# **Annual Report 31 December 2013**

**ACN European Services Limited** 

Registered number: 03650246



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# **Company Information**

Legal Name ACN European Services Limited

**Incorporated** 9 October 1998

**Registered Country** England & Wales

Type of Business Telecommunications

**Legal Form** Private Limited Company

**Jurisdiction** England & Wales

Registration Number 03650246

**VAT Number** GB 726 3625 33

Ultimate Parent Company LKN Global Holdings Inc.

Ownership 100%

Registered Address ACN European Services Limited

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Board of Directors D. Merriman (US)

C. F. Barker (US)

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# **Directors' Report**

The Directors present their report and the audited financial statements of ACN European Services Limited ("the Company") for the financial year ended 31 December 2013.

### **Principal Activity, Business Review and Future Developments**

The Company is a 100% owned subsidiary of LKN Communications, Inc. The Company is a related company of ACN Europe B.V. ("ACN Europe"). ACN Europe is located in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. The Company, LKN Communications Inc. and ACN Europe are under the common control of LKN Global Holdings Inc., a US company with its principal office in Concord, North Carolina, USA.

The Company is considered for business, accounting and control purposes as part of the ACN Europe group of companies, with the European head office in Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

The Company operates primarily in the telecommunications industry. The Company sells telecommunications and other home-based services to residential and business customers, using direct selling and network marketing principles as a sales concept. The Company has one employee, but it has entered into agreements with independent sales representatives, who market and promote the services and make contact with prospective UK customers. The Company signs the agreements with the customers.

ACN Europe carries out or manages all administrative functions relating to the Company's activities, mostly from Amsterdam, The Netherlands where it operates a shared service centre. Likewise all economic and business risks associated with the Company's activities are fully borne by ACN Europe. Under the terms of an inter-company services agreement between the Company and ACN Europe, all risks and rewards in respect of agreements concluded by the Company shall be borne by ACN Europe. ACN Europe reimburses the Company for all local expenses incurred. The Company is fully dependent for the continuation of operations on ACN Europe.

### Results and Dividends

The Company made a profit of £33,987 after taxation (2012: £21,489). The Directors do not recommend payment of a dividend (2012: £nil).

### **Future Developments**

The Directors do not anticipate any material changes in the Company's affairs in the coming year.

### **Directors**

The Directors who served during the year and at the date of this annual report, unless otherwise stated, were as follows:

D Merriman

C Barker

#### Creditors

The Company aims to make payment under agreed contract terms. During the year average payment was made after approximately 44 days (2012 - approximately 40 days).

### Statement of directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they 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 these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent; 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 adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and 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 2006. 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.

### Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the persons who are directors at the time when this Directors' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware; and
- that director has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director to make himself aware
  of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that
  information.

### **Auditor**

Under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006, Grant Thornton UK LLP will be deemed to have been reappointed as auditor 28 days after these financial statements were sent to members or 28 days after the latest date prescribed for filing the accounts with the registrar, whichever is earlier.

In preparing this report, the directors have taken advantage of the small companies exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

By Order of the Board

C. Barker

Date 25 July 2014

### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ACN EUROPEAN SERVICES LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of ACN European Services Limited for the year ended 31 December 2013, which comprise the Profit and loss account, the Balance sheet, the accounting policies and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an 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 and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditor

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

### Scope of the audit of the financial statements

A description of the scope of an audit of financial statements is provided on the Auditing Practices Board's website at www.frc.org.uk/apb/scope/private.cfm.

### **Opinion on financial statements**

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2013 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

### Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ACN EUROPEAN SERVICES LIMITED (continued)

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to

report to you if, in our opinion:

adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been

received from branches not visited by us; or

• the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or

certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or

• we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or

• the directors were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the

preparation of a Strategic Report and in Preparing the Director's Report.

**Amrish Shah FCA** 

For and on behalf of Grant Thornton UK LLP

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**Chartered Accountants, Statutory Auditor** 

Reading, United Kingdom

Date: 25 duly 2014

# Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31 December 2013

	Notes	2013 £	2012 £
Turnover	1	3,014,472	2,723,584
Cost of sales		(2,382,413)	(2,036,549)
Gross Profit		632,059	687,035
Administrative expenses	2	(589,811)	(660,174)
Operating profit		42,248	26,861
Interest payable and similar charges		-	-
Interest receivable and similar income		-	-
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		42,248	26,861
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	3	(8,261)	(5,372)
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation and for the financial year	7	33,987	21,489

All amounts relate to continuing operations. There were no recognised gains and losses for the current or prior periods other than those included in the Profit and loss account.

## **Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2013**

	Notes	2013 £	2012 £
Current assets			
Debtors	4	160,331	348,222
Cash at bank and in hand		381,118	211,299
		541,449	559,521
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	5	(5,369,490)	(5,421,548)
Net current liabilities		(4,828,041)	(4,862,027)
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Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	6	1,000	(1,000)
Profit and loss account	7	(4,829,041)	(4,863,027)
Shareholders' deficit		(4,828,041)	(4,862,027)

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

The financial statements of ACN European Services Limited, registered number 03650246, set out herein were approved by the Board of Directors and were signed on behalf of the Board:

C. Barker Director

Date: 25 July 2014

# Accounting Policies and Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2013

### **Accounting Policies**

### **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards and the Companies Act 2006. The accounting policies have been applied consistently in the current and preceding year.

The company's business activities, together with the factors likely to affect its future development, performance and position are set out in the Business Review on page 4. The company meets its day to day working capital requirements through the transfer pricing agreement in place with other group companies. As disclosed in note 5 the company has a considerable creditor due to other group companies. The entities to whom the company is indebted have confirmed that, despite the loan balances having no fixed date for repayment, they will not call them for repayment for a period of at least 12 months from the date of approval of the financial statements.

After making enquiries, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and accounts.

As with any company placing reliance on other group companies for financial support, the directors acknowledge that there can be no certainty that the support will continue, although as of the date of approval of these financial statements, they have no reason to believe that this support will not continue to be available.

### **Profit and loss account**

Turnover represents amounts billed to customers for services provided, excluding VAT and trade discounts, and is recognised as services have been provided and obligations fulfilled. All revenues and costs are also reported in the financial statements of ACN Europe in accordance with the terms of the intercompany services agreement between the Company and ACN Europe. For clarification, the initial fees and yearly renewal fees paid by the Company's independent sales representatives to the Company act as a subscription for services that the independent sales representatives receive from the Company over a twelve month period, and so according to this principle, the Company spreads this distributor revenue over the period in which the services are supplied to the independent sales representatives. The independent sales representatives can also be customers of the Company. All turnover was generated in the UK.

### **Accounting Policies (continued)**

### Cash flow statement

In accordance with FRS1 'Cashflow Statements', the Company has not prepared a cash flow statement on the basis that the ultimate parent undertaking produces consolidated accounts, which include a cash flow statement, into which the Company's accounts are fully consolidated.

### Foreign exchange

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies have been translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rates prevailing on the dates of the transactions. Resulting differences on translation are charged or credited to the profit and loss account.

### **Taxation**

Current tax is provided at amounts expected to be paid (or recovered) using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events that result in an obligation to pay more tax in the future or a right to pay less tax in the future have occurred at the balance sheet date. Timing differences are differences between the company's taxable profits and its results as stated in the financial statements that arise from the inclusion of gains and losses in tax assessments in periods different from those in which they are recognised in the financial statements.

A net deferred tax asset is regarded as recoverable and therefore recognised only to the extent that, on the basis of all available evidence, 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 is measured at the average tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which the timing differences are expected to reverse based on tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date. Deferred tax is measured on a non-discounted basis.

# Notes to the financial statements

### 1. Turnover

Turnover	2013 £	2012 £
Telecom Revenue Distributor Revenue	1,683,113 1,331,359	2,006,070 717,514
Total	3,014,472	2,723,584

### 2. Administrative expenses and operating profit

Administrative expenses	2013 £	2012 £
Distribution and administrative Group charges	266,172 323,639	190,864 469,309
Total	589,811	660,174

During the financial year, group charges were allocated to the Company in respect of staff costs, billing and provisioning services, information technology services and general overhead expenditure. Auditor's remuneration for the year amounted to £9,270 (2012 £9,000).

### 3.Tax on profit on ordinary activities

	2013 £	2012 £
Tax charge Profit before tax Losses to be carried forward Taxable result	42,248 (42,248) -	26,861 (26,861) -
Current UK tax charge Deferred tax - reversal of timing differences Total tax charge	(8,261) (8,261)	(5,372) (5,372)
Deferred tax asset  Deferred tax asset as per January 1  Losses recognised  Losses used during the year  Deferred tax asset as per December 31	32,413 - (8,261) <b>24,152</b>	37,785 - (5,372) <b>32,413</b>

The tax assessed for the current financial year is equal to the small companies' rate of corporation tax (20%). The Company has trading losses available to carry forward against future taxable profits of £121k (2012: £162k).

### 4. Debtors

Debtors (all due within one year)		2013 £	2012 £
Trade debtors Deferred tax asset	(Note 3)	136,179 24,152	315,809 32,413
Total		160,331	348,222

# 5. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2013 £	2012 £
Trade creditors	421,421	297,107
Amounts owed to group undertaking	3,697,777	4,560,596
Other taxation and social security	230,716	108,830
Accruals and deferred income	1,019,576	455,016
Total	5,369,490	5,421,548
6. Share capital		
Share capital	2013 £	2012 £
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
1,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	1,000	1,000
7. Reserves		
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Reserves	2013	2012
	£	£
Profit and loss account		
At 1 January	(4,863,027)	(4,884,516)
Profit for the year	33,987	21,489
At 31 December	(4,829,041)	(4,863,027)

### 8. Related party transactions

As a wholly owned subsidiary of LKN Communications Inc. and indirectly LKN Global Holdings Inc. the Company is exempt from the requirements of FRS 8 'Related Party Disclosures' to disclose transactions with other members of the group headed by LKN Global Holdings Inc.

There is an inter-company services agreement in place between the Company and ACN Europe, such that the risk of any liability incurred by the Company will be borne by ACN Europe. ACN Europe is liable for all risks related to the activities of the Company, which includes all existing and arising debt.

### 9. Directors and employees

During the 2013 financial year, the Company had one employee (2012: one). There was no remuneration paid by the Company to the Directors for services provided to the Company in either the current or prior year.

### 10. Ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party

The Directors consider the ultimate parent undertaking and the ultimate controlling party of the Company is LKN Global Holdings Inc., a Company incorporated in Delaware, USA, which is the ultimate parent of the all of the companies in the ACN global group of undertakings for which group accounts have been drawn up.

ACN Europe B.V., a company incorporated in The Netherlands, is part of that global group of undertakings and acts as the parent company of the ACN European operations and in doing so effectively exercises control over the operations of the Company and given that fact that it consolidates the accounts of the Company into its own consolidated accounts.

Copies of the group financial statements for LKN Global Holdings Inc. and ACN Europe BV are available from 1000 Progress Place, Concord, North Carolina 28025, USA and Adam Smith Building, Thomas R. Malthusstraat 1-3, 1066 JR Amsterdam, The Netherlands, respectively.