# REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2001

**FOR** 

CASPIAN PUBLISHING LIMITED

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### COMPANY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2001

DIRECTORS:

J N B Whitney M Bokaie K J Cazenove S P Greene R D Musson S P Rock

SECRETARY:

S P Rock (appointed 14/12/2001)

**REGISTERED OFFICE:** 

Millbank Tower 21-24 Millbank London SW1P 4QP

**REGISTERED NUMBER:** 

3157774 (England and Wales)

**AUDITORS:** 

Wheawill & Sudworth Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors Mountbarrow House 12 Elizabeth Street

London SW1W 9RB

#### REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2001

The directors present their report with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 30 June 2001.

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activities of the company in the year under review were those of magazine publishing (namely Real Business and Real Deals magazines), contract publishing and conference and events management.

#### REVIEW OF BUSINESS

The results for the year and financial position of the company are as shown in the annexed financial statements.

The directors are satisfied with the results for the year and with the state of the company's affairs at the balance sheet date.

The directors expect the increasing levels of activity to be sustained in the foreseeable future.

#### DIVIDENDS

No dividends will be distributed for the year ended 30 June 2001.

#### FIXED ASSETS

The changes in fixed assets are shown in the notes to the financial statements.

#### **DIRECTORS**

The directors all of whom served during the year under review were:

J N B Whitney	(Non-executive Chairman)
M Bokaie	(Chief Executive)
K J Cazenove	(Advertisement Director)
S P Greene	(Non-executive Director)
R D Musson	(Non-executive Director)
S P Rock	(Editorial Director)

The beneficial interests of the directors holding office on 30 June 2001 in the issued share capital of the company were as follows:

Ordinary £1 shares	30.6.01	1.7.00
J N B Whitney	1,333	1,333
M Bokaie	39,991	39,991
K J Cazenove	13,333	13,333
S P Greene	-	_
R D Musson	506	506
S P Rock	13,333	13,333

#### STATEMENT OF 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 profit or 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;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the compan 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 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.

### REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2001

#### **AUDITORS**

The auditors, Wheavill & Sudworth, will be proposed for re-appointment in accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985.

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ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

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### REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF CASPIAN PUBLISHING LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of Caspian Publishing Limited for the year ended 30 June 2001 on pages five to fifteen. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out therein.

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page two the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of 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 United Kingdom Auditing Standards.

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 Report of the Directors 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 Report of the Directors 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 United Kingdom 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 as at 30 June 2001 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Wheawill & Sudworth Chartered Accountants

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& Registered Auditors Mountbarrow House

12 Elizabeth Street

London

SW1W 9RB

Dated: 31/1/7

### PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2001

		30.6.01	30.6.00
	Notes	£	£
TURNOVER		5,741,936	4,111,247
Cost of sales		3,155,334	2,304,298
GROSS PROFIT		2,586,602	1,806,949
Administrative expenses		2,003,702	1,500,697
OPERATING PROFIT	3	582,900	306,252
Interest receivable and similar income		24,591	12,778
		607,491	319,030
Interest payable and similar charges	4	843	2,010
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACT BEFORE TAXATION	IVITIES	606,648	317,020
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	5	180,399	44,358
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIA AFTER TAXATION	L YEAR	426,249	272,662
Retained profit/(deficit) brought for	orward	98,759	(173,903)
RETAINED PROFIT CARRIED	D FORWARD	£525,008	£98,759

#### CONTINUING OPERATIONS

All of the companies activities were acquired and none of its activities discontinued during the current period.

#### TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the profits for the current and previous years.

#### BALANCE SHEET 30 JUNE 2001

		30.6.	01	30.6.0	00
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS:					
Tangible assets	6		160,078		142,325
Investments	7		4		4
			160,082		142,329
CURRENT ASSETS:					
Debtors	8	1,311,973		893,043	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,031,885		510,917	
		2,343,858		1,403,960	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling					
due within one year	9	1,427,618		893,771	
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NET CURRENT ASSETS:			916,240		510,189
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT					
LIABILITIES:			1,076,322		652,518
LIABILITIES:			1,070,322		032,316
CREDITORS: Amounts falling					
due after more than one year	10		_		2,445
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			£1,076,322		£650,073
CAPITAL AND RESERVES:					
Called up share capital	12		133,312		133,312
Share premium	13		418,002		418,002
Profit and loss account			525,008		98,759
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SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS:	15		£1,076,322		£650,073

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

M Bokaie - DIRECTOR

Approved by the Board on 251.

### CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2001

		30.6.	01	30.6.0	00
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Net cash inflow from operating activities	1		620,185		368,455
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	2		23,748		10,768
Taxation			(44,756)		(1,119)
Capital expenditure and financial investment	2		(73,497)		(103,178)
			525,680		274,926
Financing	2		_(4,712)		(10,075)
Increase in cash in the period			£520,968		£264,851
Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds	3			<u></u>	
Increase in cash in the period Cash outflow		520,968		264,851	
from decrease in debt and lease financing		4,712		10,075	
Change in net funds resulting from cash flows New finance leases			525,680		274,926 (9,000)
Movement in net funds in the period Net funds at 1 July			525,680 499,770		265,926 233,844
Net funds at 30 June			£1,025,450		£499,770

### NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2001

## 1. RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING PROFIT TO NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	30.6.01	30.6.00
	£	£
Operating profit	582,900	306,252
Depreciation charges	55,744	37,775
Increase in debtors	(418,930)	(208,780)
Increase in creditors	400,471	233,208
Net cash inflow		
from operating activities	620,185	368,455
nom operating addition	=======================================	200,123
ANALYSIS OF CASH FLOWS FOR HEADINGS NETTED IN THI	E CASH FLOW STAT	EMENT
	30.6.01	30.6.00
	£	£
Returns on investments and		
servicing of finance	24 501	10.770
Interest received	24,591	12,778
Interest element of hire purchase	(0.42)	(2.010)
payments	(843)	(2,010)
Net cash inflow		
for returns on investments and servicing of finance	23,748	10,768
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Capital expenditure		
and financial investment		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(73,497)	(103,174)
Cash payments - investment	(12,121)	(200,27.7)
purchase	_	(4)
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Net cash outflow		
for capital expenditure	(73,497)	<u>(103,178</u> )
Financing		
Loan repayments in year	(4,712)	(10,075)
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Net cash outflow	(4.712)	(10.075)
from financing	(4,712)	<u>(10,075</u> )

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### NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2001

#### 3. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.7.00 £	Cash flow £	At 30.6.01 £
Net cash:			
Cash at bank and in hand	510,917	520,968	1,031,885
	510,917	520,968	1,031,885
Debt:			
Hire purchase	(11,147)	4,712	(6,435)
	(11,147)	4,712	(6,435)
Total	499,770	525,680	1,025,450
Analysed in Balance Sheet			
Cash at bank and in hand	510,917		1,031,885
Hire purchase within one year after one year	(8,702) (2,445)		(6,435)
and one year	(2,443)		
	499,770		1,025,450

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2001

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

#### **Turnover**

Turnover represents net invoiced sales, excluding value added tax.

#### Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life or, if held under a finance lease, over the lease term, whichever is the shorter.

Leasehold property	<ul> <li>20% on cost</li> </ul>
Office equipment	- 20% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on cost
Computer equipment	- 25% on cost

#### Deferred taxation

Provision is made at current rates for taxation deferred in respect of all material timing differences except to the extent that, in the opinion of the directors, there is reasonable probability that the liability will not arise in the foreseeable future.

#### Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts or finance leases are capitalised in the balance sheet. Those held under hire purchase contracts are depreciated over their estimated useful lives. Those held under finance leases are depreciated over their estimated useful lives or the lease term, whichever is the shorter.

The interest element of these obligations is charged to the profit and loss account over the relevant period. The capital element of the future payments is treated as a liability.

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account as incurred.

#### 2. STAFF COSTS

	30.6.01 £	30.6.00 £
Wages and salaries	1,253,718	954,661
Social security costs	126,650	97,773
	1,380,368	1,052,434
The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:	30.6.01	30.6.00
Management and finance	10	6
Editorial and design	20	14
Conferences and events	6	7
Sales and marketing	8	_6
	44	33

The above figures include three executive directors for each year.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2001

#### 3. **OPERATING PROFIT**

The operating profit is stated after charging:

	Hire of plant and machinery Depreciation - owned assets Depreciation - assets on hire purchase contracts Auditors' remuneration	30.6.01 £ 44,216 48,944 6,800 6,394	30.6.00 £ 38,782 30,975 6,800 6,000
	Directors' emoluments	192,740	209,239
4.	INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES	30.6.01	30.6.00
	Hire purchase	£ 843	£ 2,010
5.	TAXATION		
	The tax charge on the profit on ordinary activities for the year was as follows:	30.6.01	30.6.00
	UK corporation tax Tax under/(over) provided in	£ 180,000	£ 44,357
	previous years	399	1
		180,399	44,358

The charge for the previous year was reduced by approximately £27,000 by utilising tax losses brought forward.

#### 6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Leasehold property	Office equipment	Fixtures and fittings	Computer equipment	Totals
	£	£	£	£	£
COST:					
At 1 July 2000	44,600	16,634	36,401	129,460	227,095
Additions	1,500	11,475	5,673	54,849	73,497
At 30 June 2001	_46,100	28,109	42,074	184,309	300,592
DEPRECIATION:					
At 1 July 2000	4,011	3,564	17,925	59,270	84,770
Charge for year	9,220	4,440	<del>7,913</del>	34,171	55,744
At 30 June 2001	13,231	8,004	25,838	93,441	140,514
NET BOOK VALUE:					
At 30 June 2001	32,869	20,105	16,236	90,868	160,078
At 30 June 2000	40,589	13,070	18,476	70,190	142,325

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2001

#### 6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - continued

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Fixed assets, included in the above, which are held under hire purchase contracts are as follows:

	Fixtures		
	and fittings	Computer equipment	Totals
	mmgs	equipment	Totals
	£	£	£
COST:			
At 1 July 2000 and 30 June 2001	0.000	20,000	20,000
and 50 June 2001	9,000	20,000	29,000
DEPRECIATION:			
At 1 July 2000	1,800	10,833	12,633
Charge for year	1,800	_5,000	_6,800
A. 20 T 2001	2.600	15.022	10.422
At 30 June 2001	_3,600	15,833	19,433
NET BOOK VALUE:			
At 30 June 2001	5,400	4,167	9,567
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At 30 June 2000	7,200	9,167	16,367
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FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS			
FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS			
			£
COST:			
At 1 July 2000			
and 30 June 2001			_4
NET BOOK VALUE:			
At 30 June 2001			4
			===
At 30 June 2000			4
		30.6.01	30.6.00
		50.0.01 £	50.0.00 £
Unlisted investments		4	4
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The company's investments at the balance sheet date in the share capital of unlisted companies include the following:

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Real Business Limited			
Nature of business: Dormant			
	%		
Class of shares:	holding		
Ordinary	100.00		
		30.6.01	30.6.00
		£	£
Aggregate capital and reserves		2	2
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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2001

#### 7. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS - continued

	Real Deals Limited Nature of business: Dormant			
	Class of shares: Ordinary	% holding 100.00		
		200.00	30.6.01	30.6.00
	A garagete conitel and recogned		£	£
	Aggregate capital and reserves			
8.	DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR			
			30.6.01 £	30.6.00 £
	Trade debtors		904,312	656,032
	Other debtors Prepayments & accrued income		19,043 388,618	1,852 235,159
	Prepayments & accrued income		366,016	233,139
			1,311,973	893,043
9.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR			
			30.6.01	30.6.00
	Tira murahaga contracta		£	£
	Hire purchase contracts (see note 11)		6,435	8,702
	Trade creditors		1,052,351	554,664
	Other creditors		4	4
	Other tax and social security Deferred income		91,930 82,154	141,396 136,993
	Corporation tax		180,000	44,357
	Accrued expenses		14,744	7,655
			1,427,618	893,771
10.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING			
	DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR		30.6.01	30.6.00
			£	£
	Hire purchase contracts			0.445
	(see note 11)			<u>2,445</u>

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2001

#### 11. OBLIGATIONS UNDER HIRE PURCHASE CONTRACTS AND LEASES

Obligations under time I orchase contracts and leases		
	Hi	re
	purchase contracts	
		30.6.00
	£	£
Gross obligations repayable:		
Within one year	7,642	10,712
Between one and five years	_	2,903
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	7,642	13,615
	7,012	15,015
Finance charges repayable:		
Within one year	1,207	2,010
Between one and five years	-	458
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	1,207	2,468
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Net obligations repayable:		0.500
Within one year	6,435	8,702
Between one and five years	-	2,445
	6,435	11,147
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The following payments are committed to be paid within one year:

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#### Operating leases

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			d and dings	Oth	ıer
		30.6.01 £	30.6.00 £	30.6.01 £	30.6.00 £
Expiring: Within one years		- 140,501	- 145,000	32,253 3,878	61,143
between one	and five years	140,301	143,000	3,676	01,143
		140,501	145,000	36,131	61,143
CALLED UI	P SHARE CAPITAL				
Authorised:					
Number:	Class:		Nominal	30.6.01	30.6.00
200.000	0.1		value:	£	£
200,000	Ordinary		£1	200,000	200,000
Allotted, issu	ed and fully paid:				
Number:	Class:		Nominal value:	30.6.01 £	30.6.00 £
133,312	Ordinary		£1	133,312	133,312

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2001

#### 13. SHARE PREMIUM

	30.6.01	30.6.00
	£	£
Share premium	418,002	418,002

#### 14. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The company may be obliged to defend a claim of constructive dismissal brought by a former employee. The employee ceased employment after the company year end.

The potential liability including costs is approximately £100,00.

#### 15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

For the whole year, the company was under the control of the three executive directors who were major shareholders of the company:

M Bokaie K J Cazenove S P Rock

#### 16. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

Profit for the financial year	30.6.01 £ 426,249	30.6.00 £ 272,662
Net addition to shareholders' funds Opening shareholders' funds	426,249 650,073	272,662 377,411
Closing shareholders' funds	1,076,322	650,073
Equity interests	1,076,322	650,073