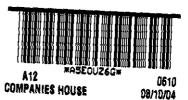
Charter Broadcast Limited

(formerly Pantherwood Limited)

Annual report and accounts

for the year ended 31 December 2003

Registered in England & Wales; number: 2594283



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Chief Executive's Statement

Formation of Blitz Charter Group

On 26 February 2004, a new company, Blitz Charter Group Limited acquired Blitz Communications Limited, Charter Broadcast Limited, other holding companies and dormant subsidiaries from Evenser Group Limited to form the Blitz Charter Group. Through its two main 'companies' this group will continue to provide high quality audio visual services to corporate organisations and the hire of television broadcast equipment throughout the world.

Charter also continues to operate through its subsidiary in Singapore supplying equipment to the Far-East market.

During 2003, the operations of Charter GmbH in Germany were terminated and equipment returned to the UK. In a separate transaction in early 2004, the operations of Charter Inc were sold and a Reciprocal Agency Agreement entered into with the acquirer. Certain surplus equipment not required in that transaction was returned to the UK.

Details of Acquisition

On 26 February 2004, Blitz Charter Group Limited was formed as follows:

- i) Evenser Group's audio visual and broadcast equipment interests were transferred to a new company, Blitz Charter Group Limited ("Blitz Charter") controlled by funds managed by Candover Investments Plc, which are independent of the Company;
- ii) £10,525,000 of the Evenser Group Limited senior debt and £2,800,000 of the Evenser Group Limited revolving credit facility were transferred to Blitz Charter;
- iii) All of the senior unsecured subordinated loan stock in Evenser Group Limited amounting to some £70 million including rolled up interest was converted into deferred ordinary shares in the Evenser Group Limited;
- iv) All of the junior unsecured subordinated loan stock amounting to £224,000 was redeemed by the Evenser Group Limited at a cost of £22,400;
- v) Certain directors, including members of the executive management of Blitz Charter agreed to resign from the Evenser Group Limited Board and relinquish their existing ordinary shares; and
- vi) New incentive arrangements were entered in to with the management teams of both the continuing group and Blitz Charter.

Un-audited Pro-forma Results and Balance Sheet

As the above transactions took place in 2004, the results for the companies now in the Blitz Charter Group are consolidated into the Evenser Group Limited statutory accounts for the year ended 31 December 2003. If the results for the year to 31 December 2003 for Blitz Communications and Charter Broadcast are aggregated, they would appear as follows:

	Blitz £'000	Charter £'000	Un-audited pro- forma £'000
Turnover	12,953	8,301	21,254
Gross Profit	8,332	4,631	12,963
Operating Profit/(Loss) before exceptional items and goodwill amortisation	554	(835)	(281)
Goodwill amortisation	(569)	-	(569)
Exceptional items	(301)	(108)	(409)
Operating loss after exceptional items and goodwill amortisation.	(316)	(943)	(1,259)

The unaudited aggregated balance sheet of Blitz Charter as at 31 December 2003, set out below, gives an indication of the effect of restructuring upon the financial position of Blitz Charter.

	31 December 2003 £'000
Fixed assets	
Intangible assets	10,842
Tangible fixed assets	8,973
NBV of fixed assets	19,815
Current assets	
Stock/WIP/inventories	174
Debtors	3,858
	4,032
Current liabilities: amounts falling due within one year	
Creditors and overdrafts	(5,855)
Net current liabilities	(1,823)
Total assets less current liabilities	17,992
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	
Term loans – long term portion	(10,251)
Net assets	7,741

The above information represents the aggregated statutory balance sheets of Blitz Communications and Charter Broadcast at 31 December 2003 with adjustments to eliminate investments and inter-company balances within the Blitz Charter Group together with the replacement of the intercompany funding balances from Evenser Group with the external bank debt raised to repay those intercompany balances on 26 February 2004. It does not consider the balances and trading relating to Charter GmbH or Charter Inc as these businesses have been closed and sold respectively. As such, the pro-forma balance sheet only gives a representation of the net assets of the business at 31 December 2003 on the basis as if the acquisition by the Blitz Charter Group had taken place at that time.

Results for the year

The results for the year of Charter Broadcast are set out in the attached accounts. The results for Blitz Communications are set out in the accounts of that company.

Trading Prospects

Following the acquisition in February 2004, trading is in line with management's expectations.

M J Breen Chief Executive

Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2003

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2003.

Principal activities and business review

The principal activity of the Company is the provision of management and other services to group companies and also, following the acquisition referred to below, the hire of video, sound and other equipment to the broadcast and corporate television industries.

On 31 December 2002, the Company acquired the trade, assets and liabilities of Cinevideo Limited and Pantherwood Limited (formerly Charter Broadcast Limited), both of which are fellow subsidiaries, assuming liabilities of £1,872,000 and consideration of £957,000 respectively (note 17).

The results of the Company continue to develop in line with expectations and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future.

On 5 February 2003, the company changed its name from Pantherwood Limited to Charter Broadcast Limited.

Results and dividends

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (2002: £nil). The loss for the financial year of £1,398,000 (2002: loss £385,000) has been transferred to reserves.

Directors and their interests

The following directors held office during the year:

BD Day (resigned 27 November 2003) NJ Marshall (resigned 15 January 2004)

DJ Carr (appointed 21 February 2002, resigned 27 November 2002)

MJ Breen (appointed 27 November 2003) CEK Beddow (appointed 27 November 2003)

The directors who held office at the end of the financial year did not have any interests in the ordinary shares of the Company.

The interests of the directors in the share capital of Evenser Group Limited, the Company's ultimate parent undertaking, are disclosed in the directors' report of that Company's financial statements.

Statement of directors' responsibilities

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year that 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. The directors are required to prepare financial statements on the going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The directors confirm that suitable accounting policies have been used and applied consistently as explained on page 10 under Note 1 'Principal accounting policies'. They also confirm that reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates have been made in preparing the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2003 and that applicable accounting standards have been followed.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that 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 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.

Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2003 (continued)

Auditors

Following the conversion of our auditors PricewaterhouseCoopers to a Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) from 1 January 2003, PricewaterhouseCoopers resigned on 25 April 2003 and the directors appointed its successor, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, as auditors. A resolution to reappoint PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as auditors to the Company will be proposed at the annual general meeting.

By order of the board

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21st July 2004

Independent auditors' report to the members of Charter Broadcast Limited

We have audited the financial statements on pages 8 to 18, comprising the profit and loss account, balance sheet and notes to the accounts.

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 on page 5.

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 of 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 2003 and of its loss for the year 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

Birmingham

21st July 2004

Profit and loss account for the year ended 31 December 2003

	2003 £'000	2002 £'000
Turnover	8,301	58
Cost of sales	(3,670)	-
Gross profit	4,631	58
Administrative expenses	(5,466)	(479)
Exceptional administrative expenses	(108)	(108)
Total administrative expenses	(5,574)	(587)
Operating loss (note 2)	(943)	(529)
Amounts written off investments	-	(3,494)
Income from shares in group undertakings	164	4,408
Interest receivable and similar income (note 5)	2	-
Interest payable and similar charges (note 6)	(597)	-
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before taxation	(1,374)	385
Taxation (note 7)	(24)	
(Loss)/profit for the year transferred to reserves (note 15)	(1,398)	385

The results for the year are wholly attributable to the continuing operations of the Company.

The Company has no recognised gains and losses other than those included in the profit and loss account above, and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented.

There is no difference between the (loss)/profit on ordinary activities before taxation and the (loss)/profit for the financial year above, and their historical cost equivalents.

Balance sheet as at 31 December 2003

	2003 £'000	2002 £'000
Fixed assets		
Tangible fixed assets (note 8)	4,762	4,490
Investments (note 9)	957	957
	5,719	5,447
Current assets		
Stocks (note 10)	3	3
Debtors (note 11)	14,513	3,313
Cash at bank and in hand	4,113	5,351
	18,629	8,667
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (note 12)	(24,674)	(13,042)
Net current liabilities	(6,045)	(4,375)
Net assets	(326)	1,072
Capital and reserves		
Called up share capital (note 13)	1,600	1,600
Profit and loss account (note 14)	(1,926)	(528)
Equity shareholders' funds (note 15)	(326)	1,072

The financial statements on pages 8 to 18 were approved by the board of directors on 21st July 2004 and were signed on its behalf by:

MJ Breen Director

Notes to the financial statement for the year ended 31 December 2003

1 Principal accounting policies

Basis of preparation

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

The principal accounting policies consistently applied in the preparation of the accounts of the Company are described below.

Adoption of new accounting standards

The company has adopted Financial Reporting Standard 19 'Deferred Tax'. There has been no effect of this change in accounting policy to the comparative figures.

Basis of consolidation

The financial statements contain information about Charter Broadcast Limited as an individual Company and do not contain consolidated financial information as the parent of a group. The Company is exempt under Section 228 of the Companies Act 1985 from the requirement to prepare consolidated financial statements as it and its subsidiary undertakings are included by full consolidation in the consolidated financial statements of its parent, Evenser Group Limited, a Company registered in England and Wales.

Tangible fixed assets

The cost of tangible fixed assets is their purchase cost, together with any incidental expense of acquisition.

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, by equal annual instalments over their estimated useful lives.

Plant and hire equipment

5 years

Motor vehicles

3 to 4 years

Fixtures and fittings

5 years

Leasehold improvements

Over the unexpired life of the lease

Tangible fixed assets acquired as part of businesses acquired are depreciated over the remaining estimated useful economic lives of those assets.

Leases

Costs in respect of operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease.

Hire purchase agreements and finance leases which transfer to the Company substantially all the benefits and risks of ownership of an asset are treated as if they had been purchased outright. The assets are included in fixed assets and the capital element of the leasing commitment is shown as obligations under finance leases. The lease rentals are treated as consisting of capital and interest elements. The capital element is applied to reduce the outstanding obligations and the interest element is charged against profit so as to give a constant periodic rate of charge on the remaining balance outstanding at each accounting period. Assets held under hire purchase agreements and finance lease are depreciated over their useful economic lives.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2003 (continued)

1 Principal accounting policies (continued)

Investments

Fixed asset investments are shown at cost less, where appropriate, provision for impairment.

Turnover

Turnover during the year represented amounts (excluding value added tax) derived from the provision of management services to group undertakings during the year. The Company only undertakes one class of business and all income originates in the United Kingdom.

Foreign currency

Trading results denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at average rates of exchange during the year, except for material exceptional items which are translated at the rate on the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities are translated at the rates of exchange ruling at the year end except where rates of exchange are fixed under contractual arrangements. Non-monetary assets and liabilities are translated at the historic rate.

Stocks and work in progress

Stocks and work in progress are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Provision is made where necessary for obsolete, slow moving and defective stock.

Taxation including deferred taxation

The charge for taxation is based on the profit/loss for the period and takes into account taxation deferred because of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes. Deferred taxation is provided on all timing differences in accordance with FRS19, "Deferred tax". Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent they are regarded as recoverable. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

Pensions

The Company operates a defined contribution scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Company in independently administered funds. Contributions to the scheme are charged to the profit and loss account in the year in which accrued.

Cash flow statement and related party disclosures

The Company is a subsidiary undertaking of Evenser Group Limited, where 90% or more of the voting rights are controlled within the group. The Company is included in the consolidated financial statements of Evenser Group Limited, which are publicly available from Companies House. Consequently, the Company has taken advantage of the exemption from preparing a cash flow statement under the terms of Financial Reporting Standard 1 (revised 1996). The Company is also exempt under the terms of Financial Reporting Standard 8 from disclosing related party transactions with entities that are part of Evenser Group Limited.

Notes to the financial statement for the year ended 31 December 2003 (continued)

2 Operating loss

Operating loss is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2003 £'000	2002 £'000
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets:		
- owned assets	1,650	-
Profit on sale of fixed assets	(148)	-
Operating lease charges:		
- hire of plant and equipment	259	-
- other	21	~
Auditors' remuneration:		
- audit fees	15	

The fees for audit services for the year ended 31 December 2002 were borne by the ultimate parent undertaking and are disclosed in the group consolidated financial statements.

3 Directors' emoluments

The emoluments of the directors were paid by the ultimate parent undertaking Evenser Group Limited and are disclosed in the financial statements of that entity. The ultimate parent undertaking did not make recharges to the Company in respect of these emoluments.

4 Employee information

	2003 £'000	2002 £'000
Staff costs		
Wages and salaries	1,642	338
Social security costs	164	28
Pension costs	35	7
	1,841	373

Staff costs represent recharges from the ultimate parent undertaking for services provided by its employees who worked for the Company during the year.

The average monthly number of persons employed by the Company during the year was 49 (2002: 3).

Notes to the financial statement for the year ended 31 December 2003 (continued)

5 Interest receivable and similar income

		2003 £'000	2002 £'000
	Interest receivable from group undertakings	2	_
6	Interest payable and similar charges		
		2003 £³000	2002 £'000
-	Interest receivable on group undertakings	597	-

7 Taxation on (loss)/profit on ordinary activities

There was a tax charge of £24,000 (2002: £nil) for the year ended 31 December 2003.

The tax assessed for the period is higher (2002: lower) than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK (30%). The differences are explained below:

2003	2002
£'000	£'000
(1,374)	385
(412)	116
(9)	1,049
	(1,322)
421	(1)
24	
	158
24	-
	£'000 (1,374) (412) (9) 421 24

At the balance sheet date there was an unprovided deferred tax asset of £2,792,000 (2002: £3,438,000) consisting mainly of accelerated capital allowances of £1,761,000 (2002: £3,426,000). This asset has not been recognised as, in the opinion of the directors, it is unlikely to be utilised in the foreseeable future due to the availability of taxable losses within the Evenser Group.

Notes to the financial statement for the year ended 31 December 2003 (continued)

8 Tangible fixed assets

	Building Improve- ments	Plant and hire equipment	Motor vehicles	Fixtures and fittings	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Cost or valuation					
At 1 January 2003	339	19,402	120	173	20,034
Additions	57	1,652	-	76	1,785
Disposals	-	(2,144)	-	-	(2,144)
Intercompany transfers	-	176	-	-	176
At 31 December 2003	396	19,086	120	249	19,851
Aggregate depreciation					
At 1 January 2003	63	15,248	82	151	15,544
Charge for year	18	1,607	14	11	1,650
Disposals	-	(2,105)	-	-	(2,105)
Intercompany transfers	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2003	81	14,750	96	162	15,089
Net book value at 31 December 2003	315	4,336	24	87	4,762
Net book value at 31 December 2002	276	4,154	38	22	4,490

Notes to the financial statement for the year ended 31 December 2003 (continued)

9 Investments

Shares in group undertakings £'000

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At 1 January 2003 and 31 December 2003	4,451
Amounts written off	
At 1 January 2003	3,494
Provided in the year	-
At 31 December 2003	3,494
Net book value at 31 December 2003	957
Net book value at 31 December 2002	957

The following information relates to the subsidiary undertakings of the Company:

Name of company

Proportion of ordinary shares held

	Directly	Indirectly	Nature of business	
	%	%		
Companies registered in England and Wales				
Cinevideo Limited	100	-	Hire of video, sound and other equipment to the TV broadcast industry	
Pantherwood Limited (formerly Charter Broadcast Limited	100	-	Hire of TV broadcast equipment and provision of technical services	
Charter Broadcast Projects Limited	100	-	Dormant	
Charter Murphil Limited	100		Non-trading	
Companies incorporated in the USA				
Charter Broadcast North America, Inc.	100	_	Provision of technical services to the TV broadcast industry	
Companies incorporated in Germany				
Charter Broadcast GmbH	99.9	0.1	Hire of TV broadcast equipment	

There is only one class of share for each subsidiary undertaking. All the above companies operated principally in their country of incorporation or registration.

Notes to the financial statement for the year ended 31 December 2003 (continued)

10 Stock

		2003 £'000	2002 £'000
	Finished goods and goods for resale	3	3
11	Debtors		
		2003 £'000	2002 £'000
	Trade debtors	828	752
	Amounts owed by group undertakings	13,412	2,139
	Other debtors	-	106
	Prepayments and accrued income	273	316
		14,513	3,313

Amounts owed by group undertakings are unsecured, interest free and have no fixed date of repayment.

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2003 £'000	2002 £'000
Bank overdrafts	1,536	1,149
Trade creditors	1,007	529
Amounts owed to group undertakings	21,640	10,522
Other taxes and social security	86	287
Accruals and deferred income	405	555
	24,674	13,042

Amounts owed to group undertakings are unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand.

Notes to the financial statement for the year ended 31 December 2003 (continued)

13 Called up share capital

		2003 £'000	2002 £'000
	Authorised		 _
	Ordinary shares of £1 each	2,000	2,000
	Allotted, called up and fully paid		
	Ordinary shares of £1 each	1,600	1,600
14	Profit and loss account		
			£'000
	At 1 January 2003		(528)
	Loss for the financial year		(1,398)
	At 31 December 2003		(1,926)
15	Reconciliation of movements in equity shareholders' funds		
		2003 £'000	2002 £'000
	(Loss)/profit for the financial year	(1,398)	385
	Net movement in equity shareholders' funds	(1,398)	385
	Equity shareholders' funds at 1 January 2003	1,072	687
	Equity shareholders' funds at 31 December 2003	(326)	1,072

16 Contingent liabilities

The Company is party to a guarantee and debenture entered into by its ultimate parent undertaking Evenser Group Limited with National Westminster Bank plc whereby any actual, contingent, present and/or future obligations and liabilities of Evenser Group Limited and its UK subsidiary undertakings ("the Group") are secured by first fixed and floating charges over the assets of the Group.

The Group has entered into bank cross guarantees and debentures with National Westminster Bank plc secured by first fixed and floating charges over the assets of the Group in respect of the UK Group bank borrowings. At 31 December 2003 these bank borrowings amounted to £33,860,000 (2002: £33,860,000).

Notes to the financial statement for the year ended 31 December 2003 (continued)

17 Acquisitions

On 31 December 2002, the company purchased at net book value the trade, assets and liabilities of Cinevideo Limited and Pantherwood Limited (formerly Charter Broadcast Limited), both of which are fellow subsidiaries. Details of the assets and liabilities acquired are set out below. The directors consider the net book value of the assets and liabilities to represent their fair value.

	Cinevideo Limited	Pantherwood Limited	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Tangible fixed assets	2,500	1,990	4490
Stock	-	3	3
Debtors	785	601	1,386
Cash	2,974	2,377	5,351
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(8,131)	(4,014)	(12,145)
Total (liabilities)/assets transferred/acquired	(1,872)	957	915

The consideration (received)/paid of (£1,872,000) and £957,000 were settled through the inter-company accounts.

18 Parent undertaking and controlling party

The Company's ultimate immediate parent undertaking is Evenser Group Limited, a Company registered in England and Wales. The results of the Company are included in the Group accounts of Evenser Group Limited for the year ended 31 December 2003 The financial statements of Evenser Group Limited may be obtained from the Company at its registered office: Unit 1. National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, B40 1PJ.

19 Post balance sheet events

On 26th February 2004, the company together with other subsidiaries in the Evenser Group was sold to a new company, Blitz Charter Group Limited, which will become the new group holding company. Finance for the acquisition was provided by The Royal Bank of Scotland plc. Details of the financial structure of the new group are set out in the chief executive's statement attached to the front of these accounts.