MP Granite Ltd Annual Report and Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 March 2016



Annual Report and Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2016

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Officers and Professional Advisers

The board of directors F Crimmins

D H Johnson

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Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors

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Strategic Report

Year ended 31 March 2016

The directors present the strategic report of MP Granite Ltd ("the Company") for the year ended 31 March 2016, detailing the main factors impacting upon the business during the year and a review of progress.

Principal activities and business review

The Company is part of the DH Publishing, L.P. group (the "Group"). DH Publishing, L.P. is the ultimate parent undertaking.

The principal activity of the Company is that of a holding company. The Company was established for the purpose of acquiring a number of international companies. The Company made a profit on ordinary activities before taxation of ϵ 6,614,000 (2015: ϵ 15,774,000).

As at the balance sheet date, the Company's loan balance with EMI Music Publishing Limited was retranslated. As a result the Company suffered a foreign exchange loss of €6,397,000 (2015: €9,721,000 gain).

During the year the Company received dividends from its subsidiary undertakings of €3,752,000 (2015: €3,598,000) from EMI Music Publishing Italia Srl, €6,000,000 (2015: €nil) from EMI Music Publishing Netherlands Holdings BV and €489,000 (2015: €nil) from EMI Music Publishing Malaysia Sdn Bhd.

The Company has net assets of €196,315,000 (2015: €189,701,000) at the reporting date.

The Company employs no staff and has no separate facilities or overheads, except for those recharged for services rendered by other companies in the Group.

Principal risks and uncertainties

As a holding company of music publishing assets, the principal risks and uncertainties facing the Company concern the shift in the types of revenue sources in the worldwide market for recorded music, whose value increased overall by 3.2% in 2015, according to data from the IFPI. As physical sales and digital downloads have declined, digital subscription services have subsidised this loss and fuelled the growth in the whole market. As this change from physical revenue to streaming occurs, we still remain dependent on identifying, signing and retaining talented songwriters whose new releases are well received and whose music will continue to generate revenues for years to come. Competition for such talent is intense and our financial results would be adversely affected if we fail to identify, sign and retain song writers. External bodies such as local third-party collection societies, have a significant influence on some of our revenues. Mechanical and Performance rates as well as distribution rules are usually set by performing rights societies through board approval and as such may result in the setting of rates at levels lower than we would wish and may therefore adversely affect our ability to increase profitability.

Financial risks specific to the company include liquidity risk and price risk (see below).

Financial risk management

The Company's operations expose it to certain financial risks, primarily comprised of liquidity risk and price risk.

The Company is part of the Group's administration agreement with Sony/ATV (the "Administrator") whereby the Administrator follows its board approved policy and procedures manual that sets out specific guidelines to managing financial risk.

Liquidity risk

The Company's asset base primarily comprises amounts due to or from fellow Group undertakings. The Company's current assets are sufficiently liquid to enable it to pay its bills and fund its current liabilities.

Price risk

The Company is a holding company so has a large portfolio of investments. Investments in subsidiaries are carried at cost less impairment. The carrying values of the investments have been compared to their recoverable amounts, represented by their net realiseable value, and impaired where appropriate.

Strategic Report (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2016

Key performance indicators

The Company's KPI is the performance of its investments, these are discussed further in the individual financial statements of each company invested in.

There are no KPIs specifically relating to environmental and employee issues as the Company has no employees or separate facilities. It is not possible to obtain meaningful market share information for a company of this size, so we do not consider a KPI appropriate.

Signed on behalf of the directors

F Crimmins Director

30 Golden Square London United Kingdom W1F 9LD

Approved by the directors on 18 11 2016

Directors' Report

Year ended 31 March 2016

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2016 (referred to as "2016" and "year" throughout the financial statements). The comparatives are for the year ended 31 March 2015.

Going concern

The directors of the Group have prepared consolidated Group financial projections for a period of more than twelve months from the date of approval of these financial statements. After considering these financial projections, the directors have concluded that they have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future and as a result have prepared these financial statements on a going concern basis.

Results and dividends

The profit for the financial year amounted to €6,614,000 (2015: €15,774,000). The directors have not recommended a dividend (2015: €nil).

Directors

The directors who served the Company during the year and up to the date of signing the financial statements are listed on page 2.

Qualifying third party indemnity provisions

Certain directors benefited from the qualifying third party indemnity provisions in place during the financial year and at the date of approval of the financial statements.

Disclosure of information to the auditors

The directors who held office at the date of approval of this Directors' Report confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware, and each director has taken all steps that he or she ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself or herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information.

Directors' Report (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2016

Independent auditors

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP resigned as auditors of the company during the year and BDO LLP were appointed as auditors of the company by the directors. BDO LLP have expressed their willingness to continue in office and a resolution to re-appoint them as auditors will be proposed at the next annual general meeting.

Signed on behalf of the directors

F Crimmins

Director

30 Golden Square London United Kingdom W1F 9LD

Approved by the directors on 18/11/2016

Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

Year ended 31 March 2016

The directors are responsible for preparing the Strategic Report, 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 prepared the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). 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;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- notify its shareholders in writing about the use of disclosure exemptions, if any, of FRS 102 used in the preparation of the financial statements; 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.

Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of MP Granite Ltd

We have audited the financial statements of MP Granite Limited for the year ended 31 March 2016 which comprise the Income Statement, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Changes in Equity 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), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

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 auditors

As explained more fully in the statement of directors' responsibilities, 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 Financial Reporting Council's (FRC'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 FRC's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditscopeukprivate.

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 March 2016 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 matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the strategic report and the directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements and the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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.

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Andrew Viner (senior statutory auditor)
For and on behalf of BDO LLP, statutory auditor
55 Baker Street
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14/11/2016

BDO LLP is a limited liability partnership registered in England and Wales (with registered number OC305127).

Income Statement

For the Year ended 31 March 2016

2016 Note €'000	2015 €'000
Administrative expenses (3)	(3)
Operating loss 4 (3)	(3)
Income from shares in group undertakings10,241Interest receivable and similar income22,773Interest payable and similar charges3(6,397)	3,598 12,179
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation 6,614	15,774
Tax on profit on ordinary activities 7 -	
Profit for the financial year 6,614	15,774

The notes on pages 12 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

All of the activities of the Company are classed as continuing for the current and prior years.

There is no material difference between the profit on ordinary activities before taxation and the profit for the financial year stated above and their historical costs equivalents, for the current and prior years.

There are no items of comprehensive income other than those in the Income Statement and therefore no statement of comprehensive income has been presented.

Balance Sheet

as at 31 March 2016

	Note	2016 €'000	2015 €'000	
	8	106,207	106,207	
٠,	. 9	90,131	83,513	
	10	(23)	(19)	
		90,108	83,494	
	•	196,315	189,701	
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	11	170,657 25,658	170,657 19,044	
•		196,315	189,701	
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The notes on pages 12 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

The financial statements on pages 9 to 19 were approved by the Board of directors on 13/11/2016 and signed on their behalf by:

F Crimmins Director

Company Registration Number: 08090852

Statement of Changes in Equity

Year ended 31 March 2016

		Called up share capital	Profit and loss account	Total shareholders'
		€'000	€'000	equity €'000
Balance at 1 April 2014		170,657	3,270	173,927
Total comprehensive income for the year Profit for the financial year		<u>-</u>	15,774	15,774
Total comprehensive income for the year		· · · · ·	15,774	15,774
Balance at 31 March 2015		170,657	19,044	189,701
Total comprehensive income for the year				
Profit for the financial year		 	6,614	6,614
Total comprehensive income for the year		-	6,614	6,614
Balance at 31 March 2016	<u>\</u>	170,657	25,658	196,315

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2016

1. Accounting policies

MP Granite Ltd ("the Company") is a private company limited by shares and incorporated and domiciled in the UK.

The Company is exempt under section 401 of the Companies Act 2006 from the requirement to prepare group financial statements. These financial statements present information about the Company as an individual undertaking and not about its group.

These financial statements were prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102"). The presentational currency of these financial statements is euro. All amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest €1,000.

In the transition to FRS 102 from old UK GAAP, the Company has made no measurement and recognition adjustments. As a result, it was not deemed necessary to present tables reconciling the transition within these financial statements.

The Company's ultimate parent undertaking, DH Publishing, L.P. includes the Company in its consolidated financial statements. The consolidated financial statements of DH Publishing, L.P. are available to the public and may be requested from DH Publishing, L.P., 190 Elgin Avenue, George Town, Grand Cayman, KY1-9005, Cayman Islands.

In these financial statements, the Company is considered to be a qualifying entity and has applied the exemptions available under FRS 102 in respect of the following disclosures:

- · Cash Flow Statement and related notes;
- Key Management Personnel compensation;

As the consolidated financial statements of DH Publishing, L.P. include the equivalent disclosures, the Company has also taken exemptions under FRS 102 available in respect of the following disclosures:

• The disclosures required by FRS 102.11 Basic Financial Instruments.

The accounting policies set out below have, unless otherwise stated, been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements.

Judgements made by the directors, in the application of these accounting policies that have significant effect on the financial statements and estimates with a significant risk of material adjustment in the next year are discussed in note 13.

Basis of preparation

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom.

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2016

1. Accounting policies (continued)

Going concern

MP Granite Ltd has made a profit for the financial year of 66,614,000 (2015: 615,774,000), has net current assets of 690,108,000 (2015: 683,494,000) and total assets less current liabilities of 6196,315,000 (2015: 683,494,000) at the reporting date.

The Company operates as part of DH Publishing, L.P. group ("the Group") and has provided a guarantee to the Group's lender; as such the Company is affected by the terms of the Group's banking facilities. The continued availability of existing bank facilities requires the Group to comply with the covenants set out in those bank facilities.

The strong group balance sheet combined with continued strong operating performance means that the Group is able to meet its ongoing working capital needs and its current debt service obligations under the finance facility agreements for a period of more than twelve months from the date of approval of these financial statements.

The directors of the Group have prepared consolidated Group financial projections for a period of more than twelve months from the date of approval of these financial statements.

After considering the financial projections, the directors have concluded that they have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future and as a result have prepared these financial statements on a going concern basis.

Related party transactions

The Company is exempt under the terms of FRS 102.33 Related Party Disclosures from disclosing related party transactions with entities that are part of the DH Publishing, L.P. group or investees of the DH Publishing, L.P. group provided that any subsidiary which is party to the transaction is wholly owned by the group.

Taxation

Tax on the profit or loss for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in the Income Statement except to the extent that it relates to items recognised directly in equity or other comprehensive income, in which case it is recognised directly in equity or other comprehensive income.

Current tax is the expected tax payable or receivable on the taxable profit or loss for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax is provided on timing differences which arise from the inclusion of income and expenses in tax assessments in periods different from those in which they are recognised in the financial statements. The following timing differences are not provided for: differences between accumulated depreciation and tax allowances for the cost of a fixed asset if and when all conditions for retaining the tax allowances have been met; and differences relating to investments in subsidiaries, to the extent that it is not probable that they will reverse in the foreseeable future and the reporting entity is able to control the reversal of the timing difference. Deferred tax is not recognised on permanent differences arising because certain types of income or expense are non-taxable or are disallowable for tax or because certain tax charges or allowances are greater or smaller than the corresponding income or expense.

Deferred tax is measured at the tax rate that is expected to apply to the reversal of the related difference, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

Unrelieved tax losses and other deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that is it probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits.

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2016

1. Accounting policies (continued)

Investments

Investments in subsidiaries are carried at cost less impairment.

Foreign currency

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated to the Company's functional currency at the foreign exchange rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are retranslated to the functional currency at the foreign exchange rate ruling at that date. Non-monetary assets and liabilities that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction. Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies that are stated at fair value are retranslated to the functional currency at foreign exchange rates ruling at the dates the fair value was determined. Foreign exchange differences arising on translation are recognised in the Income Statement.

Impairment

Non-financial assets

The carrying amounts of the Company's non-financial assets are reviewed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists, then the asset's recoverable amount is estimated. The recoverable amount of an asset is the greater of its value in use and its fair value less costs to sell. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset.

An impairment loss is recognised if the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its estimated recoverable amount. Impairment losses are recognised in the Income Statement.

Expenses

Interest receivable and interest payable

Interest income and interest payable are recognised in profit or loss as they accrue, using the effective interest method. Interest payable and similar charges include interest payable and net foreign exchange losses.

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2016

2. Interest receivable and similar income					
				2016 €'000	2015 €'000
On other loans receivable from group undertakings Net exchange gains		٠.		2, 773	2,458 9,721
				2,773	12,179
3. Interest payable and similar charges	•			•	
				2016 €'000	2015 €'000
Net exchange losses	•	•		6,397	-

4. Operating loss

Amounts receivable by the Company's auditors and their associates, other than the audit of the Company's financial statements, have not been disclosed as the information is required, instead, to be disclosed on a consolidated basis in the consolidated financial statements of the Group. The audit fee is borne and settled by EMI Music Publishing Limited, another company within the DH Publishing, L.P., group.

5. Directors' remuneration

The directors did not receive any emoluments from the Company in respect of their services to the Company (2015; €nil).

The directors were remunerated by a member of the US Group for their services to the Group as a whole.

6. Staff numbers and costs

The Company had no employees (2015: none).

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2016

7. Taxation

Total tax expense recognised in the Income Statement	•	•
	2016 €'000	2015 €'000
Current tax		
Current tax on income for the year	·-	₹.,
m . I.	 -	
Total tax	-	-
Reconciliation of effective tax rate		•
Neconcination of effective tax rate		
	2016 €'000	2015 €'000
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	6,614	15,774
Front on ordinary activities before taxation		13,774
Tax using the UK corporation tax rate at 20% (2015 - 21%)	1,323	3,313
Group income Group relief surrendered/(received) for nil consideration	(2,048) 725	(756) (2,509)
Utilisation of tax losses and other deductions	· -	(48)
Total tax expense	· <u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Factors that may affect future tax charges

Reductions in the main rate of UK corporation tax from 20% (effective 1 April 2015) to 19% and 18% (effective from 1 April 2017 and 1 April 2020 respectively) were substantively enacted at the balance sheet date. In the 2016 Budget statement a further reduction to 17% by 1 April 2020 was announced and was substantively enacted on 6 September 2016 after the balance sheet date. This will reduce the Company's future current tax charge accordingly.

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2016

8. Fixed asset investments

	Shares in group undertakings €'000
Cost At 1 April 2015	106,207
At 31 March 2016	106,207
Net book value At 31 March 2016	106,207
At 31 March 2015	106,207

In the opinion of the directors, the aggregate value of interests consisting of shares in the balances with subsidiary undertakings is not less than the amounts at which those investments are stated in the balance sheet.

The following were the principal subsidiary undertakings of the Company at 31 March 2016, and their activities are that of music publishing.

	Country of	Class of share	
Subsidiary undertaking	incorporation	held	% held
EMI General Music Srl	Italy .	Ordinary	100
EMI Music Publishing Italia Srl*	Italy	Ordinary	100
EMI Music Publishing Malaysia Sdn Bhd*	Malaysia	Ordinary	100
AV Music Publishers BV	Netherlands	Ordinary	100
Dino Music Publishing BV	Netherlands	Ordinary	100
Dutchy Publishing BV	Netherlands	Ordinary	100
EMI Music Publishing (Holland) BV	Netherlands	Ordinary	100
EMI Music Publishing Netherlands Holdings BV*	Netherlands	Ordinary	100
EMI Music Publishing Services Holland BV	Netherlands	Ordinary	100
* Directly held	•		•

The registered office address of all subsidiary undertakings incorporated in Italy is Via A. Albricci, 7, 20122 Milan.

The registered office address of all subsidiary undertakings incorporated in Malaysia is Suite 21-7, The Boulevard Lingakaran Syed Putra, Mid Valley City, 59200, Kuala Lumpur.

The registered office address of all subsidiary undertakings incorporated in the Netherlands is Damrak 20C-1012 LH, Amsterdam.

9. Debtors

	•		; .*	2016 €'000	. 2015 €'000
Amounts owed by group undertaking	ngs		· · · <u>-</u>	90,131	83,513

Amounts owed by group undertakings are unsecured and bear interest between 2.75% and 3.00%.

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2016

10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	•	
		2016 2015
		€'000 €'000
Amounts owed to group undertakings Accruals and deferred income		9 8 14 11

Amounts owed to group undertakings are unsecured, subject to interest, have no fixed date of repayment and are repayable on demand.

11. Capital and reserves

Share capital

Allotted, called up and fully paid:	•	•
	2016	2015
	. €'000	€'000
213,109,144 (2015: 213,109,144) Ordinary shares of \$1 each at 1 April and 31 March	170,657	170,657
		

12. Ultimate parent company

The ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party of the Company is DH Publishing, L.P., a partnership registered in the Cayman Islands.

The Company's immediate parent undertaking is EMI Music Publishing Group International BV, a company registered in the

The parent undertaking of the largest and smallest group to consolidate these financial statements is DH Publishing, L.P.

The address from which the financial statements can be requested is DH Publishing, L.P., 190 Elgin Avenue, George Town, Grand Cayman, KY1-9005, Cayman Islands.

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2016

13. Accounting estimates and judgements

The Company makes estimates and judgements concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. These estimates and judgements that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are addressed below.

Impairment of investments in subsidiaries and amounts owed by group undertakings

The Company conducts impairment reviews of investments in subsidiaries and amounts owed by group undertakings whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that their carrying amounts may not be recoverable or tests for impairment annually in accordance with the relevant accounting standards. Determining whether an asset is impaired requires an estimation of the recoverable amount, which requires the Company to estimate the value in use which is based on future cash flows and a suitable discount rate in order to calculate the present value. Where the actual future cash flows are less than expected, an impairment loss may arise. Management believe that any reasonable possible changes in the assumptions used in the impairment reviews would not affect management's view on impairment at current year end.