	-	-
Taxation			
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION		-	-
Preference shares appropriation	5	(3,250)	(3,250)
RETAINED LOSS FOR THE PERIOD		(3,250)	(3,250)
ACCUMULATED PROFIT BROUGHT FORWARD		3,792,057	3,792,057
Preference shares appropriation	6	3,250	3,250
RETAINED PROFIT CARRIED FORWARD		3,792,057	3,792,057

There are no recognised gains or losses other than the loss for the financial period and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented.

There is no difference between the profit on ordinary activities before taxation and the retained loss for the periods stated above and their historical cost equivalents.

The notes on pages 6 to 7 form part of these accounts.

# **BALANCE SHEET**

# AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2004

	Note	31 December 2004 £	26 December 2003 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	3	3,824,560	3,824,560
TOTAL ASSETS		3,824,560	3,824,560
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Represented by: Called up share capital Profit and loss account	4	32,503 3,792,057	32,503 3,792,057
		3,824,560	3,824,560
Comprising: Equity interests Non - equity interests		3,714,247 110,313	3,717,497 107,063
SHAREHOLDER'S FUNDS INCLUDING NON-EQUITY INTERESTS	6	3,824,560	3,824,560
Approved by the Board on 20 Suly	2005.		

A J Round Director

The notes on pages 6 to 7 form part of these accounts.

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE 53 WEEKS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

## 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- a) The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention, in accordance with the going concern concept, and comply with applicable accounting standards on a basis consistent with the previous year.
- b) The financial year ends on the last Friday nearest 31 December. Periodically this results in a 53 week year. There were 53 weeks in the 2004 financial year and 52 weeks in the 2003 financial year.

## 2 PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION

## **Auditors' Remuneration**

Auditors' remuneration is borne by the parent company.

# **Directors' Emoluments and Employees**

No Director received any emoluments from the Company in respect of services during the period (2003: Nil).

Details of the Directors emoluments in respect of their services to the Group can be found in the financial statements of Independent News & Media (UK) Limited and Independent News & Media PLC. There were no employees during the period (2003: Nil).

#### 3 DEBTORS

	2004 £	2003 £
Amounts owed by parent undertaking	3,824,560	3,824,560
	3,824,560	3,824,560

Amounts owed by parent undertaking are non-interest bearing, unsecured and repayable on demand.

### 4 CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

	Authorised		Allotted and fully paid	
	2004	2003	2004	2003
	£	£	£	£
Equity shares:				
Ordinary £1 shares	5,000	5,000	3	3
Non – equity shares:				
'A' redeemable cumulative £1				
Preference shares	45,000	45,000	-	-
'B' redeemable cumulative £1				
Preference shares	32,500	32,500	32,500	32,500
	82,500	82,500	32,503	32,503

The preference shares have priority on dividends and payment of capital. However they have no voting rights unless the fixed preferential dividend remains unpaid. The preference shares are redeemable at the option of the Company.

### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE 53 WEEKS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

## 5 ARREARS OF CUMULATIVE PREFERENCE DIVIDEND

The dividends in arrears on the 'B' 10% redeemable cumulative preference shares at 31 December 2004 amount to £77,813 (2003: £74,563).

## 6 RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDER'S FUNDS

	2004	2003
	£	£
Loss attributable to shareholders	(3,250)	(3,250)
Preference shares appropriation	3,250	3,250
Opening shareholder's funds	3,824,560_	3,824,560
Closing shareholder's funds	3,824,560	3,824,560

## 7 CASH FLOW STATEMENT

The Company is exempt from producing a cash flow statement under Financial Reporting Standard 1 as it is wholly owned by a parent undertaking established under the law of a member state of the European Community. The parent undertaking prepares consolidated financial statements, including a consolidated cash flow statement, which includes all subsidiary undertakings and these financial statements are drawn up in accordance with companies legislation promulgated within the Republic of Ireland.

## 8 ULTIMATE HOLDING COMPANY AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Independent News & Media (UK) Limited, a company incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England. The ultimate holding company is Independent News & Media PLC, a company incorporated in the Republic of Ireland.

As permitted by paragraph 3(c) of FRS8 - Related Party Disclosures, transactions with other entities in the Group are not disclosed. There are no other related party transactions.

The only consolidated accounts produced that include the results of the Company are those of Independent News & Media PLC. A copy of those accounts can be obtained from Independent House, 2023 Bianconi Avenue, Citywest Business Campus, Naas Road, Dublin 24, Ireland.