

# DMGT

## Group audited preliminary results for the year ended 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2003.

### Highlights

	Statutory results			Adjusted results*		
	2003	2002	Change	2003	2002	Change
Turnover	<b>£1,933 m</b>	£1,945 m	-1 %			
Operating profit	<b>£174.0 m</b>	£177.3 m	-2 %	<b>£237.5 m</b>	£241.6 m	-2 %
Profit before tax	<b>£108.0 m</b>	£107.4 m	+1 %	<b>£185.5 m</b>	£182.5 m	+2 %
Earnings per share	<b>15.2 p</b>	20.8 p	-27 %	<b>33.2 p</b>	31.0 p	+7 %
Dividend per share	<b>10.0 p</b>	9.2p	+9 %			

\*(before amortisation and impairment of intangible assets and exceptional items; see page 5 and reconciliation in Note 7).

\*References to operating profit below are to adjusted operating profit.

### Summary

DMGT is pleased to report an increase in adjusted profits from £182.5 million to £185.5 million, despite continued tough trading conditions for a number of the Group's divisions.

We are particularly pleased at the progress being made by many of the Group's newer businesses, with the star performers this year being DMG Information's business to business companies. Of this year's operating profit, 37% has been generated by the Group's non-newspaper divisions, compared with 8% ten years ago. Nevertheless newspapers remain at the heart of DMGT and will continue to do so, given the bright future that we believe ours have.

### National Newspapers

Associated Newspapers had a successful year, despite its operating profits falling from £80.3 million to £69.8 million due primarily to increased revenue investment at the *Evening Standard*. Both the *Daily Mail*, named Newspaper of the Year for the third time in five years, and *The Mail on Sunday* increased their average circulations against a declining market. The *Evening Standard* reduced its circulation decline to 1.3% in the year, despite a 5 pence cover price rise in January. During the year the *Evening Standard* was restructured to ensure it is in a better position to take advantage of any upturn in its advertising market. *Metro* moved resoundingly into profit and exceeded our expectations for the year. *Ireland on Sunday* consolidated its substantial circulation gains of earlier in the year, and is now seeing increased advertising revenues as a result. Associated's on line operations reduced their losses, with *This is Money* recently being named Consumer Website of the Year.

Circulation revenues were up 2.4%, but advertising revenues were down 1.7%. Display advertising was down 3.4%, despite *Metro* achieving a 28% rise. The retail category continued to perform strongest with the financial sector the weakest. Classified advertising was up 3.3%, although the *Evening Standard* saw a further decline in its recruitment advertising.

The major project to expand the Group's printing facilities at a cost of around £90 million continues on time and to budget. It is due to be completed by November 2004 by which time we hope for an improvement in the national advertising markets to coincide with this extra capacity.

## **Regional Newspapers**

Northcliffe Newspapers increased operating profits by 4% to £93.7 million on turnover up 2% to £484 million.

Daily circulation revenues improved by 3% on the back of cover price increases whilst volume declines were again slightly better than the industry average, following significant editorial and marketing investment in the titles. The weekly newspapers continue to perform well with revenues up 9% and most delivering increased circulation.

Advertising revenues grew by 3%. Property advertising was up 13% in a buoyant market. Continued activity in the public sector benefited recruitment advertising which was 4% up on the previous year. These strong performances were partially offset by a 1% decline in each of motors and retail advertising.

Contract printing profits were £1.9 million lower as the printing of more third party titles was brought "in-house" by their publishers. The major investment in press facilities in the Midlands is almost complete and additional copies of the *Daily Mail* are already being printed there. Digital publishing moved further towards breakeven, as more print advertisers, particularly recruitment, opted also to advertise on the local portals.

## **Euromoney Institutional Investor**

It has been another tough year for Euromoney Institutional Investor, which has already announced its results. Further weakness in the world's financial markets, and the effects of the Iraq war and the SARS virus on confidence and propensity to travel, resulted in lower advertising and training revenues. Conferences and seminars continued to do well, as did the database and information services, the latter with ISI moving into profit.

Euromoney acted swiftly last year to reduce its costs and this served it well this year. While turnover was down £20.8 million to £158.9 million, the operating profit fall was limited to £5.3 million to £23.8 million.

## **Broadcasting**

DMG Broadcasting improved its operating profit from £16.7 million to £20.4 million on virtually unchanged turnover.

Teletext faced difficult conditions in the holiday advertising markets that provide nearly 80% of its revenues. Its turnover fell by 4%, but close control of costs and a full year of the new ITC licence fee arrangements enabled it to increase operating profit slightly. In operational terms, Teletext had a good year, entering into a commercial agreement with Channel 4 for the provision of text services on analogue and digital television via the text button. Teletext on 4 went live on analogue in October 2003, with services on the digital television platforms scheduled in the coming year, which will also see the launch of a Teletext Holidays TV channel on Sky.

DMG Radio recently won a new FM licence in Adelaide and *Nova 969* became the No 1 FM station in Sydney, only two and a half years after its launch. The *Nova* stations in Sydney and Melbourne both lead the ratings in their target 18-39 age group and moved into profit in the year. DMG Regional Radio saw improving economic conditions as the year progressed.

## Exhibitions

This year was the cyclical down-year for the Group's exhibition division, when a number of the non-annual shows do not take place. As a result, operating profit fell from £24.8 million to £20.4 million, although we estimate underlying growth in the business to have been a very satisfactory 8%.

The home show division had an excellent year, including a record *Daily Mail Ideal Home Show* in London. It successfully launched shows in Palm Beach, Orlando and Auckland. The gift division performed in line with expectations, with good progress being made in developing the Los Angeles business. The art and antiques division suffered in its premier shows. In total, eleven new products have been successfully launched in the last year.

## Business to Business Information and Careers

DMG Information increased its operating profit from £14.0 million to £23.8 million. Its business to business companies had another excellent year, increasing their operating profit by more than 50%, following a 100% rise last year. Risk Management Solutions increased its profits substantially as its insurance and reinsurance company clients focused on their risk controls and the substantial investment in RMS's data and models paid dividends. The property information companies, EDR and Landmark, also performed well. EDR produced a record profit; Landmark maintained its high revenue growth, but investments held profits to last year's level. In September, Landmark acquired a competitor, Sitescope, for £12 million. There was also a pleasing first contribution from Property & Portfolio Research ('PPR'), purchased in October 2002.

Within the Careers division, Hobsons' restructuring last year helped return the business to profitability without any improvement in its markets. Study Group improved its profits substantially, thanks to record results in the UK, Australia and New Zealand, but with the US division still suffering.

## Joint ventures and associates

The Group's share of net operating profits of its investments in joint ventures and associates rose due mainly to an increased contribution from GWR Group plc, its 29.9% associate. GWR has sold its overseas operations and reorganised its UK operational structure. The benefits are now flowing strongly, as could be seen in their interim results announced last week. Underlying profits at GLM, the North American gift exhibition organiser, were ahead of last year, but fell in sterling terms; this was offset by reduced losses at Whereaware.

## Other Profit and Loss Items

Income from fixed asset investments consisted of dividends received from Reuters Group plc and the Press Association, the latter including a final special distribution of £3 million.

The fall in net interest payable was due to a lower average level of debt, lower interest rates generally and higher proportion of US\$ debt. Other financing charges rose due to the absence of a finance credit on deferred proceeds. Interest cover, calculated as the ratio of adjusted profits before interest and depreciation to net interest payable, exceeded our target of five times.

The underlying rate of tax on profit before amortisation has fallen from 27.1% to 25.3% due largely to recognising prior year US tax losses.

## **Net debt**

Net debt at the end of the financial year was £873 million, a decrease of £49 million over last year despite the continuing high level of capital expenditure due to the UK press expansion programme. The fall in debt largely reflects the strong cash generation of the Group and the reduced level of acquisitions. Capital expenditure amounted to £94 million, whilst the net cost of acquisitions and investments was £52 million, principally the purchases of Sitescope and PPR by DMG Information and Hedge Fund Intelligence by Euromoney.

## **Outlook**

The new financial year has begun well. The circulations of our national titles are strong and newsprint prices appear stable at current levels. National advertising is satisfactory, up 1.7% in October, although it remains too early to call the turn in this market. Northcliffe has seen an acceleration of growth in advertising to 6% in October. With few exceptions, the Group's non-newspaper divisions have also started the year well.

The prospect of improved results from our newer businesses, combined with organic growth from all divisions, leads the Board to hope for a return to growth in the coming year.

## **Dividend**

The Board is recommending payment on the issued Ordinary and 'A' Ordinary Non-Voting shares of the Company of a final dividend of 6.85 pence per share for the year ended 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2003 (2002 6.25 pence). This will make a total for the year of 10.0 pence (2002 9.2 pence per share). For transferees to receive this dividend, which will be paid on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2004, transfers must be lodged with the Registrar by 5<sup>th</sup> December 2003.

## **Board Changes**

Niilo Hakkarainen, a non-executive director of the Company since 1990, has decided to stand down as a director of the Company at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting on 4th February, 2004. He has throughout made an invaluable contribution to the Board's deliberations.

Sir Patrick Sergeant will also stand down at the conclusion of the forthcoming Annual General Meeting. Earlier this year, we celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of Patrick joining our Group. He was the revered City Editor of the Daily Mail from 1960 to 1984 and created Money Mail. In 1969, he founded Euromoney and has been instrumental in growing it into the international publishing business it is today. He has been a non-executive director of DMGT since 1983 and has been a constant source of wisdom and experience throughout that time. We are delighted that he will remain as a director and president of Euromoney Institutional Investor.

At its meeting yesterday, the Board agreed to recommend the appointment of two new non-executive directors by Ordinary shareholders at the Annual General Meeting, with the appointments to take effect after that meeting. Tom Gillespie, 65, is the former senior partner of the Canadian law firm, Ogilvy Renault, and now runs his own business. He has advised the Company on legal matters in Canada over many years and is not regarded by the Board as independent in terms of the revised Combined Code.

David Verey, 52, is an investment banker by background and currently Senior Advisor to the Blackstone Group International. He worked for Lazards for 29 years, ultimately as Chairman, and was then Deputy Chairman of Cazenove.

**Daily Mail and General Trust plc**  
**Group Profit and Loss Account**  
**for the year ended 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2003**

		2003 Before amortisation, impairment and exceptional items £m	2003 Amortisation, impairment and exceptional items £m	2003 Total £m	2002 Total £m
<b>Turnover</b>	Notes 2	<b>1,933.0</b>	-	<b>1,933.0</b>	1,944.5
<b>Operating profit before amortisation and impairment of intangible assets and exceptional items</b>	3	<b>237.5</b>	-	<b>237.5</b>	241.6
Operating exceptional costs	3	-	-	-	(8.8)
Amortisation and impairment of intangible assets	3	-	(63.5)	(63.5)	(55.5)
<b>Operating profit</b>	3	<b>237.5</b>	<b>(63.5)</b>	<b>174.0</b>	<b>177.3</b>
Share of operating profits and losses of joint ventures and associates	4	<b>6.8</b>	<b>(12.4)</b>	<b>(5.6)</b>	(16.6)
<b>Total operating profit- Group and share of joint ventures and associates</b>		<b>244.3</b>	<b>(75.9)</b>	<b>168.4</b>	<b>160.7</b>
Profit on sale of fixed assets		-	1.2	1.2	3.5
Profit on disposal and closure of businesses		-	0.1	0.1	8.6
Income from other fixed asset investments		5.0	-	5.0	5.2
Amounts written off investments		-	(2.9)	(2.9)	(1.2)
<b>Profit on ordinary activities before interest and finance charges</b>		<b>249.3</b>	<b>(77.5)</b>	<b>171.8</b>	<b>176.8</b>
Net interest payable		(61.2)	-	(61.2)	(67.6)
Other finance charges (net)		(2.6)	-	(2.6)	(1.8)
<b>Net interest payable and similar charges</b>		<b>(63.8)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(63.8)</b>	<b>(69.4)</b>
<b>Profit on ordinary activities before taxation</b>		<b>185.5</b>	<b>(77.5)</b>	<b>108.0</b>	107.4
Taxation on profit on ordinary activities	5	(47.0)	1.5	(45.5)	(17.8)
<b>Profit on ordinary activities after taxation</b>		<b>138.5</b>	<b>(76.0)</b>	<b>62.5</b>	89.6
Equity interest of minority shareholders		(6.6)	4.5	(2.1)	(6.8)
<b>Profit for the financial year</b>		<b>131.9</b>	<b>(71.5)</b>	<b>60.4</b>	82.8
Dividends				(39.8)	(36.6)
<b>Retained profit</b>				<b>20.6</b>	<b>46.2</b>
<b>Basic earnings per share</b>				<b>15.2p</b>	20.8p
<b>Diluted earnings per share</b>				<b>15.2p</b>	20.8p
<b>Adjusted earnings per share</b> (before amortisation and impairment of intangible assets and exceptional items)	6	<b>33.2p</b>			31.0p

**Daily Mail and General Trust plc**  
**Group Summary Cash Flow Statement**  
**for the year ended 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2003**

	2003 £m	2002 £m
<b>Net cash inflow from operating activities (Note 8)</b>	<b>312.4</b>	264.6
Dividends received from joint ventures and associates	7.2	6.9
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	(57.5)	(64.7)
Taxation paid (net)	(25.7)	(24.9)
Capital expenditure and financial investment (net)	(93.4)	(84.4)
Acquisitions and disposals	(50.0)	(101.0)
Equity dividends paid	(37.4)	(35.0)
Management of liquid resources	7.1	3.6
Net cash (outflow) / inflow from financing	<u>(86.8)</u>	<u>3.1</u>
<b>Decrease in cash</b>	<b><u>(24.1)</u></b>	<b><u>(31.8)</u></b>
<b>Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net debt</b>		
Decrease in cash	(24.1)	(31.8)
Cash outflow /(inflow) from increase in debt and lease finance	84.2	(8.9)
Cash inflow from change in liquid resources	<u>(7.1)</u>	<u>(3.6)</u>
<b>Change in net debt from cash flows</b>	<b>53.0</b>	(44.3)
Loan notes issued arising on acquisitions	(2.7)	(1.2)
Loan notes cancelled arising on disposals	-	3.0
Other non-cash items	<u>(1.7)</u>	<u>(3.9)</u>
<b>Decrease/(increase) in net debt in the year</b>	<b><u>48.6</u></b>	<b><u>(46.4)</u></b>
<b>Net debt at beginning of year</b>	<b><u>(921.8)</u></b>	<b><u>(875.4)</u></b>
<b>Net debt at end of year</b>	<b><u>(873.2)</u></b>	<b><u>(921.8)</u></b>

**Daily Mail and General Trust plc**  
**Group Balance Sheet**  
**as at 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2003**

	2003	2002 (restated)*
	£m	£m
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Intangible Assets	650.8	652.6
Tangible Assets	503.2	476.4
Investments	235.0	242.5
	<u>1,389.0</u>	<u>1,371.5</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Stocks	29.1	27.3
Debtors	417.5	381.8
Short-term investments	3.6	10.3
Cash at bank and in hand	44.8	69.7
	<u>495.0</u>	<u>489.1</u>
<b>Creditors</b>		
Amounts falling due within one year	<u>(599.0)</u>	<u>(576.2)</u>
<b>Net Current Liabilities</b>	<u>(104.0)</u>	<u>(87.1)</u>
<b>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</b>	1,285.0	1,284.4
<b>Creditors</b>		
Amounts falling due after more than one year	(897.6)	(964.3)
<b>Provisions for Liabilities and Charges</b>	<u>(62.6)</u>	<u>(53.0)</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<u>324.8</u>	<u>267.1</u>
<b>Capital and Reserves</b>		
Called up share capital	50.2	50.1
Share premium account	7.1	6.6
Revaluation reserve	74.2	52.5
Profit and loss account	206.8	172.9
	<u>338.3</u>	<u>282.1</u>
<b>Equity Shareholders' Funds</b>		
Equity minority interests	(13.5)	(15.1)
Non-equity minority interests	-	0.1
	<u>324.8</u>	<u>267.1</u>

\* See Note 1.

**Daily Mail and General Trust plc**  
**Statement of Group Total Recognised Gains and Losses**  
**for the year ended 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2003**

	2003	2002 (restated)*
	£m	£m
<b>Recognised gains and losses:</b>		
Group profit for the year	<b>60.4</b>	82.8
Adjustment to unrealised gain on disposal of businesses	<b>(0.3)</b>	-
Write back of taxation on unrealised gain on disposal of businesses (Note 9)	<b>24.0</b>	-
Currency translation differences	<b>10.1</b>	(10.0)
Taxation on translation differences	<b>(1.6)</b>	5.7
Minority interests	<b>(2.2)</b>	(1.9)
<b>Total gains and losses recognised in the year</b>	<b>90.4</b>	76.6
Prior year adjustment (Note 1)	<b>(10.7)</b>	-
<b>Total gains and losses recognised since the last Annual Report</b>	<b>79.7</b>	-

**Reconciliation of Movement in shareholders' funds**  
**for the year ended 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2003**

	2003	2002 (restated)*
	£m	£m
<b>Group profit for the year</b>	<b>60.4</b>	82.8
Dividends	<b>(39.8)</b>	(36.6)
	<b>20.6</b>	46.2
Other recognised gains and losses	<b>30.0</b>	(6.2)
New share capital subscribed	<b>0.6</b>	0.3
Adjustment to deferred consideration in respect of goodwill	<b>(4.6)</b>	(0.5)
Goodwill written back on disposals and closures	<b>9.6</b>	-
<b>Net movement in shareholders' funds</b>	<b>56.2</b>	39.8
Opening shareholders' funds (restated)	<b>282.1</b>	242.3
<b>Closing shareholders' funds</b>	<b>338.3</b>	282.1

\* See Note 1

## NOTES

**1. Accounting policies**

The financial information for the year has been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies adopted in the Group's 2002 Annual Report as amended to show listed investments, included within other investments, at cost less impairment, if any, rather than at market value. The previous policy was established for the Group's holding of Reuters shares in view of the issue by the Group of bonds exchangeable for some of those shares. Following the repayment of the last of those bonds in October 2002, the Directors believe that the revised policy is more appropriate.

As reported at the half year, the effect of this change is that the Group's Reuters shares have been written down from market value of £30.7 million at 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2002 to historical cost of £20.0 million. The prior period Balance Sheets and Statements of Total Recognised Gains and Losses have been restated to reflect this change of policy. Had the former policy been retained at 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2003, this investment would have been written down through the revaluation reserve by £2.1 million to its market value of £28.6 million.

**2. Turnover**

	2003 £m	2002 £m
<b>By activity:</b>		
National newspapers and related activities	<b>819.9</b>	827.8
Regional newspapers and related activities	<b>483.7</b>	472.3
Euromoney Institutional Investor	<b>158.9</b>	179.7
Broadcasting	<b>116.0</b>	114.7
Exhibitions and related activities	<b>130.5</b>	141.0
Business to business information and careers	<b>224.0</b>	209.0
	<b><u>1,933.0</u></b>	<b><u>1,944.5</u></b>

Turnover of £7.2 million from acquisitions arose from acquisitions mainly within business to business information and careers. Turnover of business to business information and careers comprised £119.9 million (2002 £107.7 million) from business to business information and £104.1 million (2002 £101.3 million) from careers.

	2003 £m	2002 £m
<b>By geographical market:</b>		
UK	<b>1,540.6</b>	1,560.9
Rest of Europe	<b>45.9</b>	40.9
North America	<b>240.9</b>	249.4
Rest of the World	<b>105.6</b>	93.3
	<b><u>1,933.0</u></b>	<b><u>1,944.5</u></b>

**3. Operating profit**

	2003 £m	2002 £m
<b>By activity:</b>		
National newspapers and related activities	<b>69.8</b>	80.3
Regional newspapers and related activities	<b>93.7</b>	90.2
Euromoney Institutional Investor	<b>23.8</b>	29.1
Broadcasting	<b>20.4</b>	16.7
Exhibitions and related activities	<b>20.4</b>	24.8
Business to business information and careers	<b>23.8</b>	14.0
Unallocated central costs	<b>(14.4)</b>	(13.5)
	<b><u>237.5</u></b>	<b><u>241.6</u></b>
Less: exceptional operating costs	-	(8.8)
Less: amortisation of intangible assets	<b>(63.5)</b>	(55.5)
	<b><u>174.0</u></b>	<b><u>177.3</u></b>

Operating profit of £1.5 million, before amortisation and impairment of intangible assets, arose from acquisitions. In the prior year, operating profits were stated before charging exceptional reorganisation and redundancy costs of £8.8 million.

Operating profits of business to business information and careers comprised £23.3 million (2002 £16.6 million) from business to business information and £3.5 million (2002 loss of £0.6 million) from careers, offset by unallocated central costs of £3.0 million (2002 £2.0 million).

The charge for amortisation and impairment of intangible assets comprised amortisation of £54.1 million (2002 £55.5 million) and impairment of £9.4 million (2002 £Nil).

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**3. Operating profit continued**

	2003 £m	2002 £m
<b>By geographical market:</b>		
UK	<b>161.2</b>	179.9
Rest of Europe	<b>(5.7)</b>	(5.0)
North America	<b>9.9</b>	(2.1)
Rest of the World	<b>8.6</b>	4.5
	<b>174.0</b>	177.3

**4. Share of operating profits and losses of joint ventures and associates**

	2003 £m	2002 £m
Share of operating profits of joint ventures	<b>0.7</b>	0.2
Share of operating profits of associates	<b>6.1</b>	4.9
Before amortisation and impairment of goodwill and exceptional items	<b>6.8</b>	5.1
Share of amortisation of goodwill of joint venture and associates	<b>(2.9)</b>	(3.1)
Share of impairment of associates	<b>1.5</b>	(6.5)
Amortisation of goodwill of joint ventures and associates	<b>(11.0)</b>	(12.1)
	<b>(5.6)</b>	(16.6)

**5. Taxation charge**

The tax charge for the year amounted to £45.5 million (2002 £17.8 million) which included a charge of £8.1 million (2002 £9.0 million) in respect of overseas tax. The charge for taxation has been computed at a rate of 30.0% on UK taxable profits. The underlying tax on profits before amortisation and impairment of intangible assets and exceptional items amounted to £47.0 million (2002 £49.5 million), and the resulting rate is 25.3% (2002 27.1%). There was a tax credit of £1.5 million (2002 £31.7 million) relating to exceptional items in the current and prior years.

**6. Adjusted earnings per share**

Adjusted earnings per share are calculated on profit before amortisation and impairment of intangible assets and exceptional items, after charging the taxation and minority interests associated with those profits, of £131.9 million (2002 £123.4 million), as set out in note 7 below, and on the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the period in accordance with FRS 14. The weighted average number of shares amounted to 397.8 million (2002 397.9 million). As in previous years, adjusted earnings per share have been disclosed since the Directors consider that this alternative measure gives a more comparable indication of the Group's underlying trading performance.

**7. Adjusted profit (before amortisation and impairment of intangible assets and exceptional items)**

	2003 £m	2002 £m
Profit before tax	<b>108.0</b>	107.4
Add back:		
Amortisation of intangible assets in Group operating profit and in share of joint venture and associates	<b>68.0</b>	70.7
Impairment of goodwill in Group operating profit and in share of associates	<b>7.9</b>	6.5
Operating exceptional losses	-	8.8
Profit on sale of fixed asset investments	<b>(1.2)</b>	(3.5)
Profit on disposal and closure of businesses	<b>(0.1)</b>	(8.6)
Amounts written off investments	<b>2.9</b>	1.2
<b>Adjusted profit before tax (before amortisation and impairment of intangible assets and exceptional items)</b>	<b>185.5</b>	182.5
Taxation charge	<b>(47.0)</b>	(49.5)
Interest of minority shareholders	<b>(6.6)</b>	(9.6)
<b>Profit before amortisation and impairment of intangible assets and exceptional items, after taxation and minority interests</b>	<b>131.9</b>	123.4

## NOTES

**8. Net cash inflow from operating activities**

	2003	2002
	£m	£m
Operating profit	<b>174.0</b>	177.3
Depreciation charge	<b>71.3</b>	74.7
Amortisation and impairment of intangible assets	<b>63.5</b>	55.5
Working capital movement	<b>3.6</b>	(42.9)
<b>Net cash inflow from operating activities</b>	<b><u>312.4</u></b>	<b><u>264.6</u></b>

9. A tax provision of £24.0 million, relating to the sale of certain assets of DMG Radio in 2000, has been written back in the year. This has been credited to the revaluation reserve, reversing the treatment adopted in 2000 when the gain on sale was unrealised.
10. This preliminary announcement was approved by the Board on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2003. The financial information set out above does not constitute the statutory accounts of the Company within the meaning of section 240 of the Companies Act 1985. Statutory accounts for the year ended 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2002, have been delivered to the Registrar of Companies. The Company's auditors have reported on the accounts for the year end 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2002; their report was unqualified and did not contain a statement under section 237 (2) or (3). The Company's auditors have reported on the statutory accounts for the year ended 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2003 and these will be delivered to the Registrar of Companies in due course. Their report was unqualified and did not contain a statement under section 237 (2) or (3).

Highlights of this announcement will be advertised on 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2003 in the *Evening Standard*, on the 28<sup>th</sup> November in the *Daily Mail*, *Metro*, *Aberdeen Press & Journal*, *Western Morning News* and the *Western Daily Press* and on the 30<sup>th</sup> November in *The Mail on Sunday*. It is expected that the Annual Report and Accounts will be posted to shareholders on or before 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2004.

A webcast of the Preliminary Results presentation to City analysts will be available for viewing from 9.30 am on 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2003 at [http://www.dmgt.co.uk/Article.go?id=108&category\\_id=null](http://www.dmgt.co.uk/Article.go?id=108&category_id=null).

An interview with Peter Williams, Finance Director, in video/audio and text will also be available from 7.00 am at <http://www.dmgt.co.uk> and at <http://www.cantos.com>

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