ONdigital Holdings Limited

Registered Number: 3261192

Directors' Report and Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 September 2000

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Directors' Report for the Year Ended 30 September 2000

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements of the Group for the year ended 30 September 2000.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The Company's principal activity is as a holding company for the ONdigital Group, whose principal activity is the provision of pay television and interactive services via the medium of digital terrestrial broadcasting and will continue to be so for the foreseeable future.

REVIEW OF BUSINESS

On 11 May 2000 the company changed its name from British Digital Broadcasting Holdings Limited to ONdigital Holdings Limited. The Group now provides internet access through a television set.

RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The Group's loss for the financial year is £307,186,000 (1999 £148,244,000; 1998: £30,751,000).

DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS

The directors who held office during this year, are as follows:

Charles L Allen

Gerard M Murphy

(appointed 4 September 2000)

Henry E Staunton Michael P Green Nigel N Walmsley

Steven A Cain

(resigned 31 January 2000)

Stephen R Morrison

Viscount Caldecote (appointed 31 January 2000, resigned 4 September 2000)

Details of the interests of Michael P Green, Nigel N Walmsley and Gerard M Murphy in the shares of Carlton Communications Plc, which owns 50% of the ONdigital Group, are disclosed in the Carlton Communications Plc Annual Report and Accounts, copies of which can be obtained from the Company Secretary, Carlton Communications Plc, 25 Knightsbridge, London SW1X 7RZ.

Details of the interests of Charles L Allen, Stephen R Morrison and Henry E Staunton in the shares of Granada Media PLC, which owns 50% of the ONdigital Group and Granada Compass plc, are disclosed in the Granada Media PLC Annual Report and Accounts, copies of which can be obtained from the Company Secretary, Granada Media PLC, Stornaway House, 13 Cleveland Row, London SW1A 1GG.

CREDITOR PAYMENT POLICY

It is Group policy to settle the terms of payment when agreeing the terms of transaction and to abide by those terms provided that it is satisfied that the supplier has provided the goods or services in accordance with the agreed terms and conditions.

Trade creditor days of the Group for the year ended 30 September 2000 were 30 days (1999: 30 days), based on the ratio of Group trade creditors at the year-end to the amounts invoiced by suppliers.

DONATIONS

The group has made charitable donations in the year of £3,514 (1999: £nil; 1998: £nil).

POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

Full details of post balance sheet events are set out in note 19 to the accounts.

Directors' Report for the Year Ended 30 September 2000

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 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 Group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

AUDITORS

A resolution to reappoint PricewaterhouseCoopers as auditors will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

By order of the Board

D Abdoo **Secretary**

27 March 2001

25 Knightsbridge London SW1X 7RZ

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ONdigital Holdings Limited (Formerly British Digital Broadcasting Holdings Limited)

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 18 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on pages 8 and 9.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report. As described on page 2, this includes responsibility for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards. Our responsibilities, as independent auditors, are established 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 generally accepted in the United Kingdom and in the United States. 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 affairs of the Company and the Group at 30 September 2000 and of the loss and cash flows of the Group for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985
- present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the group as at 30 September 2000, 30 September 1999 and 30 September 1998, and the results of its operation and its cash flow for the years ended 30 September 2000, 30 September 1999 and 30 September 1998 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United These principles differ in certain respects from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. The effect of the differences in the determination of net income, shareholders' equity and cash flows is shown on pages 9 and 10.

PricewaterhouseCoopers
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

1 Embankment Place

London

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27 March 2001

Consolidated Profit and Loss Account for the Year Ended 30 September 2000

| | Note | £'000 2000 | 1999 £'000 | 1998 £'000 |
|--|----------|----------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Turnover (Including share of joint | | | | • |
| venture) | 1 d) & 3 | 107,920 | 22,293 | - |
| Less: Share of turnover of joint venture | | (225) | | |
| Turnover | | 107,695 | 22,293 | - |
| Cost of sales | | [71,772] | (15,651) | _ |
| | | 35,923 | 6,642 | - |
| Administrative expenses | | (318,581) | (154,785) | (30,991) |
| Group operating loss Share of operating loss in joint venture | 4 | (282,658) (7,142) | [148,143] | (30,991) - |
| Total operating loss: | | <u> </u> | | |
| Group and share of joint venture | | (289,800) | (148,143) | (30,991) |
| Net Interest (payable)/receivable | 6 | | | |
| By Group Joint Venture | | (17,420) 34 | (92) | 331 |
| Loss on ordinary activities before taxation | | (307,186) | (148,235) | (30,660) |
| Tax on loss on ordinary activities | 7 | - | (140,233) | (30,000) |
| Retained loss for the financial year | 14 | (307,186) | (148,244) | (30,751) |

All activities relate to continuing operations.

Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses for the Year Ended 30 September 2000

The Group had no recognised gains or losses during either year other than those reflected in the profit and loss account above.

The notes on pages 8 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

Consolidated Balance Sheet at 30 September 2000

| | Note | £,000 5000 | 1999 £'000 | 1998 £'000 |
|--|------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| | 14016 | £ 000 | £ 000 | £ 000 |
| Fixed assets | | | | |
| Tangible assets | 8 | 107,728 | 72,443 | 14,270 |
| Interests in Joint Venture | 9 | | - | • |
| Share of gross assets | | 1,492 | - | - |
| Share of gross liabilities | | (6,248) | _ | - |
| - | | (4,756) | - | - |
| Current assets | | | | |
| Stock | 10 | 15,169 | 288 | 391 |
| Debtors due within one year | 1 1 | 93,004 | 40,735 | 2,778 |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 17,551 | 13,179 | 2,136 |
| | | 125,724 | 54,202 | 5,035 |
| | | | | |
| Creditors – amounts falling due within | 4.0 | (550.744) | (4.40.47.4) | (40, 400) |
| one year | 12 | (558,711) | (149,474) | (18,160) |
| Net current liabilities | | (432,987) | (95,272) | (12,855) |
| | | • | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | |
| Total assets less current liabilities | | (330,015) | (22,829) | 1,415 |
| | | | | |
| Capital and reserves | | | | |
| Called up share capital | 13 | 20.700 | 20,700 | 8,300 |
| Share premium account | 14 | 186,300 | 186,300 | 74,700 |
| Other reserves | 14 | 25,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 |
| Profit and loss account | 14 | (562,015) | (254,829) | (106,585) |
| | * · · · | | | |
| Equity shareholders' funds | 15 | (330,015) | (22,829) | 1,415 |

Approved By The Board on 27 March 2001

NIGEL WALMSLEY DIRECTOR Niel

The notes on pages 8 to 18 form part of financial statements.

Company Balance Sheet at 30 September 2000

| | | 2000 | 1999 | 1998 |
|--|------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| | Note | £,000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Fixed assets | | | | |
| Investments | 9 | 232,000 | 232,000 | 108,000 |
| Current assets | | | | |
| Debtors due within one year | 11 | 408,146 | 62,632 | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | 1 1 | 400, 140 | UE,USE 1 | - |
| Cash at bank and it) hand | | 408,147 | 62,633 | - . |
| | | 400,147 | 02,033 | - |
| Creditors - amounts falling due within | | | | |
| one year | 12 | (408,147) | (62,633) | _ |
| Nich arment court | | | | |
| Net current assets | | | | |
| Total assets less current liabilities | | 232,000 | 232,000 | 108,000 |
| | - | - | | 7 |
| Capital and reserves | | | | |
| Called up share capital | 13 | 20,700 | 20,700 | 8,300 |
| Share premium account | 14 | 186,300 | 186,300 | 74,700 |
| Other reserves | 14 | 25,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 |
| Profit and loss account | 14 | , | | |
| _ | | | | |
| Equity shareholders' funds | 15 | 232,000 | 232,000 | 108,000 |

Approved By The Board on 27 March 2001

NIGEL WALMSLEY

DIRECTOR

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The notes on pages 8 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

ONdigital Holdings Limited (Formerly British Digital Broadcasting Holdings Limited) Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for the Year Ended 30 September 2000

| | Note | £,000 5000 | 1999 £'000 | 1998 £'000 |
|---|------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Cash flow from operating activities | 16 | (214,223) | (108,772) | (79,228) |
| Returns on investment and servicing of finance | | ···· | · | |
| Net interest received | | 1,094 | 541 | 331 |
| Taxation - corporation tax paid | | (36) | (91) | - |
| Capital expenditure and financial investment | | | | |
| Purchase of tangible fixed assets | | (102,918) | (67,430) | (14,380) |
| Acquisitions and disposals | | | | |
| Capital contribution to joint venture | | (2,900) | - | - |
| Cash outflow before management of | | · <u> </u> | | |
| liquid resources and financing | | (318,983) | (175,752) | (93,277) |
| Financing | | | | |
| Issue of share capital | | - | 124,000 | 66,000 |
| Increase in shareholder loan | | 327,000 | 62,000 | |
| Capital contribution | | | | 25,000 |
| | | 327,000 | 186,000 | 91,000 |
| Increase/(Decrease) in cash in the year | 17 | 8,017 | 10,248 | [2,277] |
| Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net cash | | | | |
| Increase/(Decrease) in cash in the year | | 8,017 | 10,248 | (2,277) |
| Changes in net cash resulting from cash flows | | 8,017 | 10,248 | (2,277) |
| Opening net cash/(debt) | | 9,492 | (756) | 1,521 |
| Closing net cash/(debt) | 17 | 17,509 | 9,492 | (756) |

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 September 2000

1. Accounting policies

a) Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The Company is dependent on continuing financial support being made available by its ultimate shareholders to enable it to continue its activity and meet its liabilities as they fall due. The ultimate shareholders have confirmed their intention to continue to fund or procure the funding of the Company on a basis consistent with the present operation of its business so as to maintain the Company as a going concern and to enable the Company to meet its debts as and when they fall due. The directors believe that it is therefore appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis.

b) Basis of Accounting

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

c) Basis of Consolidation

The financial statements consolidate the accounts of the Company and all its subsidiary undertakings. Joint ventures are consolidated using gross equity accounting.

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption in section 230 of the Companies Act 1985 not to present its own profit and loss account.

d) Turnover

Turnover, which excludes value added tax, represents digital terrestrial pay channel subscriptions and other revenues derived from continuing activities. Subscription revenue is recognised over the period to which it relates.

e) Tangible Fixed Assets

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost less the estimated residual value of tangible fixed assets by equal instalments over their useful economic life as follows:

Leasehold improvements:

Over the period of the lease

Fixtures and fittings

2 - 4 years

Technical equipment

5-15 years

Set top boxes

2 years

Smartcards

5 years

f) Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

g) Programming Costs

Programming costs are amortised over the period of transmission. Payments made in advance of transmission are included in prepayments until transmission commences, at which point they are transferred to stocks and amortised over the period of transmission.

h) Retailer Commissions and Aerial Enhancements

Cost such as retailer commissions and aerial enhancements are carried forward as prepayments and amortised over one year representing the period of subscription to which the customer is contractually committed.

Corporation tax payable is provided at current rates on all taxable profits.

j) Foreign Currency

Foreign currency assets and liabilities are translated into sterling at closing rates of exchange or at contract rates of exchange where appropriate.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 September 2000

k) Pensions

The Group maintains a defined contribution based pension scheme. The costs are charged against profits in the year in which they are incurred.

I) Deferred Taxation

Provision is made for taxation on timing differences between profits stated in the financial statements and profits or losses computed for taxation purposes if there is a reasonable probability that such taxation will become payable in the foreseeable future.

m) Operating Leases

Operating lease rentals are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Summary of differences between UK and US Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP")

The Group's financial statements are prepared in accordance with UK GAAP which differs in certain significant respects from US GAAP. The material differences relate principally to the following items and the effect of the necessary adjustments is shown in the tables below.

(a) Subscriber acquisition costs

Under UK GAAP certain subscriber acquisition costs have been carried forward as prepayments and expensed over twelve months. Under US GAAP such costs are written off as incurred.

(b) Deferred taxes

Under UK GAAP, deferred taxes are only accounted for to the extent that liabilities or benefits are expected to crystallise within the foreseeable future. Under US GAAP, in accordance with SFAS 109, deferred taxes are accounted for on all temporary differences and a valuation adjustment is established in respect of those deferred tax assets where it is more likely than not that some portion will not be realised. The Group has established a full valuation allowance.

(c) Cash flows

Under UK GAAP, the Group presents its cash flows under the following classifications: (a) operating activities; (b) returns on investments and servicing of finance; (c) taxation; (d) capital expenditure and financial investment; (e) acquisitions and disposals; (f) management of liquid resources; and (g) financing. US GAAP requires only three categories of cash flow activity; (a) operating; (b) investing; (c) financing.

Cash flows arising from taxation and returns on investments and servicing of finance under UK GAAP would be included as operating activities under SFAS 95. Cash and cash equivalents under US GAAP include liquid financial instruments with original maturities of under three months, which are not included in the UK GAAP definition of cash.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 September 2000

The summary consolidated statements of cash flows prepared under US GAAP are set out below:

| | | September | |
|--|-----------|-----------|---------------|
| | 2000 | 1999 | 1998 £'000 |
| | £,000 | £'000 | |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | (213,165) | (108,322) | (78,897) |
| Net cash used by investing activities | (105,818) | (67,430) | (14,380) |
| Net cash provided by financing activities | 327,000 | 186,000 | 91,000 |
| Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash | | | |
| equivalents | 8,017 | 10,248 | (2,277) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year | 9,492 | (756) | 1,521 |
| | 17,509 | 9,492 | (756) |

Effect on net loss of differences between UK GAAP and US GAAP

| | | September | |
|---|-----------|-----------|---------------|
| | 2000 | 1999 | 1998 £'000 |
| | £'000 | £,000 | |
| Net loss attributable to holders of Ordinary Shares | | | |
| under UK GAAP | (307,186) | (148,244) | (30,751) |
| Effect on net loss of US GAAP adjustments | | | |
| - Expense subscriber acquisition costs as incurred | 6,100 | (22,400) | - |
| | (301,086) | (170,644) | (30,751) |

Cumulative effect on shareholders' equity of differences between UK GAAP and US GAAP

| | | At 30 9 | September |
|--|-----------|----------|----------------|
| | 2000 | 1999 | 1998 |
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Shareholders' equity under UK GAAP | (330,015) | (22,829) | 1,415 |
| Effect on shareholders' equity of US GAAP | | | |
| adjustment | | | |
| - Expense subscriber acquisition costs as incurred | (16,300) | (22,400) | - . |
| | (346,315) | (45,229) | 1,415 |

3. Turnover

Turnover is derived from the provision of pay television and interactive services via the medium of digital terrestrial broadcasting and other associated services. All turnover arises within the United Kingdom from activities conducted from the United Kingdom.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 September 2000

4. Operating loss

| Group | 2000 | 1999 | 1998 |
|--|--------|-------|-------|
| · | £,000 | £,000 | £,000 |
| Operating loss is stated after charging: | | | |
| Auditors' remuneration | | | |
| - Audit services | 55 | 40 | 15 |
| - Non-audit services | 108 | 134 | 112 |
| Staff costs (see note 5) | 24,134 | 8,651 | 2,165 |
| Operating lease rental | | | |
| - Plant and machinery | 49 | 16 | 3 |
| - Other | 772 | 667 | - |
| Depreciation of tangible fixed assets | 67,633 | 9,648 | 197 |

The audit fee for the company was borne by a fellow group undertaking.

UK Corporation tax at 30% (1999: 30.5%; 1998:

5. Staff costs

27%)

| | 2000 | 1999 | 1998 |
|-----------------------|--------|-------|-------|
| | £,000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Wages and salaries | 22,049 | 7,851 | 1,949 |
| Social security costs | 1,639 | 617 | 177 |
| Other pension costs | 446 | 183 | 39 |
| | 24,134 | 8,651 | 2,165 |

None of the directors of the Company received any remuneration from the Company.

The average monthly number of persons employed by the Group during the year was as follows:

| • | | | |
|--|----------|--------|--------|
| | 2000 | 1999 | 1998 |
| | Number | Number | Number |
| Administration and management | 61 | - | - |
| Transmission and related activities | 213 | 163 | 18 |
| Sales and distribution | 896 | 47 | 12 |
| | 1,170 | 210 | 30 |
| 6. Interest and similar items | | | |
| | 2000 | 1999 | 1998 |
| | £'000 | £'000 | £,000 |
| Interest payable on shareholder loans | (18,514) | (633) | |
| Total interest payable and similar charges | (18,514) | (633) | |
| Interest receivable by Group | 1,094 | 541 | 331 |
| Share of joint venture interest receivable | 34 | - | |
| Total interest receivable | 1,128 | 541 | 331 |
| Net interest (payable) | (17,386) | (92) | 331 |
| 7. Tax on loss on ordinary activities | | | |
| | 2000 | 1999 | 1998 |
| | £,000 | £'000 | £,000 |

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 September 2000

8. Tangible Fixed Assets

| | | | Technical equipment, set top | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Group | Leasehold improvements £000 | Fixtures and fittings £'000 | boxes and smartcards £'000 | Total £'000 |
| Cost | 0.200 | 006 | E 11E | 44.467 |
| At 1 October 1998 Additions | 8,326 935 | 996 | 5,145 | 14,467 67,430 |
| Transfer | - | 2,895 - | 63,600 391 | 391 |
| At 1 October 1999 | 9,261 | 3,891 | 69,136 | 82,288 |
| Additions | 2,161 | 3,264 | 97,493 | 102,918 |
| At 30 September 2000 | 11,422 | 7,155 | 166,629 | 185,206 |
| Accumulated depreciation | | | | |
| At 1 October 1998 | - | 197 | - | 197 |
| Charge for the year | 568 | 1,393_ | <u>7,687</u> | 9,648 |
| At 1 October 1999 | 568 | 1,590 | 7,687 | 9,845 |
| Charge for the year | 648 | 2,693 | 64,292 | 67,633 |
| At 30 September 2000 | 1,216 | 4,283 | 71,979 | 77,478 |
| Net book amount at 30 September 2000 | 10,206 | 2,872 | 94,650 | 107,728 |
| Net book amount at 30 September 1999 | 8,693 | 2,301 | 61,449 | 72,443 |
| Net book amount at 30 September 1998 | 8,326 | 799 | 5,145 | 14,270 |

All of the amounts included within leasehold improvements are with respect to short leasehold.

Company

The Company holds no tangible fixed assets.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 September 2000

9. Investments

| Group | £'000 |
|---|---------|
| At 1 October 1999 and 1 October 1998 | - |
| Share of net liabilities of joint venture | (4,756) |
| At 30 September 2000 | (4,756) |
| Company | £'000 |
| At 30 September 1998 | 108,000 |
| Additions | 124,000 |
| At 30 September 1999 | 232,000 |
| Additions | |
| At 30 September 2000 | 232,000 |

Investments relate to the investment held in two subsidiary companies and a joint venture partnership comprising:

ONdigital plc - 232 million ordinary shares with a nominal value of 10p each ONdigital (Services) Limited - 2 ordinary shares with a nominal value of £1 each ONrequest - £2,900,000 capital contribution

Both subsidiaries are wholly owned, incorporated in the United Kingdom and registered in England and Wales.

| Investment | Activity | Principal place of business | Shareholding | |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| ONdigital plc | Pay television | 346 Queenstown Road London SW8 4NE | 100% of equity shares | |
| ONdigital (Services) Limited | Human resources | 346 Queenstown Road London SW8 4NE | 100% of equity shares | |
| Onrequest | Pay per view television | 346 Queenstown Road London SW8 4NE | 50% of capital | |

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 September 2000

10. Stock

| | Group 2000 £'000 | Company 2000 £'000 | Group 1999 £'000 | Company 1999 £'000 | Group 1998 £'000 | Company 1998 £'000 |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Raw materials and consumables | - | | 288 | | 391 | |
| Programming costs | 15,169 | - | _ | | | |
| | 15,169 | | 288 | - | 391 | - |

11. Debtors

| | Group 2000 £'000 | Company 2000 £'000 | Group 1999 £'000 | Company 1999 £'000 | Group 1998 £'000 | Company 1998 £'000 |
|---|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Trade debtors | 10,705 | _ | 1,935 | | - | - |
| Prepayments and accrued income | 65,844 | - | 29,701 | - | <i>7</i> 71 | _ |
| Amounts owed by subsidiary undertakings | - | 408,146 | - | 62,632 | - | - |
| Amounts owed by associate undertakings | 5,298 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other debtors | 11,157 | | 9,099 | | _2,007 _ | |
| | 93,004 | 408,146 | 40,735 | 62,632 | 2,778 | - |

12. Creditors - amounts falling due within one year

| | Group 2000 £'000 | Company 2000 £'000 | Group 1999 £'000 | Company 1999 £'000 | Group 1998 £'000 | Company 1998 £'000 |
|------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Bank loans and overdrafts | 42 | - | 3,687 | - | 2,892 | - |
| Short term shareholder loan | 389,000 | 389,000 | 62,000 | 62,000 | - | _ |
| Trade creditors | 36,191 | - | 9,337 | - | 3,163 | _ |
| Corporation tax | - | - | 36 | - | 118 | - |
| Social security and PAYE | 723 | - | 285 | - | - | - |
| Accruals and deferred income | 132,755 | 19,147 | 74,129 | 633 | 11,987 | - |
| | 558,711 | 408,147 | 149,474 | 62,633 | 18,160 | - |

During the year to 30 September 2000, the Company was funded by a £450,000,000 short term loan facility from its shareholders which bears interest at 2% above Barclays base rate. Subsequent to year end this facility was increased to £700,000,000.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 September 2000

13. Called up equity share capital

| | 2000 | 1999 | 1998 |
|---|--------------|--------|--------|
| | £,000 | £,000 | £,000 |
| Authorised equity share capital | , | | |
| 172,500,000 ordinary C shares of 10p each | 17,250 | 17,250 | 17,250 |
| 172,500,000 ordinary G shares of 10p each | 17,250 | 17,250 | 17,250 |
| | 34,500 | 34,500 | 34,500 |
| Allotted and fully paid | | | |
| 103,500,500 ordinary C shares of 10p each | 10,350 | 10,350 | 4,150 |
| 103,500,500 ordinary G shares of 10p each | 10,350 | 10,350 | 4,150 |
| | 20,700 | 20,700 | 8,300 |

All C and G class shares are identical and rank pari passu in all respects as the same class of share.

During the year to 30 September 1999, 124,000,000 Ordinary Shares were issued for cash. The nominal value of these shares was £12,400,000 and the consideration received was £124,000,000.

14. Reserves

Group

| • | • | Other | Profit and loss |
|------------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------|
| | Share premium | reserves | account |
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| At 1 October 1998 | 74,700 | 25,000 | (106,585) |
| Premium on shares issued | 111,600 | - | - |
| Loss transferred to reserves | - | - | (148,244) |
| At 30 September 1999 | 186,300 | 25,000 | (254,829) |
| Loss transferred to reserves | - | - | (307,186) |
| At 30 September 2000 | 186,300 | 25,000 | (562,015) |

Company

| Company | Share premium | Other | Profit and loss |
|------------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------|
| | - | | |
| | account | reserves | account |
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| At 1 October 1998 | 74,700 | 25,000 | - |
| Premium on shares issued | 111,600 | * | - |
| Loss transferred to reserves | _ | | |
| At 30 September 1999 | 186,300 | 25,000 | - |
| Loss transferred to reserves | | <u> </u> | <u>-</u> _ |
| At 30 September 2000 | 186,300 | 25,000 | • |

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 September 2000

15. Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds

| | Group 2000 £'000 | Company 2000 £'000 | Group 1999 £'000 | Company 1999 £'000 | Group 1998 £'000 | Company 1998 £'000 |
|--|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Retained loss for the financial | | | | | | |
| year | (307,186) | - | [148,244] | - | (30,751) | - |
| Net proceeds of issue of ordinary share capital Capital contribution | - | _ | 124,000 | 124,000 | 66,000 25,000 | 66,000 25,000 |
| Net (reduction in)/addition to | - | | | | | |
| shareholders' funds Shareholders' funds as at 30 | (307,186) | - | (24,244) | 124,000 | 60,249 | 91,000 |
| September 1999 | (22,829) | 232,000 | 1,415 | 108,000 | (58,834) | 17,000 |
| Shareholders' funds as at 30 September 2000 | (330,015) | 232,000 | (22,829) | 232,000 | <u>1,415</u> | 108,000 |

16. Reconciliation of operating loss to cash flow from operating activities

| | £,000 5,000 | 1999 £'000 | 1998 £'000 |
|--|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Operating loss | (282,658) | [148,143] | (30,991) |
| Depreciation | 67,633 | 9,648 | 197 |
| Movements in working capital: | · | - | |
| Debtors | (52,269) | (37,957) | (152) |
| Creditors | 67,952 | 67,577 | (47,891) |
| Stock | (14,881) | 103 | (391) |
| Net Cash Outflow from Operating Activities | (214,223) | [108,772] | (79,228) |

17. Movement in cash in the year

| | 30 September 1998 £'000 | Cash flow £'000 | 30 September 1999 £'000 | Cash flow £'000 | 30 September 2000 £'000 |
|--|----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| Cash at bank and in hand Overdrafts | 2,136 (2,892) | 11,043 (795) | 13,179 (3,687) | 4,372 3,645 | 17,551 (42) |
| Net Funds | (756) | 10,248 | 9,492 | 8,017 | 17,509 |

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18. Shareholders

The Company is jointly owned by Carlton Communications Plc and Granada Media PLC each holding a stake of 50%. Copies of Carlton Communications Plc accounts can be obtained from the Company Secretary at 25 Knightsbridge, London SW1X 7RZ. Copies of the Granada Media PLC accounts can be obtained from the Company Secretary at Stornoway House, 13 Cleveland Row, London SW1A 1GG.

19. Subsequent events

On 12 October 2000, the company's loan facility from its shareholders was increased from £450,000,000 to £700,000,000.

On 18 December 2000 1,000,000 ordinary shares of 10 pence each in ONdigital plc were issued by way of a rights issue to ONdigital Holdings Limited for cash consideration of £483,100,000, which was financed by way of the repayment of an intercompany loan to ONdigital plc.

20. Contingent Liability

Claims for additional payments have been received in respect of certain programme suppliers. The directors consider that the appropriate provision has been made in the financial statements for amounts due to programme suppliers.

21. Capital commitments

| | 2000 | 1999 | 1998 |
|--------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £,000 |
| Expenditure on tangible assets | 27,014 | 2,600 | 4,039 |

22. Operating lease commitments

At 30 September 2000, the Group had minimum annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

| | Land and buildings £'000 | Other £'000 | 2000 Total £'000 | Land and buildings £'000 | Other £'000 | 1999 and 1998 Total £'000 |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|
| Operating leases which expire: | | | | | | |
| After one year but within five years | 252 | 16 | 268 | - | 16 | 16 |
| After five years | 529 | - | 529 | 507 | - | 507 |

Company

The Company has no operating leases.

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23. Related party transactions

The Group has entered into the following trading agreements with subsidiary and associated undertakings of its shareholders on an arms length basis:

| | | 2000 | | 1999 | | 1998 | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | | Purchases £'000 | Amounts owed at 30 Sep £'000 | Purchases £'000 | Amounts owed at 30 Sep £'000 | Purchases £'000 | Amounts owed at 30 Sep £'000 |
| Television programming | Carlton Group Granada Group | 4,441 5,348 | 355 2,614 | 1,014 719 | 179 305 | - | - |
| | | 9,789 | 2,969 | 1,732 | 485 | - | - |
| Call centre service staff | Granada Group | 5,765 | 5,765 | 5,100 | - | - | - |
| Set top box purchases | Granada Group | 6,454 | 1 | 5,085 | 190 | - | - |

The Group is exempt under the terms of Financial Reporting Standard 8 and from disclosing related party transactions with entities that are part of the ONdigital Group.