# **Pantherwood Limited**

Registered in England & Wales; number: 2594283

Directors' report and financial statements

For the year ended 31 December 2000



# Report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2000

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The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2000.

#### Principal activities and business review

The principal activity of the Company is the provision of management and other services to group companies.

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

#### Results and dividends

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (1999: £Nil). The retained loss for the financial year of £709,000 (1999: profit £65,000) has been transferred to reserves.

#### Directors and their interests

The following directors held office during the year:

RK Ellis (resigned 7 April 2000)

DJ Davies (resigned 7 April 2000)

J Delano (appointed 7 April 2000; resigned 8 May 2000)

MS Gumienny (appointed 7 April 2000; resigned 8 May 2000)

BD Day (appointed 8 May 2000)

N Marshall (appointed 8 May 2000)

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

The interests of the directors in the share capital of Evenser Group Limited (formerly TeleCast Communications 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 and loss of the Company 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 Company will continue in business.

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.

#### Auditors

The auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers, have indicated their willingness to continue in office, and a resolution concerning their reappointment will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

By order of the board

Secretary

29 October 2001

## Auditors' report to the members of

## Pantherwood Limited

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 11.

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report. As described on page 1, this includes responsibility for preparing the financial statements, in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards. Our responsibilities, as independent auditors, are established in the United Kingdom by statute, the Auditing Practices Board and our profession's ethical guidance.

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 United Kingdom Companies Act. 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.

#### 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 2000 and of its loss for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

PricewaterhouseCoopers

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Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors Birmingham

29 October 2001

	2000 £'000	1999 £'000
Turnover	21	656
Gross profit	21	656
Administrative expenses	(746)	(692)
Operating loss (note 2)	(725)	(36)
Income from shares in group undertakings (note 5)	-	65
Interest receivable and similar income (note 6)	25	36
Interest payable and similar charges (note 7)	(9)	
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before taxation	(709)	65
Taxation (note 8)	_	
Retained (loss)/ profit for the year transferred to reserves (note 13)	(709)	65

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 losses above, and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented.

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

	2000 £'000	1999 £'000
Fixed assets		
Investments (note 9)	1,604	1,794_
Current assets		
Debtors (note 10)	676	660
Cash at bank and in hand	186	
	862	660
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (note 11)	(1,551)	(830)
Net current liabilities	(689)	(170)
Net assets	915	1,624
Capital and reserves		
Called up share capital (note 12)	1,600	1,600
Profit and loss account (note 13)	(685)	24
Equity shareholders' funds (note 14)	915	1.624

The financial statements on pages 4 to 11 were approved by the board of directors on 29 October 2001 and were signed on its behalf by:

B D Day Director

## 1 Principal accounting policies

#### Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards. A summary of the more important accounting policies, which have been applied consistently, is set out below.

#### Basis of consolidation

The financial statements contain information about Pantherwood 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 (formerly TeleCast Communications Limited), a company registered in England and Wales.

#### Cash flow statement and related party disclosures

The Company is a subsidiary undertaking of Evenser Group Limited (formerly known as TeleCast Communications 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.

#### Investments

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

#### **Turnover**

Turnover represents 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.

#### 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. Provision is made for deferred tax to the extent that it is probable that an actual asset or liabilities will crystallise.

#### Pensions

The Company contributes to a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions to the scheme are charged to the profit and loss account in the year in which accrued.

## 2 Operating loss

The operating loss includes £31,000 (1999: £115,000) paid to Lindmead Consultants Limited, a company controlled by a former director, B Sheffield, in relation to consultancy services provided by him to the Company.

The fees for audit services are 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 (formerly known as TeleCast Communications 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

	2000 £'000	1999 £'000
Staff costs		
Wages and salaries	359	243
Social security costs	36	32
Pension costs	36	36
	431	311

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 2 (1999: 2).

## 5 Income from group undertakings

	2000	1999
	£'000	£'000
Income from shares in group undertaking		65

6	Interest receivable and similar income		
		2000 £'000	1999 £'000
Inter	est receivable from group undertakings	25	36
7	Interest payable and similar charges		
		2000	1999
		£'000	£'000
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## 8 Taxation on (loss)/profit on ordinary activities

There is no tax charge in the year (1999: £Nil) due to losses and tax reliefs surrendered without payment. At the balance sheet date there was an unprovided tax asset of £207,000 (1999: £nil) consisting of other short term timing differences.

## 9 Investments

Shares in group undertakings £'000	Loan to group undertakings £'000	Total £'000
1,416	378	1,794
	(190)	(190)
1,416	188	1,604
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The loan with the group undertaking is unsecured. Simple interest accrues on the outstanding loan on a daily basis at the rate of 8.75% per annum, payable monthly in arrears.

## 9 Investments (continued)

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

Name of company	Proportion of ordinary shares held			
Companies registered in England and Wales	Directly %	Indirectly %	Nature of business	
Cinevideo Limited	100	-	Hire of video, sound and other equipment to the TV broadcast industry	
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.

## 10 Debtors

	2000 £'000	1999 £'000
Amounts owed by group undertakings Other debtors	674 2	660
	676	660

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

## 11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2000 £'000	1999 £'000
Bank overdrafts	289	24
Trade creditors	5	-
Amounts owed to group undertakings	1,075	785
Accruals and deferred income	182	21
	1,551	830

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

## 12 Called up share capital

	2000 £'000	1999 £'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

## 13 Profit and loss account

	£'000
At 1 January 2000	24
Loss for the financial year	(709)
At 31 December 2000	(685)

## 14 Reconciliation of movements in equity shareholders' funds

	2000 £'000	1999 £'000
Loss for the financial year	(709)	65
Net movement in equity shareholders' funds	(709)	65
Equity shareholders' funds at 1 January 2000	1,624	1,559
Equity shareholders' funds at 31 December 2000	915	1,624

## 15 Contingent liabilities

The Company is party to a guarantee and debenture entered into by its ultimate parent undertaking Evenser Group Limited (formerly known as TeleCast Communications 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 2000 these bank borrowings amounted to £30,731,000 (1999: £22,748,000).

## 16 Parent undertaking and controlling party

The Company's ultimate immediate parent undertaking is Evenser Group Limited (formerly TeleCast Communications 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 period ended 31 December 2000. The accounts of Evenser Group Limited may be obtained from the Company at its registered office: Unit 14, Perimeter Road, National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, B40 1PJ.