# FIREBRAND LIVE LIMITED DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

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#### **COMPANY INFORMATION**

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D Bell J Smith

Company number 04220076

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#### **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

The directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012

#### Principal activities and review of the business

The principal activity of the company continued to be that of the production and management of merchandising and associated activities

The company made a pre-tax profit of £193,004 (£230,381 profit in 2011) for the year

The turnover of the company is generated from the design, manufacture and sale of merchandising and support services in the entertainment industry 2011 included two one-off contracts (Batman Live show and the Take That Tour) which significantly added to the company's revenue in 2011. The drop off of these 2 contracts has had a slight impact to the gross profit of the business, however a refocus on the administration expenses resulted in operating profits increasing by 13.5%. Whilst continuing to be the leading independent merchandising and licensing business within the European music business, the company opened a US office during 2012 to offer a more global service and solution to clients. The company has continued to have significant success by diversifying into the film entertainment merchandising sector and much of the revenue for this line of business flowed through the US office in 2012. The directors continue to explore new opportunities that will benefit the company.

The principal risks and uncertainties facing the company are primarily those inherent in the live music sector. As well as an underlying economic factors, its income is dependent on a number of acts touring in any given year, as well as managers and major promoters choosing the company as their service provider. Diversifying into the film entertainment sector and other similar licences is allowing the company to have more trading stability and security year on year.

Key performance indicators for the year, not including results of the subsidiaries, are as follows. There was a decrease to revenue of 20% (£18 9m 2011, £15 2m 2012). The addition of new lines of business have protected the gross profit and the revenue reduction has not flowed through to gross profits which experienced a decrease of 6% (£1 9m in 2011, £1 8m in 2012). The administration expenses for the company were reduced by 9% (£1 7m in 2011, £1 5m in 2012). Operating profits improved by 13% (£246k 2011, £279k 2012). Current ratio in 2012 of 1.11 (2011 - 1.05) increased due to higher trade debtors arising from late in the year revenue. The quick ratio in 2012 of 1.01 (2011, 0.81) is up due to a decrease in stock from utilisation in the business.

#### Results and dividends

The results for the year are set out on page 5

No dividends will be distributed in respect of the year ended 31 December 2012

#### Post balance sheet events

There have been no post balance sheet events that affect either the figures or the understanding of these accounts

#### **Future developments**

The principal activity of the company is not anticipated to change. The directors intend to further build on the current success achieved, reducing the business from adverse trends in existing markets whilst continuing to provide excellent services to the company's core music sector clients.

#### **DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

#### **Directors**

The following directors have held office since 1 January 2012

- D Oakes
- D Bell
- J Smith

#### **Auditors**

OJK (Audit) Limited were appointed auditors to the company and in accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006, a resolution proposing that they be re-appointed will be put at a General Meeting

#### 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,
- 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.

#### Statement of disclosure to auditors

So far as the directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware. Additionally, the directors have taken all the necessary steps that they ought to have taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of all relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information

On behalf of the board

D Oakes
Director

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

#### TO THE MEMBERS OF FIREBRAND LIVE LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of Firebrand Live Limited for the year ended 31 December 2012 set out on pages 5 to 17. 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 auditors' 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 auditors

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on pages 1 - 2, 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

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed, the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors, and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Directors' Report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

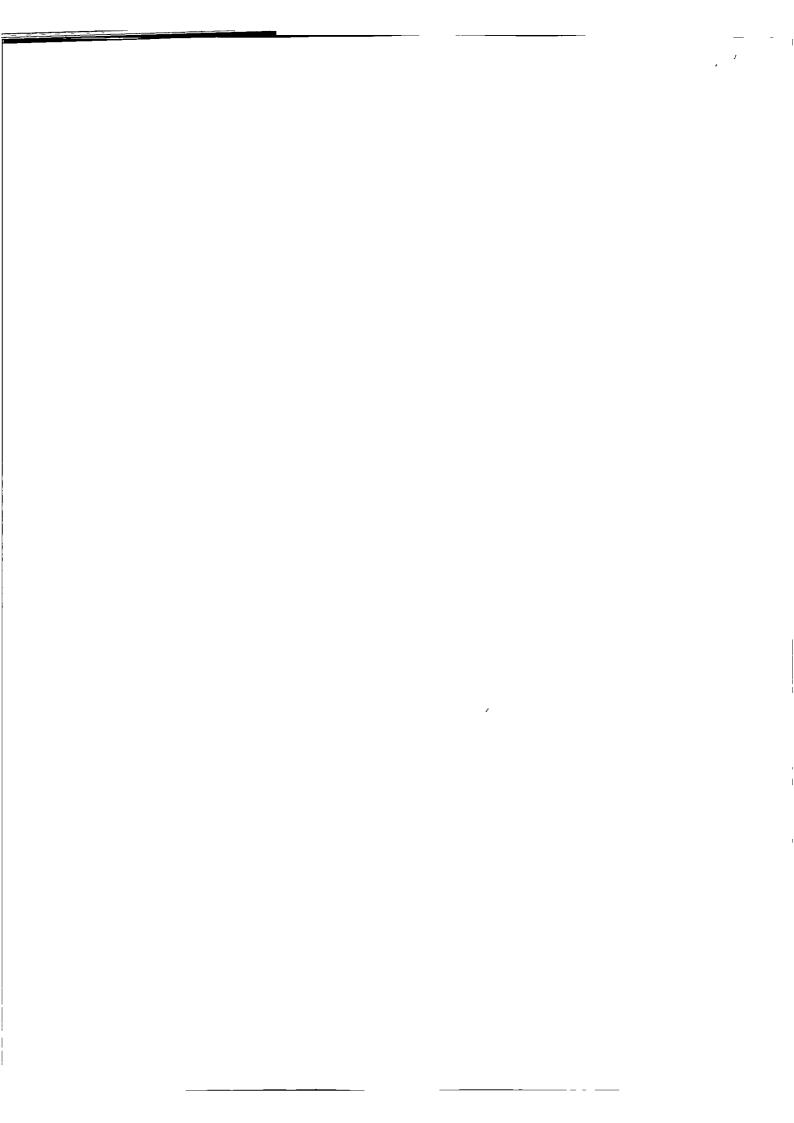
#### Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2012 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 AUDITORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

#### TO THE MEMBERS OF FIREBRAND LIVE LIMITED

#### 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

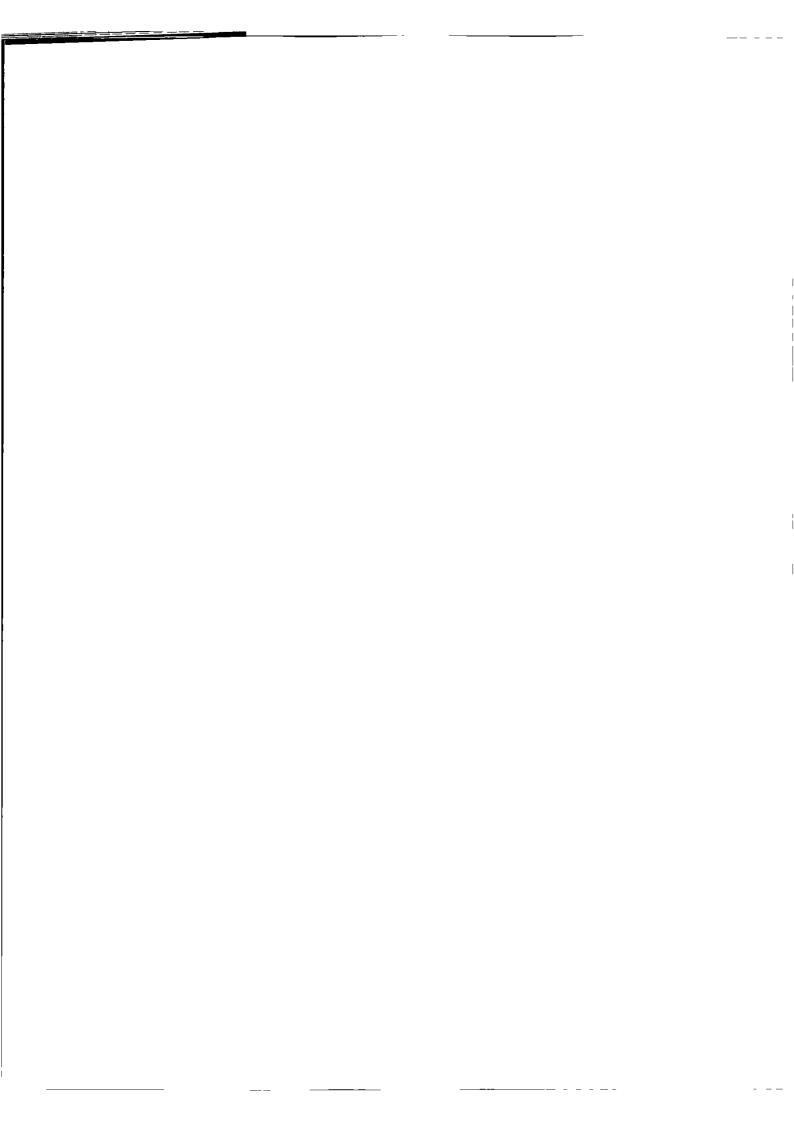
- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us, or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns, or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made, or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit

Robert J Shaft F.C.A (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of OJK (Audit) Limited

**Chartered Accountants Statutory Auditor** 

29th Odsler 2013

19 Portland Place London W1B 1PX



# PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

	Notes	2012 £	2011 £
	NOtes	L	£
Turnover	2	15,181,235	18,964,075
Cost of sales		(13,347,398)	(17,006,303)
Gross profit		1,833,837	1,957,772
Administrative expenses		(1,554,356)	(1,711,493)
Operating profit	3	279,481	246,279
Other interest receivable and similar			
ıncome	4	4,580	3,576
Amounts written off investments	5	(67,500)	-
Interest payable and similar charges	6	(23,557)	(19,474)
Profit on ordinary activities before			
taxation		193,004	230,381
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	7	(76,094)	(15,599)
Profit for the year	14	116,910	214,782

The profit and loss account has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations

There are no recognised gains and losses other than those passing through the profit and loss account



# **BALANCE SHEET**

#### AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2012

		201	2	201	1
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	8		168,875		266,182
Investments	9		2		67,500
			168,877		333,682
Current assets					
Stocks	10	410,932		881,033	
Debtors	11	3,196,568		2,375,078	
Cash at bank and in hand		867,813		711,513	
		4,475,313		3,967,624	
Creditors: amounts falling due within					
one year	12	(4,031,986)		(3,806,012)	
Net current assets			443,327		161,612
Total assets less current liabilities			612,204		495,294
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Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	13		129		129
Share premium account	14		122,198		122,198
Profit and loss account	14		489,877		372,967
Shareholders' funds	15		612,204		495,294
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Approved by the Board and authorised for issue on 2211012013

D Oakes Director

Company Registration No 04220076

### **CASH FLOW STATEMENT**

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

	£	2012 £	£	2011 £
Net cash inflow from operating activities		1,932		770,094
Returns on investments and servicing of finance				
Interest received	4,580		3,576	
Interest paid	(23,557)		(19,474)	
Net cash outflow for returns on investments				
and servicing of finance		(18,977)		(15,898)
Taxation		21,921		959
Capital expenditure and financial investment				
Payments to acquire tangible assets	(18,922)		(248,306)	
Payments to acquire investments	(2)		-	
Receipts from sales of tangible assets	<u>-</u>		300	
Net cash outflow for capital expenditure		(18,924)		(248,006)
Net cash (outflow)/inflow before management of liquid resources and financing		(14,048)		507,149
Financing Repayment of other short term loans	-		(250,000)	
Net cash outflow from financing		•		(250,000)
(Decrease)/increase in cash in the year		(14,048)		257,149

# NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

1	Reconciliation of operating profit to net activities	cash inflow from o	perating	2012	2011
	acuvines			3	£
	Operating profit			279,481	246,279
	Depreciation of tangible assets			116,229	66,828
	Loss on disposal of tangible assets			-	84,043
	Decrease/(increase) in stocks			470,101	(653,870)
	Increase in debtors			(858,109)	(258,463)
	(Decrease)/Increase in creditors within one	e year		(5,770)	1,264,751
	Net effect of foreign exchange differences			-	20,526
	Net cash inflow from operating activitie	s		1,932	770,094
2	Analysis of net funds	1 January 2012	Cash flow	Other non- cash changes	31 December 2012
		£	£	£	£
	Net cash				
	Cash at bank and in hand	711,513	156,300	-	867,813
	Bank overdrafts	(664,598)	(170,348)	-	(834,946)
		46,915	(14,048)	-	32,867
	Bank deposits			_	_
	Net funds	46,915	(14,048)	-	32,867
3	Reconciliation of net cash flow to move	ement in net funds		2012	2011
				£	£
	(Decrease)/increase in cash in the year			(14,048)	257,149
	Cash (inflow)/outflow from (increase)/decr	ease in debt		-	250,000
	Net effect of foreign exchange differences	i e			(20,526)
	Movement in net funds in the year			(14,048)	486,623
	Opening net funds/(debt)			46,915	(439,708)
	Closing net funds			32,867	46,915

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

#### 1 Accounting policies

#### 11 Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention

#### 1.2 Compliance with accounting standards

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), which have been applied consistently (except as otherwise stated)

#### 13 Turnover

Turnover represents amounts receivable for goods and services net of VAT and trade discounts

#### 1 4 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 less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows

Land and buildings Leasehold

10% straight line depreciation

Plant and machinery

25/33/50% straight line depreciation

Fixtures, fittings & equipment

25% straight line depreciation

#### 15 Leasing

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged against income on a straight line basis over the lease term

#### 16 Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at cost less provision for diminution in value

#### 1.7 Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value

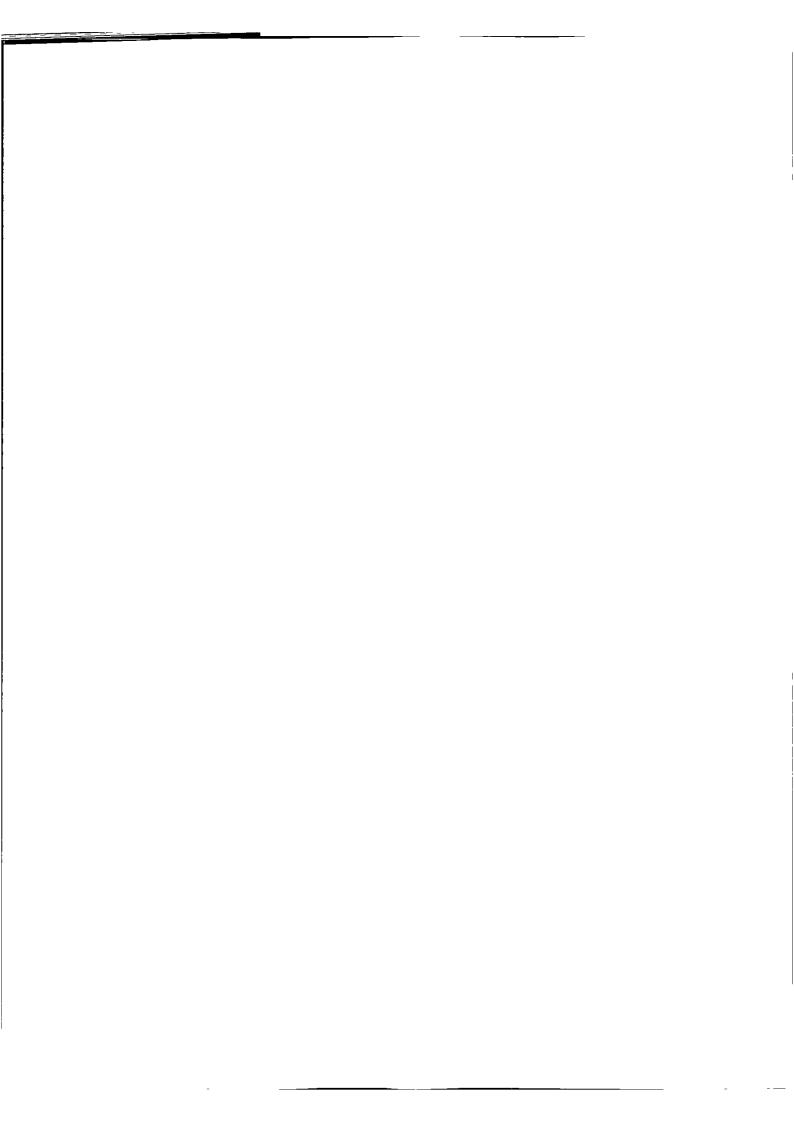
#### 1.8 Foreign currency translation

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. All differences are taken to profit and loss account.

#### 19 Group accounts

The financial statements present information about the company as an individual undertaking and not about its group. The results of subsidiary Firebrand Live US Inc. have not been consolidated and its accounts have not been audited as the directors consider them to be immaterial.

2	Turnover		
	Geographical market		
		Turno	ver
		2012	2011
		£	£
	United Kingdom	6,484,329	13,286,014
	Europe	2,602,037	3,232,505
	Rest of the world	6,094,869	2,445,556
		15,181,235	18,964,075
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3	Operating profit	2012	2011
		£	£
	Operating profit is stated after charging		
	Depreciation of tangible assets	116,229	66,828
	Loss on disposal of tangible assets	-	84,043
	Loss on foreign exchange transactions	-	20,526
	Operating lease rentals	39,697	36,821
	Auditors' remuneration (including expenses and benefits in kind)	11,989	13,441
	and after crediting		
	Profit on foreign exchange transactions	(29,648)	<del></del>
4	Investment income	2012	2011
		£	£
	Other interest	<del>4,580</del>	3,576
5	Amounts written off investments	2012	2011
		£	£
	Amounts written off fixed asset investments		
	- permanent diminution in value	67,500	-
	•		



6	Interest payable	2012 £	2011 £
	On bank loans and overdrafts	23,517	19,037
	Other interest	40	437
		23,557	19,474
7	Taxation	2012	2011
		£	£
	Domestic current year tax		
	U K corporation tax	76,995	15,599
	Adjustment for prior years	(901)	
	Total current tax	76,094 	15,599
	Factors affecting the tax charge for the year Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	193,004	230,381
	Profit on ordinary activities before taxation multiplied by standard rate of UK corporation tax of 24 00% (2011 - 26 50%)	46,321	61,051
	Effects of		<del></del>
	Non deductible expenses	1,489	7,359
	Depreciation add back	27,895	17,709
	Capital allowances	(11,885)	(37,463)
	Tax losses utilised	-	(50,510)
	Adjustments to previous periods	(901)	-
	Loss on disposal of assets	16,200	22,271
	Other tax adjustments	(3,025)	(4,818)
		29,773	(45,452)
	Current tax charge for the year	76,094	15,599

8	Tangible fixed assets				
		Land and buildings Leasehold	Plant and machinery	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Total
		£	£	£	£
	Cost				
	At 1 January 2012	13,594	397,503	15,340	426,437
	Additions		18,922	-	18,922
	At 31 December 2012	13,594	416,425	15,340	445,359
	Depreciation				
	At 1 January 2012	8,155	139,070	13,030	160,255
	Charge for the year	1,359	113,605	1,265	116,229
	At 31 December 2012	9,514	252,675	14,295	276,484
	Net book value				
	At 31 December 2012	4,080	163,750	1,045	168,875
	At 31 December 2011	5,439	258,433	2,310	266,182
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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

#### Fixed asset investments

	Shares in participating interests		Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 January 2012	67,500	-	67,500
Additions	•	2	2
Revaluation	(67,500)	<u> </u>	(67,500)
At 31 December 2012		2	2
Net book value			
At 31 December 2012	•	2	2
At 31 December 2011	67,500	-	67,500
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#### Holdings of more than 20%

The company holds more than 20% of the share capital of the following companies

Company	Country of registration or	Shares held	
	incorporation	Class	%
Subsidiary undertakings			
Firebrand Music Group Limited	United Kingdom	Ordinary	100 00
Firebrand Limited	United Kingdom	Ordinary	100 00
Firebrand Live, Inc	United States	Ordinary	100 00

	Principal activity	Capital and reserves 2012	Profit/(loss for the yea
Firebrand Music Group Limited	Dormant company	1	1
Firebrand Limited	Dormant company	1	1
Firebrand Live, Inc	Online retailer	18,553	18,553
Stocks		2012	<b>201</b> <sup>-</sup>
		£	1
Finished goods and goods for resale		410,932	881,033

11	Debtors	2012	2011
		£	£
	Trade debtors	1,253,462	1,227,628
	Amounts owed by subsidiary undertakings	355,960	-
	Corporation tax	-	36,619
	Other debtors	950,056	414,811
	Prepayments and accrued income	637,090	696,020
		3,196,568	2,375,078
12	Creditors amounts falling due within one year	2012 £	2011 £
	Bank loans and overdrafts	834,946	664,598
	Trade creditors	1,166,709	1,367,122
	Corporation tax	76,995	15,599
	Other taxes and social security costs	166,016	150,824
	Directors' current accounts	9,000	9,000
	Other creditors	1,692,820	1,533,456
	Accruals and deferred income	85,500	65,413
		4,031,986	3,806,012
	Bank facilities have been secured by way of a fixed and float	ing charge over the assets of the	e company
13	Share capital	2012	201 <sup>-</sup>
		£	4
	Allotted, called up and fully paid		
	128,571 ordinary shares of 0 1p each	129	129

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

14	Statement of movements on reserves		
		Share premium account £	Profit and loss account £
	Balance at 1 January 2012 Profit for the year	122,198	372,967 116,910
	Balance at 31 December 2012	122,198	489,877
15	Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds	2012 £	2011 £
	Profit for the financial year Opening shareholders' funds	116,910 495,294	214,782 280,512
	Closing shareholders' funds	612,204	495,294

#### 16 Financial commitments

At 31 December 2012 the company was committed to making the following payments under non-cancellable operating leases in the year to 31 December 2013

		Land and buildings	
		2012	2011
		£	£
	Operating leases which expire		
	Within one year	54,600	54,600
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17	Directors' remuneration	2012	2011
		£	£
	Remuneration for qualifying services	186,000	196,922
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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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#### 18 Employees

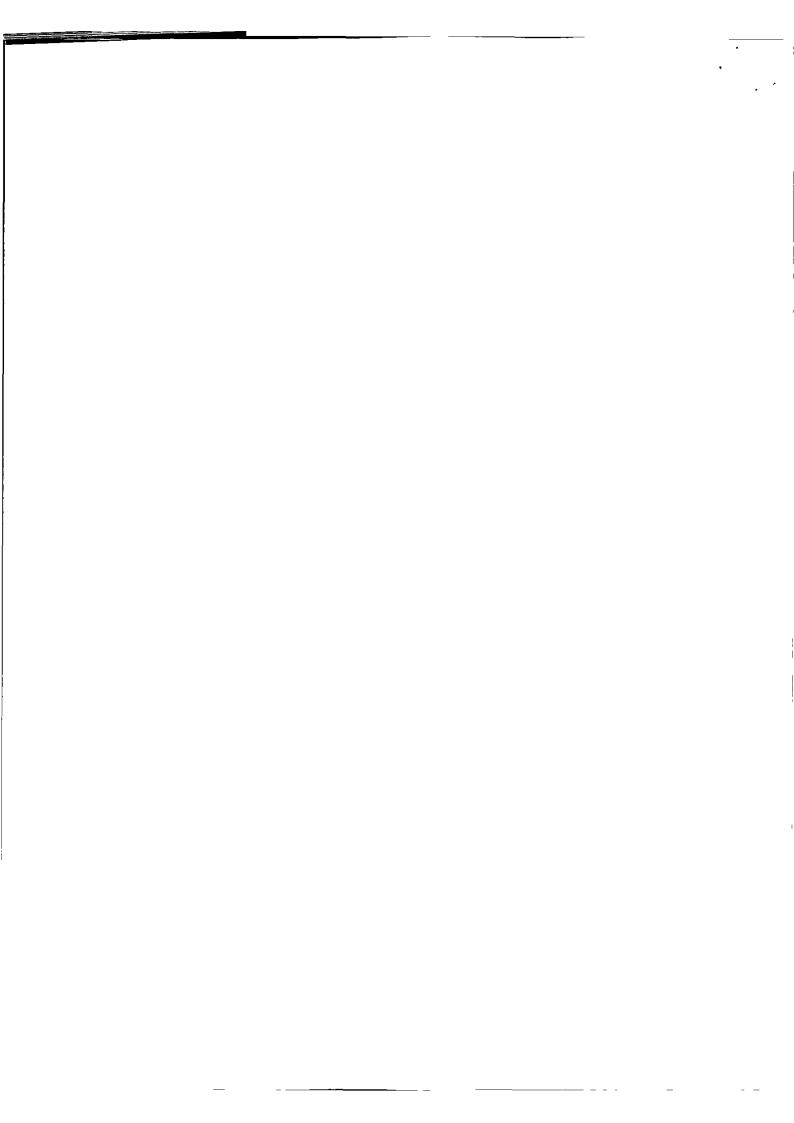
#### **Number of employees**

The average monthly number of employees (including directors) during the year was

	2012	2011
	Number	Number
Directors	3	3
Production	13	19
Administration	5	4
	21	26
Employment costs	2012	2011
	£	£
Wages and salaries	846,668	966,676
Social security costs	87,636	100,080
	934,304	1,066,756
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#### 19 Control

The company is ultimately owned and controlled by two of the directors, D Oakes and D Bell, by virtue of their majority shareholding



# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

#### 20 Related party relationships and transactions

The Incredible Cup Company Limited is a related party due to being under common control. During the year recharges for £480 (2011 sales of £22,298) were made to this company by Firebrand Live Limited After the year end the board of directors decided to write off the intercompany balances at the balance sheet date after rendering them irrecoverable. Amounts loaned (£30,958), in the sales ledger (£480), in the purchase ledger (£6,240) and in the cost of investment (£67,500) were written off (2011 balances of £27,958, £nil, (£6,240) and £67,500 respectively)

Seminal Merchandising Limited (Ireland) is a related party due to being under common control. During the year Firebrand Live Limited made sales of £100,307 (2011 £116,813) to Seminal Merchandising Limited (Ireland), which in turn recharged expenses of £43,295 to Firebrand Live Limited (2011 £122,448) At the year end Seminal Merchandising Limited (Ireland) owed £106,663 (2011 £9,418) to Firebrand Live Limited

Seminal Merchandising Limited (UK) is a related party due to being under common control. During the year Firebrand Live Limited made purchases of £139,965 (2011 £204,953) from Seminal Merchandising Limited (UK) At the year end Seminal Merchandising Limited (UK) was owed £48,830 (2011 £4,513) by Firebrand Live Limited

Brandinc Limited is a related party due to being under common control. During the year Firebrand Live Limited made sales of £17,472 (2011 £25,289) to, and purchases of £130,000 (2011 £349,388) from Brandinc Limited. At the year end Firebrand Live Limited was owed £6,166 from Brandinc Limited (2011 owed £36,767 to Brandinc Limited)

Brandinc Hong Kong is a related party due to being under common control During the year Firebrand Live Limited made purchases of £533 (2011 £70,975) from Brandinc Hong Kong. At the year end no amounts were outstanding

Brandinc Australia is a related party due to being under common control. During the year Firebrand Live Limited made sales of £2,774,570 and recharged expenses of £1,504 (2011 made sales of £1,274,038 to, recharged expenses of £1,708 and made a loan of £87,200) to Brandinc Australia. At the year end Brandinc Australia owed £60,378 (2011 £93,050) to Firebrand Live Limited

Brandinc Singapore is a related party due to being under common control. During the year Firebrand Live Limited made sales of £2,284,248 to Brandinc Singapore. At the year end Firebrand Live Limited was owed £386,114

Firebrand Live, Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary based in the United States. During the year Firebrand Live Limited made sales of £183,531 and loans of £333,505 to its subsidiary. At the year end sales of £180,148 and loans of £175,812 were outstanding

Trinity Street Direct Limited is a related party due to being under common control. During the year Trinity Street Direct Limited paid the company an outstanding amount from 2011 of £12,839 (2011. Firebrand Live Limited made sales of £10,699 to Trinity Street Direct Limited.

World Supply Limited is a related party due to being under common control. During the year the company credit noted outstanding sales from World Supply Limited of £2,526 and at the year end no amounts were outstanding (2011 £2,526 was due from World Supply Limited to Firebrand Live Limited)

At the year end director D Bell was owed £9,000 by Firebrand Live Limited (2011 £9,000) This director current account is unsecured and interest free, with no fixed repayment date. The balance arises from monies introduced less amounts withdrawn