

Registered number: 2644277

METRO RADIO LIMITED

Abbreviated Accounts

For the Year Ended 31 December 2014

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METRO RADIO LIMITED

**Independent Auditor's Report to Metro Radio Limited
Under Section 449 of the Companies Act 2006**

We have examined the abbreviated accounts, which comprise the Balance Sheet and the related notes, together with the financial statements of Metro Radio Limited for the year ended 31 December 2014 prepared under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report is made solely to the Company in accordance with section 449 of the Companies Act 2006. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company those matters we are required to state to it in a special 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, for our work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditor

The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated accounts in accordance with section 444 of the Companies Act 2006. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to whether the Company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts to the Registrar of Companies and whether the abbreviated accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with the regulations made under that section and to report our opinion to you.

We conducted our work in accordance with Bulletin 2008/4 issued by the Auditing Practices Board. In accordance with that Bulletin we have carried out the procedures we consider necessary to confirm, by reference to the financial statements, that the Company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts and that the abbreviated accounts are properly prepared.

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the Company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with section 444(3) of the Companies Act 2006, and the abbreviated accounts which comprise the Balance Sheet and the related notes have been properly prepared in accordance with the regulations made under that section.



Steven Leith (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of
Grant Thornton UK LLP
Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants
London

29 June 2015

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Abbreviated Balance Sheet
As at 31 December 2014

	Note	£000	2014 £000	£000	2013 £000
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	2		40		37
Current assets					
Debtors	3	2,592		2,159	
Cash in hand		3		3	
		<u>2,595</u>		<u>2,162</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		<u>(830)</u>		<u>(608)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>1,765</u>		<u>1,554</u>
Net assets			<u><u>1,805</u></u>		<u><u>1,591</u></u>
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	4		420		420
Profit and loss account			<u>1,385</u>		<u>1,171</u>
Shareholders' funds			<u><u>1,805</u></u>		<u><u>1,591</u></u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The abbreviated accounts, which have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006, were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf on 29 June 2015.


S Vickery
Director

The notes on pages 3 to 5 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Abbreviated Accounts For the Year Ended 31 December 2014

1. Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The full financial statements, from which these abbreviated accounts have been extracted, have been prepared under the historical cost convention and applicable accounting standards.

1.2 Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The directors have considered the future funding requirements of the business, and based on management forecasts have concluded that the Company will have sufficient funds to ensure that it can meet its financial liabilities as and when they fall due, for a period of at least 12 months from the date of these financial statements.

1.3 Cash flow

The Company, being a subsidiary undertaking where 90% or more of the voting rights are controlled within the group whose consolidated financial statements are publicly available, is exempt from the requirement to draw up a cash flow statement in accordance with FRS 1.

1.4 Turnover

Turnover comprises revenue recognised by the Company in respect of goods and services supplied during the year, exclusive of Value Added Tax and trade discounts.

Revenue is recognised when the significant risks and rewards of ownership have been transferred to a third party, or for services provided, at the point when it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Company and when the amount of revenue can be reliably measured. Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration.

Radio advertising revenue is recognised on the date of broadcast.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Office equipment and vehicles - 3 - 5 years

1.6 Operating leases

Rentals under operating leases are charged to the Profit and Loss Account on a straight line basis over the lease term.

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1. Accounting Policies (continued)

1.7 Deferred taxation

Full provision is made for deferred tax assets and liabilities arising from all timing differences between the recognition of gains and losses in the financial statements and recognition in the tax computation.

A net deferred tax asset is recognised only if 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.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are calculated at the tax rates expected to be effective at the time the timing differences are expected to reverse.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

1.8 Pensions

The Bauer Media Group (the Group), of which the Company is a subsidiary, has operated a defined contribution pension scheme provided by Aviva, known as the Bauer Consumer Media Pension scheme, for all eligible staff across the Group. The Group also operates an auto-enrolment pension scheme as required by current legislation. The costs of these pension schemes are charged to the profit and loss account as they become payable.

2. Tangible fixed assets

	£000
Cost	
At 1 January 2014	1,621
Additions	12
At 31 December 2014	1,633
Depreciation	
At 1 January 2014	1,584
Charge for the year	9
At 31 December 2014	1,593
Net book value	
At 31 December 2014	40
At 31 December 2013	37

3. Debtors

Amounts owed by other group undertakings are unsecured, interest free (2013: bore interest at the SONIA rate to 31 March 2013 and interest free from 1 April 2013) and are repayable on demand.

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4. Share capital

	2014 £000	2013 £000
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
420,233 ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>420</u>	<u>420</u>

5. Ultimate controlling party and related party transactions

The immediate parent company is Bauer Radio Limited.

Heinrich Bauer Verlag KG, established in Germany, is regarded by the directors as the Company's ultimate controlling party.

The only parent undertaking for which Group accounts are drawn up is Heinrich Bauer Verlag KG, registered in Germany. Copies of Heinrich Bauer Verlag KG accounts are publicly available.

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No 8 "Related party disclosures" and has not disclosed transactions with wholly owned group undertakings.

Independent Radio News Limited

The Company's parent undertaking, Bauer Radio Limited, owns 22% of the share capital of Independent Radio News Limited. During the year the Company received a rebate of £105,483 (2013: £83,933).

At 31 December 2014 the Company was owed by Independent Radio News Limited £26,921 (2013: £20,707).