

**ARGUS MEDIA LIMITED**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2006**



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# ARGUS MEDIA LIMITED

## DIRECTORS AND ADVISERS

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**Directors**

M A Binks  
P Caddy  
M D Marks  
D C Massey  
G Nasmyth  
J A Nasmyth  
E R Craik

**Secretary**

S J Ashman

**Company number**

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# **ARGUS MEDIA LIMITED**

## **DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2006**

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The directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2006.

### **Directors**

The following directors have held office since 1 July 2005:

M A Binks  
P Caddy  
M D Marks  
D C Massey  
G Nasmyth  
J A Nasmyth  
E R Craik (appointed 20 January 2006).

### **Principal activities and review of the business**

The principal activity of the company and its subsidiary undertakings is the supply of information relating to the price and availability of crude oil, oil products, liquid petroleum gas, natural gas, coal, electricity and emissions of waste products. The company also reports on railroad transportation in the US and CIS.

The company experienced an excellent year of trading with good revenue growth and a substantial increase in profit. The reorganisation of the US business has returned Argus Media Inc to profit. All other regions experienced good growth with particular strong sales in the European and US markets.

The outlook for the business in the current financial year is good. An increasing use of Argus' prices by the US and European oil industry in their sales and purchase contracts in crude and other products should continue to flow through to sales. This should lead to a further rise in revenue and increased profitability in the current financial year.

### **Results and dividends**

The consolidated profit and loss account for the year is set out on page 5.

Dividends for the year totalled £929,348 (2005 £433,732) leaving a retained profit of £1,377,227 (2005 £961,327).

Since the year end final dividends declared totalled £1,165,215 (2005 £593,904).

### **Purchase of own shares**

During the year 47,000 A Ordinary shares of 1p each were purchased and cancelled by the company. A consideration of £120,790 was paid. The company purchased the shares in accordance with the articles when employees left the company.

### **Directors' interests**

The directors interests in the shares of the company and other group companies were as stated below:

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### DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2006

#### Argus media Limited

	A Ordinary shares of 1p each	
	30 June 2006	1 July 2005
M A Binks	192,537	172,537
P Caddy	84,616	80,616
M D Marks	-	-
D C Massey	46,647	42,647
G Nasmyth	425,000	425,000
J A Nasmyth	-	-
E R Craik	-	-

	B Ordinary shares of 1p each	
	30 June 2006	1 July 2005
M A Binks	750,000	750,000
P Caddy	-	-
M D Marks	-	-
D C Massey	-	-
G Nasmyth	-	-
J A Nasmyth	-	-
E R Craik	-	-

J A Nasmyth has a beneficial interest in 600,000 "A" ordinary shares, which are held in a discretionary trust. The family of J A Nasmyth hold 1,500,000 "A" ordinary shares in the company.

#### Auditors

Mercer & Hole have expressed their willingness to continue in office and in accordance with section 385 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution proposing that they be reappointed as auditors of the company will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

#### 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 group and of the profit or loss of the group for that period. In preparing those 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;
- 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 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 company and the group 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 the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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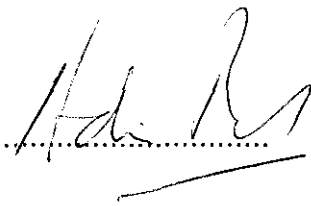
**DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2006**

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**Statement of disclosure to auditor**

- (a) so far as the directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware, and
- (b) they have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of any information.

On behalf of the board

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M A Binks  
Director

Date: 29 Sept 2006

## ARGUS MEDIA LIMITED

### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF ARGUS MEDIA LIMITED

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We have audited the financial statements of Argus Media Limited on pages 5 to 23 for the year ended 30 June 2006. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members 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 and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described in the statement of directors' responsibilities on page 2 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

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 with the company is not disclosed.

We read the directors' report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

#### Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) 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 and 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 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 and the group's affairs as at 30 June 2006;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985 and;
- the information given in the director's report is consistent with the financial statements.

*Mercer & Hole*

Mercer & Hole  
Chartered Accountants  
Registered Auditor

Date: *29 September 2006*

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**ARGUS MEDIA LIMITED****CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2006**

		2006	2005
	Notes	£	as restated £
<b>Turnover</b>	<b>2</b>	15,377,382	12,284,545
Administrative expenses		(12,479,526)	(10,372,780)
Other operating income		58,639	41,630
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<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>3</b>	2,956,495	1,953,395
Other interest receivable and similar income		99,928	115,484
Interest payable and similar charges	<b>4</b>	(2,528)	(1,623)
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<b>Profit on ordinary activities before taxation</b>	<b>3</b>	3,053,895	2,067,256
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	<b>5</b>	(747,320)	(672,197)
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<b>Profit on ordinary activities after taxation</b>		2,306,575	1,395,059
Dividends	<b>7</b>	(929,348)	(433,732)
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<b>Retained profit for the year</b>	<b>16</b>	1,377,227	961,327
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The profit and loss account has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations.



**ARGUS MEDIA LIMITED****STATEMENT OF RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2006**

	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>as restated £</b>
<b>Profit for the financial year</b>	2,306,575	1,395,059
Prior year adjustment	593,904	296,952
Foreign currency translation differences	(38,169)	(19,969)
<b>Total recognised gains and losses since last financial statements</b>	<u>2,862,310</u>	<u>1,672,042</u>

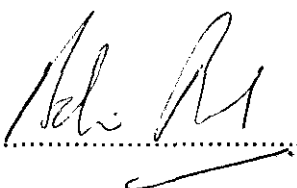
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## BALANCE SHEETS AS AT 30 JUNE 2006

	Notes	Group		Company	
		2006	2005 as restated	2006	2005 as restated
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Intangible assets	8	609,087	698,346	-	-
Tangible assets	9	5,555,481	5,037,366	5,385,339	4,986,674
Investments	10	-	-	79,301	79,300
		<u>6,164,568</u>	<u>5,735,712</u>	<u>5,464,640</u>	<u>5,065,974</u>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	11	3,433,090	2,767,811	2,484,896	1,879,111
Cash at bank and in hand		5,842,621	4,730,277	4,771,006	4,132,550
		<u>9,275,711</u>	<u>7,498,088</u>	<u>7,255,902</u>	<u>6,011,661</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	12	(10,612,232)	9,666,625	(8,202,996)	(7,168,944)
<b>Net current (liabilities)/assets</b>		<u>(1,336,521)</u>	<u>(2,168,537)</u>	<u>(947,094)</u>	<u>(1,157,283)</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>4,828,047</u>	<u>3,567,175</u>	<u>4,517,546</u>	<u>3,908,691</u>
<b>Provisions for liabilities and charges</b>	13	(34,510)	-	(34,510)	-
		<u>4,793,537</u>	<u>3,567,175</u>	<u>4,483,036</u>	<u>3,908,691</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>					
Called up share capital	15	31,739	32,209	31,739	32,209
Share premium account	16	38,298	38,298	38,298	38,298
Other reserves	16	703	233	703	233
Profit and loss account	16	4,722,797	3,496,435	4,412,296	3,837,951
		<u>4,793,537</u>	<u>3,567,175</u>	<u>4,483,036</u>	<u>3,908,691</u>
<b>Shareholders' funds – equity interests</b>	17	<u>4,793,537</u>	<u>3,567,175</u>	<u>4,483,036</u>	<u>3,908,691</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board on 29/9/06 and signed on its behalf by:

M A Binks:  
Director



**ARGUS MEDIA LIMITED**
**CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2006**

	<b>2006</b>		<b>2005</b>	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Net cash inflow from operating activities</b>		4,016,154		4,009,463
<b>Returns on investments and servicing of finance</b>				
Interest received	99,928		115,484	
Interest paid	(2,528)		(1,623)	
<b>Net cash inflow for returns on investments and servicing of finance</b>		97,400		113,861
<b>Taxation</b>		(1,146,257)		(598,523)
<b>Capital expenditure</b>			(4,995,673)	
Payments to acquire tangible assets	(805,189)		5,854	
Receipts from sales of tangible assets	374			
<b>Net cash (outflow)/inflow for capital expenditure</b>		(804,815)		(4,989,819)
<b>Equity dividends paid</b>		(929,348)		(433,732)
<b>Net cash (outflow)/inflow before management of liquid resources and financing</b>		1,233,134		(1,898,750)
<b>Financing</b>				
Purchase of own shares		(120,790)		-
<b>Increase/(Decrease) in cash in the year</b>		1,112,344		(1,898,750)

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## **NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2006**

1.	Reconciliation of operating profit to net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	2006		2005	
		£		£	
	Operating profit	2,956,495		1,953,395	
	Depreciation of tangible assets	282,632		215,174	
	Amortisation of intangible assets	67,699		145,084	
	Loss on disposal of tangible assets	3,103		3,749	
	Increase in debtors	(474,632)		(366,170)	
	Increase in creditors within one year	1,179,668		2,066,119	
	Net effect of foreign exchange differences	1,789		(7,888)	
	<b>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities</b>	<b>4,016,154</b>		<b>4,009,463</b>	
2.	Analysis of net funds	1 July 2005	Cash flow	Other non-cash changes	30 June 2006
		£	£	£	£
	Net cash:				
	Cash at bank and in hand	4,730,277	1,112,344	-	5,842,621
	Net funds	4,730,277	1,112,344	-	5,842,621
3.	Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net debt	2005		2006	
		£		£	
	Increase/(Decrease) in cash in the year	1,112,344		(1,898,750)	
	<b>Movement in net funds in the year</b>	<b>1,112,344</b>		<b>(1,898,750)</b>	
	Opening net funds	4,730,277		6,629,027	
	Closing net funds	5,842,621		4,730,277	

## **ARGUS MEDIA LIMITED**

### **NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2006**

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#### **1. Accounting policies**

##### **1.1 Accounting convention**

The financial statements are prepared under the historical costs convention.

##### **1.2 Basis of consolidation**

The consolidated profit and loss account and balance sheet include the financial statements of the company and its subsidiary undertakings made up to 30 June 2006. The results of subsidiaries sold or acquired are included in the profit and loss account up to, or from, the date control passes. Intra-group sales and profits are eliminated fully on consolidation.

##### **1.3 Turnover**

Turnover, which is stated net of value added tax, represents the total amount receivable in the ordinary course of business for goods sold and services provided, after deducting discounts given and credit notes issued.

Turnover is credited to the profit and loss account in accordance with the subscription period to which it relates.

##### **1.4 Goodwill**

Goodwill arising on acquisitions is capitalised, classified as an asset on the balance sheet and amortised on a straight line basis over its useful economic life up to a maximum of 20 years. The carrying value is reviewed for impairment at the end of each financial year.

##### **1.5 Publishing Titles**

Publishing titles are capitalised, classified as an asset on the balance sheet and amortised on a straight line basis over their useful economic lives up to a maximum of 20 years. The carrying value is reviewed for impairment at the end of each financial year.

##### **1.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets other than freehold land are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Land and buildings Freehold	2% Straight line
Computer equipment	33% Straight line
Fixtures and fittings	25% Reducing balance
Motor vehicles	25% Reducing balance

**1. Accounting policies**

**1.7 Leasing**

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged against income on a straight line basis over the lease term.

**1.8 Investments**

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

**1.9 Pensions**

Contributions to the company's defined contribution pension scheme are charged to the profit and loss account in the period in which they become payable.

**1.10 Deferred taxation**

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events that result in an obligation to pay more tax in the future or the right to pay less tax in the future have occurred at the balance sheet date. Timing differences are those differences between the company's taxable profits and its results as stated in the financial statements that arise from the inclusion of gains and losses in tax assessments in periods different from those in which they are recognised in the financial statements.

A net deferred tax asset is regarded as recoverable and therefore recognised only when, on the basis of all available evidence, it can be regarded as more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted.

A deferred tax asset is not recognised when fixed assets are revalued unless by the balance sheet date there is a binding agreement to sell the revalued assets and the gain or loss expected to arise on the sale has been recognised in the financial statements. Neither is deferred tax recognised when fixed assets are sold and it is more likely than not that the taxable gain will be rolled over, being charged to tax only if and when the replacement asset is sold.

Deferred tax is measured at the average rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which the timing differences are expected to reverse, based on tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date. Deferred tax is measured on a non discounted basis.

**1.11 Foreign currency translation**

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction or at the contracted rate if the transaction is covered by a forward foreign currency contract.

Exchange gains and losses arising on foreign currency borrowings used to finance the group's foreign currency equity investments are taken to reserves to the extent that they can be offset against the exchange differences arising on the equity investments.

**1. Accounting policies (continued)**

On consolidation, the balance sheets of non United Kingdom subsidiary and associated undertakings and assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies held by United Kingdom companies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the year end. Profit and loss accounts and cash flows of overseas subsidiary and associated undertakings are translated into sterling at average rates of exchange prevailing during the year, with the year end adjustment to closing rates being taken to reserves. Differences on exchange, arising from the re-translation at year end rates of the net investment in those undertakings at the beginning of the year are taken to reserves. All other exchange differences are dealt with in the determination of profit for the financial year.

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## NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2006

### 2. Turnover

#### Segmental analysis by geographical area

The analysis by geographical area of the group's turnover is set out as below:

#### Turnover

	2006		2005	
	Sales by destination	Sales by origin	Sales by destination	Sales by origin
	£	£	£	£
<b>Geographical segment</b>				
United Kingdom	3,215,275	11,075,969	2,862,647	9,137,368
Americas	4,753,960	4,301,413	3,541,069	3,147,177
Europe	3,669,188	-	2,855,785	-
Rest of the world	3,738,959	-	3,025,044	-
	<u>15,377,382</u>	<u>15,377,382</u>	<u>12,284,545</u>	<u>12,284,545</u>

### 3. Operating profit

Operating profit is stated after charging:

	2006 £	2005 £
Depreciation of intangible assets	67,699	145,084
Depreciation of tangible assets	282,032	215,174
Loss on disposal of tangible assets	618	3,749
Loss on foreign exchange transactions	29,696	-
Operating lease rentals	270,586	286,524
Auditors' remuneration (company £24,221; 2005: £27,036)	39,609	46,630
and after crediting:		
Rents receivable	58,639	37,558
Profit on foreign exchange transactions	-	(33,187)
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>

### 4. Interest payable

	2006 £	2005 £
On bank loans and overdrafts	2,528	1,623
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>



# ARGUS MEDIA LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2005

	2006 £	2005 £
<b>5. Taxation</b>		
<b>Domestic current year tax</b>	716,447	669,791
Adjustment for prior years	(26,702)	
U.K. corporation tax		
<b>Foreign corporation tax</b>		
Other foreign tax	222,451	5,741
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<b>Current tax charge</b>	912,196	675,532
<b>Deferred tax</b>		
Deferred tax charge/credit current year	(164,876)	(3,335)
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	747,320	672,197
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<b>Factors affecting the tax charge for the year</b>		
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	3,053,895	2,125,679
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Profit on ordinary activities before taxation multiplied by standard rate of UK corporation tax of 30.00% (2005: 30.00%)	916,169	637,704
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Effects of:		
Non deductible expenses	19,848	15,939
Depreciation add back	70,229	51,562
Capital allowances	(64,731)	(29,673)
Adjustments to previous periods	(26,702)	-
difference of tax rate on foreign earnings	(2,617)	-
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	(3,973)	37,828
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<b>Current tax charge</b>	912,196	675,532
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<b>6. Profit for the financial year</b>		
As permitted by section 230 of the Companies Act 1985, the holding company's profit and loss account has not been included in these financial statements. The profit for the financial year is made up as follows:		
	2006 £	2005 £
Holding company's profit for the financial year	1,624,483	1,453,482
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## NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2006

### 7. Dividends

	2006 £	2005 £
<b>"A" Ordinary shares</b>		
2005 Final proposed	445,428	222,715
2006 Interim	251,583	102,584
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	697,011	325,299
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<b>"B" Ordinary shares</b>		
2005 Final proposed	148,476	74,238
2006 Interim	83,861	34,195
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	232,337	108,433
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	929,348	433,732
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### 8. Intangible fixed assets Group

	Publishing titles £	Goodwill £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 July 2005	157,186	1,073,028	1,230,214
Exchange differences	(4,853)	(33,126)	(37,979)
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At 30 June 2006	152,333	1,039,902	1,192,235
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<b>Amortisation</b>			
At 1 July 2005	56,895	474,973	531,868
Exchange differences	(1,756)	(14,663)	(16,419)
Charge for the year	10,600	57,099	67,699
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At 30 June 2006	65,739	517,409	583,148
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<b>Net book value</b>			
At 30 June 2006	86,594	522,493	609,087
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At 30 June 2005	100,291	598,055	698,346
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**NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2006**

9. Tangible fixed assets Group	Land and buildings Freehold £	Computer equipment £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>					
At 1 July 2005	4,869,370	553,495	222,651	81,656	5,727,172
Exchange differences	-	(6,615)	(1,853)	(222)	(8,690)
Additions	351,649	185,807	253,787	13,946	805,189
Disposals	-	(194,808)	(71,065)	(6,950)	(272,823)
At 30 June 2006	5,221,019	537,879	403,520	88,430	6,250,848
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At 1 July 2005	60,863	410,763	164,291	53,889	689,806
Exchange differences	-	(5,449)	(1,492)	(184)	(7,125)
On disposals	-	(194,808)	(67,905)	(6,633)	(269,346)
Charge for the year	102,735	99,326	70,724	9,247	282,032
At 30 June 2006	163,598	309,832	165,618	56,319	695,367
<b>Net book value</b>					
At 30 June 2006	5,057,421	228,047	237,902	32,111	5,555,481
At 30 June 2005	4,808,507	142,732	58,360	27,767	5,037,366

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**9. Tangible fixed assets (continued)**

<b>Company</b>	<b>Land and buildings Freehold £</b>	<b>Computer equipment £</b>	<b>Fixtures and fittings £</b>	<b>Motor vehicles £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>Cost</b>					
At 1 July 2005	4,869,370	339,218	162,654	74,485	5,445,727
Additions	351,649	77,516	213,879	-	643,044
Disposals	-	(263,878)	(80,972)	(4,939)	(349,789)
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At 30 June 2006	5,221,019	152,856	295,561	69,546	5,738,982
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<b>Depreciation</b>					
At 1 July 2005	60,863	234,293	115,956	47,941	459,053
On disposals	-	(253,900)	(75,967)	(1,620)	(331,487)
Charge for the year	102,736	66,202	51,333	5,806	226,077
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At 30 June 2006	163,599	46,595	91,322	52,127	353,643
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<b>Net book value</b>					
At 30 June 2006	5,057,420	106,261	204,239	17,419	5,385,339
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At 30 June 2005	4,808,507	104,925	46,698	26,544	4,986,674
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### 10. Fixed asset investments Company

#### Shares in group Undertakings

	£
Cost at 1 July 2005	79,300
Addition	1
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Cost at 30 June 2006	79,301
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In the opinion of the directors, the aggregate value of the company's investment in subsidiary undertakings is not less than the amount included in the balance sheet.

#### Holdings of more than 20%

The company holds more than 20% of the share capital of the following companies:

Company	Country of registration or incorporation	Class	Shares held %
<b>Subsidiary undertakings</b>			
Argus Media Inc	USA	"A" Ordinary	100
Argus Media (Russia) Ltd	UK	"A" Ordinary	100

The principal activity of these undertakings for the last relevant financial year was as follows:

	Principal activity
Argus Media Inc	Publishing of oil and gas information
Argus Media (Russia) Ltd	Publishing of oil and gas information

### 11. Debtors

	Group		Company	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
	£	£	£	£
Trade debtors	2,990,906	2,482,498	1,873,441	1,573,396
Amounts owed by group undertakings	-	-	417,722	52,204
Other debtors	304,649	105,802	75,381	95,572
Prepayments and accrued income	137,535	179,511	118,352	157,939
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	3,433,090	2,767,811	2,484,896	1,879,111
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Amounts falling due after more than one year and included in the debtors above are:

	2006	2005	2006	2005
	£	£	£	£
Deferred tax asset	211,181	20,534	-	20,534
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### 12. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Group		Company	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
	£	£	£	£
Trade creditors	482,992	363,534	350,334	356,013
Amounts owed to group undertakings	-	-	905,083	-
Corporation tax	145,730	379,791	145,730	379,791
Taxes and social security costs	336,368	286,430	307,365	286,399
Other creditors	14,101	14,695	14,101	13,625
Accruals and deferred income	9,633,041	8,622,175	6,480,383	6,133,116
	<u>10,612,232</u>	<u>9,666,625</u>	<u>8,202,996</u>	<u>7,168,944</u>

### 13. Provisions for liabilities and charges

	Deferred tax liability
	£
Balance at 1 July 2005	-
Profit and loss account	34,510
	<u>34,510</u>
Balance at 30 June 2006	34,510

The deferred tax liability is made up as follows:

	2006	2005
	£	£
Accelerated capital allowances	<u>34,510</u>	<u>-</u>

### 14. Pension costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund.

Defined contribution	2006	2005
	£	£
Contributions payable by the company for the year	<u>313,769</u>	<u>216,891</u>

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15.	Share capital	2006 £	2005 £
	<b>Authorised</b>		
	4,250,000 A Ordinary shares of 1p each	42,500	42,500
	750,000 B Ordinary shares of 1p each	7,500	7,500
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		50,000	50,000
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	<b>Allotted, called up and fully paid</b>		
	2,423,900 A Ordinary shares of 1p each	24,239	24,709
	750,000 B Ordinary shares of 1p each	7,500	7,500
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		31,739	32,209
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The company's profits are distributable 75% to the holders of "A" shares and 25% to holders of "B" shares. These percentages also apply to distributions on a winding up. On a poll, holders of "B" shares may exercise one third of the votes that are capable of being cast by holders of "A" shares.

At 30 June 2006 the following share options for A Ordinary shares were outstanding:

67,600 at £1.38, exercisable from September 2006  
 50,750 at £1.96, exercisable from April 2007  
 1,000 at £1.05, exercisable from February 2008  
 99,530 shares at £1.00, exercisable from February 2009  
 30,000 shares at £2.06, exercisable from November 2009  
 48,250 shares at £2.68 exercisable from November 2010

During the year the company purchased and cancelled 47,000 A Ordinary shares of 1p each.

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### 16. Statement of movements on reserves

Group	Share premium account	Capital redemption reserve	Profit and loss account
	£	£	£
Balance at 1 July 2005 as previously stated	38,298	233	2,902,531
Prior year adjustment	-	-	593,904
Balance at 1 July 2005 as restated	38,298	233	3,496,435
Retained profit for the year	-	-	1,377,227
Foreign currency translation differences	-	-	(30,075)
Purchase of own shares	-	470	(120,790)
Balance at 30 June 2006	38,298	703	4,722,797
Company	Share premium account	Capital redemption reserve	Profit and loss account
	£	£	£
Balance at 1 July 2005 as previously stated	38,298	233	3,244,047
Prior year adjustment	-	-	593,904
Balance at 1 July 2005 as restated	38,298	233	3,837,951
Retained profit for the year	-	-	695,135
Purchase of own shares	-	470	(120,790)
Balance at 30 June 2006	38,298	703	4,412,296

The prior year adjustment relates to the de-recognition of final dividends proposed to comply with FRS 21.



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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2006****17. Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds****Group**

	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Profit for the financial year	2,306,575	1,395,059
Dividends	(929,348)	(433,732)
	<u>1,377,227</u>	<u>961,327</u>
Prior year adjustment	-	296,952
Foreign currency translation differences	(30,075)	(3,447)
Purchase of own shares	(120,790)	-
	<u>1,226,362</u>	<u>1,254,832</u>
Net addition to shareholders funds	1,226,362	1,254,832
Opening shareholders' funds	3,567,175	2,312,343
	<u>4,793,537</u>	<u>3,567,175</u>
Closing shareholders funds	<u>4,793,537</u>	<u>3,567,175</u>

**Company**

	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Profit for the financial year	1,624,483	1,453,482
Dividends	(929,348)	(433,732)
	<u>695,135</u>	<u>1,019,750</u>
Prior year adjustment	-	296,952
Purchase of own shares	(120,790)	-
	<u>574,345</u>	<u>1,316,702</u>
Net addition to shareholders funds	574,345	1,316,702
Opening shareholders' funds	3,908,691	2,591,989
	<u>4,483,036</u>	<u>3,908,691</u>
Closing shareholders funds	<u>4,483,036</u>	<u>3,908,691</u>

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### 18. Financial commitments

At 30 June 2006 the group had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	Land and buildings		Other	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
	£	£	£	£
Expiry date:				
Within one year	5,281	-	-	10,037
Between two and five years	188,670	68,337	4,974	6,775
In over five years	60,969	73,981	-	-
	<u>254,920</u>	<u>142,318</u>	<u>4,974</u>	<u>16,812</u>

### 19. Directors emoluments

	2006	2005
	£	£
Emoluments	<u>1,047,326</u>	<u>567,703</u>
Emoluments disclosed above include amounts paid to:		
The highest paid director	<u>633,494</u>	<u>298,074</u>
Emoluments disclosed above include the following amounts paid to the highest paid director:		
Company pension contributions to money purchase scheme	<u>80,224</u>	<u>47,322</u>

### 20. Employees

#### Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees (including directors) during the year was:

	2006	2005
Editorial	127	113
Marketing	38	35
Management & Administration	22	19
	<u>187</u>	<u>167</u>

#### Employment costs

	£	£
Wages and salaries	6,870,306	5,719,337
Social security costs	666,795	531,946
Other pension costs	315,010	216,891
	<u>7,852,111</u>	<u>6,468,174</u>

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#### 21. Post balance sheet events

Since the year end final dividends for 2006 were declared as follows:

	2006	2005
	£	£
"A" Ordinary shares	873,911	445,428
"B" Ordinary shares	291,304	148,476
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	1,165,215	593,904
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