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DMGT AVC PLAN

2009

Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 March 2009

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Chairman

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(Resigned 30 September 2008)

S Dyson MBE

(Appointed 30 September 2008)

J P Williams

K N Thompson

N D Jennings

(Resigned 10 June 2008)

A V Hilton

(Appointed 10 June 2008, resigned 27 February 2009)

MEMBER-NOMINATED DIRECTORS

P G Newman

(Re-appointed 10 June 2008)

P Hutchings

(Resigned 10 June 2008)

G V Young

(Resigned 10 June 2008)

L Hollamby

(Re-appointed 10 June 2008)

P Ash

(Appointed 10 June 2008)

S J Torrington

(Appointed 10 June 2008)

COMPANY SECRETARY

G M Staines, FPMI

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

S M Gray (Chairman – resigned 31 July 2009)

A V Hilton

J P Williams

S Bates (appointed 9 December 2008)

S J Torrington

P Fallon (resigned 2 September 2008)

C A Wood OBE

A Perry (appointed 25 November 2008)

M McGregor-Smith (appointed 9 December 2008)

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TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Constitution of the Plan

The DMGT AVC Plan (the Plan) was established to enable members of the defined benefit schemes of the DMGT Group to make additional voluntary contributions (AVCs) to enhance their future pension benefits. The Plan is established under and governed by a Trust Deed and Rules administered by a Trustee specially appointed for this purpose. The Plan is a registered pension plan under the Finance Act 2004. To the Trustee's knowledge there is no reason why such registration should be prejudiced or withdrawn.

The Plan is not contracted-out of the State Second Pension.

Membership

Membership of the Plan under the various categories is shown below:

	2008	Additions	Withdrawals	2009
Members in service	706	0	(190)	516
Deferred members	825	103	(73)	855
Retired members*	2,559	148	(77)	2,630
TOTAL	4,090	251	(340)	4,001

*Includes widow(er)s, adult dependants and children receiving a pension from the Plan.

Closure of the Plan to new investment

The legal advice to the Trustee following the judgement by the House of Lords in connection with the pension scheme operated by KPMG resulted in the With Profits fund in the Plan being classified as a defined benefits arrangement. Following that legal advice, the Trustee decided to close the Plan to new investment (including transfers from other pension arrangements) with effect from 31 March 2006.

AVC facilities involving a range of unit-linked investments are now offered to members of the Harmsworth Pension Scheme and the DMGT Senior Executives Pension Fund (the main schemes) within those schemes. The reassignment of policies involving unit-linked funds invested by members in the Plan prior to 1 April 2006 to the main schemes has now been completed and accepted by the Trustees of those schemes.

Actuarial valuation and Scheme Specific Funding

Every three years the Plan carries out an actuarial valuation. This is a financial assessment of the Plan undertaken by the Plan Actuary. The Actuary looks at the value of the assets of the Plan and compares these with the value of the benefits that are either already being paid or are to be paid in the future i.e. the liabilities. A number of assumptions are made by the Actuary and these are agreed with the Trustee in advance of the valuation.

The first valuation in accordance with the scheme specific funding provisions under the Pensions Act 2004 was undertaken as at 31 March 2008. This legislation replaces the Minimum Funding Requirement legislation and introduces a requirement for the trustees of defined benefit occupational pension schemes to enter into discussions with the scheme sponsor to determine a suitable, prudent, ongoing funding basis for the Plan. In addition, where a deficit exists on that basis, there is a requirement to agree an appropriate recovery plan for removing it. This valuation was also the first to have been undertaken following the re-classification of the Plan as a defined benefit arrangement.

The results of the valuation were set out in a report from the Plan Actuary dated 27 March 2009. The main conclusions in this report were:

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1. The accumulated assets of the Plan at the valuation date represented 100% of the Plan's Technical Provisions (i.e. the value of the Plan's benefit liabilities) in respect of past service benefits.
2. Compared with the position at the previous valuation either long-term bonus expectations would be lower or higher investment returns would be required in future to meet previous bonus expectations.
3. Over the long term, investment returns on the Plan's assets would need to exceed those on fixed interest gilts by more than 1.4% pa (2005, 1.0% pa) to generate funds that could be utilised to provide future bonuses. The main reason for this increase is the allowance made by the Plan Actuary for greater life expectancy.
4. At the valuation date, the ratio of the market value of the Plan's assets to the value of accrued benefit liabilities assessed using a discount rate in line with the yields available on UK Government Fixed Interest Gilts was 85%.
5. If the Plan had been discontinued as at 31 March 2008 there would have been insufficient assets to buy out the accrued benefits through the purchase of annuity policies with an insurance company. The funding level on this basis at the valuation date was assessed to be 79%.

Following discussions of these results between the Trustee and the company, it was agreed that no special bonus would be awarded to benefits in the Plan as at 1 April 2008.

The financial position of the Plan will next be reviewed as at 31 March 2011.

Asset allocation

Following the decision by the Trustee to close the Plan to new investments a comprehensive review of the investment strategy of the Plan has been undertaken.

This detailed and complex work has now been completed, with implementation successfully achieved on 1 June 2008, as planned. Further information is contained in the Investment Report on page 10.

Financial development of the Plan

The net assets of the Plan decreased by £13.9 million, or 22.8%, from £61.0 million to £47.1 million.

	£m	£m
Contributions and transfers receivable	-	
Benefits payable and payments to and on account of leavers	(5.1)	
Net withdrawals		(5.1)
Investment income	0.8	
Change in market value of investments	(9.4)	
Investment management expenses	(0.2)	
Net returns on investments		(8.8)
Net decrease in the Plan during the period		(13.9)

The financial statements have been prepared and audited in compliance with Regulations 41 (1) and 41 (6) of the Pensions Act 1995.

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Bonuses

After taking advice from the Plan Actuary, the Trustee determined that no interim bonus should be awarded as at 1 April 2009. This repeat of the action taken by the Trustee in recent years was in recognition of continuing adverse financial, economic and demographic factors impacting on the Plan.

A history of recent interim and special bonuses (all payable at the Trustees' discretion) is shown below:

Date	%
1.4.00	1.0
1.4.01	1.0
1.4.02 to 1.4.09 (inclusive)	No bonus awarded

Transfer Payments from Other Pension Arrangements

The Trustee has resolved not to accept payments from other pension arrangements in respect of active scheme members. This change reflects the broader range of options available to individuals in the pensions market from A Day.

New Trustee appointed

Details of the Trustee of the Plan are shown on page 3 of this Report. Northcliffe Trustees Limited, which is also trustee of the Harmsworth Pension Scheme (HPS) and which was incorporated on 30 June 1997, was appointed Trustee of the Plan by a Deed dated 10 January 2008 to replace DMGT AVC Plan Trustees Limited. The Directors of Northcliffe Trustees Limited, as listed on page 3, jointly hold all issued ordinary shares.

Trustee Directors

On 30 September 2008, Mr Charles Sinclair resigned from the Board of Northcliffe Trustees Limited following his retirement from the DMGT Group. Mr Sinclair was thanked by the Board for his contribution to the work of the Trustee over many years. On the same date, Mr Simon Dyson was appointed as a new, Company Appointed Trustee Director.

As announced last year, in June 2008 the Trustee Board underwent a restructure prompted by the merger and the introduction of new member-nominated Director (MND) requirements.

Board meetings of the Trustee have been held quarterly. Certain decisions of the Trustee have been delegated to sub-committees set up under formal terms of reference to deal with administration, funding, finance & risk and investment.

The Pensions Regulator

The Pensions Regulator was established by the Pensions Act 2004 to oversee the operation of occupational pension schemes. The Regulator has far reaching powers and is able to intervene in the running of schemes in the event of any failure by trustees, employers, or professional advisers regarding their duties. He has the power to issue orders to sponsoring companies where corporate transactions might impact on the financial position of pension schemes.

The Pensions Regulator and Pension Protection Fund Levies

The Pensions Regulator (TPR) collects a General Levy from all UK occupational pension schemes. It also collects an Administration Levy on behalf of the Pension Protection Fund (PPF). In addition, the PPF collects directly from schemes a Scheme-based levy and a Risk-based levy.

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The total levy for the Plan is the responsibility of the Trustee but, at present, is reimbursed by the Company.

Details regarding the levies collected during the year are shown in the table below:

Levy	Collected by	2009 £'s	2008 £'s
General Levy	TPR	7,759	5,879
Admin Levy	TPR for PPF	10,029	8,692
Scheme-based levy	PPF	15,273	11,965
Risk-based levy	PPF	36,903	33,078
		69,964	59,614

Statement of Trustee's Responsibilities

The Trustee's responsibilities in respect of the financial statements are set out in more detail in the Compliance Statement on page 13.

Further Information

Further information about the Plan generally, or about members' individual entitlements to benefit is available from:

**The Secretary
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DMGT Pensions
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Or from the website www.dmgtpensions.co.uk

By order of the Trustee



**Geoffrey Staines
Secretary**

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INVESTMENT REPORT

Policy

The Trustee has ultimate responsibility for decision-making on investment matters. However, an Investment Committee handles the majority of investment matters and makes recommendations to the Trustee where decisions are required to be taken. The members of the Investment Committee are listed on page 3.

Only persons or organisations with the necessary skills, information and resources are actively involved in taking investment decisions affecting the Plan. The Trustee draws on the expertise of their internal advisers and, where necessary, employs the skills and expertise of external advisers, including Investment Managers, the Custodian, the Investment Consultant and the Plan Actuary.

A key element of overall investment policy is a scheme-specific asset allocation benchmark. This benchmark is incorporated in the Statement of Investment Principles (SIP). The assets are monitored so that overall asset allocation can be maintained in line with this scheme-specific allocation.

The scheme-specific allocation is the Trustee's long-term strategy for meeting agreed investment objectives. As explained in more detail below, during the year a review of investment strategy was undertaken which has resulted in a new benchmark allocation being put in place.

Asset Allocation

The underlying asset allocation at the beginning and end of the year under review is shown below, together with the new asset allocation benchmark from 1 June 2008:

	31.03.09	31.03.08	Benchmark	Benchmark
	%	%	%	%
Growth assets			50	
Global equities*	26.9	48.6		36.5
Fund of hedge funds	6.7	-		6
Property	7.9	7.6		7.5
Matching assets			50	
Fixed interest gilts	35.6	34.6		30
High alpha bonds	22.9	-		20
Index linked	-	9.2		-
	100.0	100.0	100	100

* The Trustee's aim is to allocate 30% of Global Equities to the UK.

Variations in actual asset weightings compared with the benchmark can arise due to market movements. To date, DMGT Pensions has monitored these variations on behalf of the Trustee: if necessary, action has been taken to move weightings within the ranges set out in the SIP. From 1 June 2008, the Trustee appointed Legal & General Investment Management Limited to monitor and re-align the weighting between growth and matching assets to respond to market movements. However, due to extreme market volatility towards the year-end, automatic re-balancing from matching to growth assets was temporarily suspended; however this was

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reinstated in June 2009 based on the actual split between growth and matching assets, which was 42:58. The temporary suspension of re-balancing meant that at 31 March 2009 the asset weightings were not in line with the benchmark set under the SIP in force at the time. Once again, the Trustee considered that this was acceptable in view of the particular market conditions prevailing.

DMGT Pensions continues to monitor overall asset allocation and will make recommendations for change as necessary.

Management

The Trustee appoints investment managers to manage assets of the Plan. A list of the investment managers and the asset classes that they manage is shown in Appendix 1 on page 30.

All investment managers appointed by or on behalf of the Trustee to manage Plan funds under section 34 (3) of the Pensions Act 1995 are appropriately authorised or exempt under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000.

Investment managers' fees, calculated on either a fixed or a diminishing sliding ad valorem scale in relation to the market value of the portfolio, are paid by the Plan. Property managers' fees are monitored and paid by the Harmsworth Pooled Property Unit Trust.

The Trustee has appointed an Investment Committee which meets quarterly to discuss investment matters and review strategy and regular presentations are made to the Committee by the above managers. An Investment Sub-Committee comprising Trustee Directors only and having very specific decision-making powers as set out in its mandate, has now been formed.

Investment Managers with an overseas mandate have the option to enter into foreign exchange contracts in order to hedge, or partially hedge, the value of overseas investments to sterling or to enhance investment returns. In addition, on 19 December 2008, the Trustees appointed L&G with a mandate to hedge back into sterling 100% of certain overseas investment positions denominated in US dollars, Japanese Yen and Euros.

Investment Review & Performance

Investment performance has been continuously monitored on a quarterly basis by comparing Plan returns generated by The WM Company (the performance measurement specialist retained by the Trustee) with benchmark returns for that quarter.

For the principal markets in the period to 31 March 2009 the FTSE All-Share Index showed a total annual return of -29.3%, and the MSCI World ex UK Index a total return of -19.8%. The FTSE UK Gilts All Stocks Index showed a total return of -0.8%.

The Plan itself achieved a return over the year to 31 March 2009 of -15.9% compared with a return of -12.7% achieved by the benchmark set by the Trustee for the same period. This means that, proportionally, the Plan returned -3.7% below the benchmark over the year. For the three years to 31 March 2009 the Plan showed an annualised return of -3.9% p.a., -1.3% below the benchmark. Over the five years to 31 March 2009 the Plan achieved an annualised return of 4.1% p.a., an underperformance of 0.5% p.a. relative to the benchmark.

UK Equities

This section of the Plan achieved a return of -29.1% in the year to 31 March 2009.

Overseas Equities

This section of the Plan achieved a return of -24.1% in the year to 31 March 2009.

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Index-Linked

The Index-Linked section of the Plan returned 0.0% in the year to 31 March 2009.

Property

The Trustees of the Harmsworth Pooled Property Unit Trust (HPPUT) monitor the performance of the Trust's property portfolio against the benchmark of the Investment Property Databank (IPD) All Funds Universe. IPD produce an annual report for the Trustees as at 31 December of each year. The total return achieved by the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2008 as reported by IPD was -18.8%. The IPD All Funds Universe returned -22.2% over the same period.

Marketability of Investments

At the year end, £3.2m (7.1%) of investments were quoted on a recognised stock exchange and are therefore considered to be marketable on a short term basis. In addition £10.4m (22.9%) was held in Aberdeen Asset Management units that are tradable on a daily basis and £20.0m (44.1%) was held in L&G and units that can be sold on specific weekly dealing dates and are also considered to be marketable on a short term basis. Holdings of units in HPPUT can usually only be realised over longer periods to allow for sale of the underlying property investments unless other participating schemes wish to acquire the units to be sold. The balance of investments is held in less liquid assets which may not be realisable on a short term basis.

Risk

During the period covered by this report the Investment Committee has looked at the risk profile of the actively managed portfolios of quoted stock, and the aggregate portfolio. The historical (ex-post) risk has been evaluated using quarterly relative return and information ratio statistics provided by the managers, measured over rolling 3-year periods. This was supplemented by independent statistics supplied by The WM Company.

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COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

1. Trustee Directors

Company-appointed Directors are appointed and can be removed by the remaining Directors. Member-nominated Directors are appointed by a selection panel.

2. Statement of Trustee's Responsibilities

The financial statements are the responsibility of the Trustee. Pension scheme regulations require the Trustee to make available to Plan members, beneficiaries and certain other parties, audited financial statements for each Plan year which:

- Show a true and fair view, in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), of the financial transactions of the Plan during the Plan Year and of the amount and disposition at the end of the Plan year of its assets and liabilities, other than liabilities to pay pensions and benefits after the end of the Plan Year, and
- Contain the information specified in the Schedule to the Occupational Pension Schemes (Requirement to obtain Audited Accounts and a Statement from the Auditor) Regulations 1996, including a statement whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Financial Reports of Pension Schemes'.

The Trustee has supervised the preparation of the financial statements and has agreed suitable accounting policies to be applied consistently, making any estimates and judgements on a prudent and reasonable basis.

The Trustee is also responsible for making available certain other information about the Plan in the form of an Annual Report.

The Trustee is responsible under pensions legislation for ensuring that there is prepared, maintained and from time to time revised a schedule of contributions showing the rates of contributions (other than voluntary contributions) payable towards the Plan by or on behalf of the employer and the active members of the Plan and the dates on or before which such contributions are to be paid. The Trustee is also responsible for keeping records in respect of contributions received in respect of any active member of the Plan and for monitoring whether contributions are made to the Plan by the employer in accordance with the schedule of contributions. Where breaches of the schedule occur, the Trustee is required by the Pensions Acts 1995 and 2004 to consider making reports to the Pensions Regulator and to members.

Under trust law the Trustee has a general responsibility for ensuring that adequate accounting records are kept and for taking such steps as are reasonably open to it to safeguard the assets of the Plan and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities, including the maintenance of an appropriate system of internal control.

The Trustee is also responsible for the integrity of the administration systems database and the DMGT Pensions Trustee's website.

Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

3. Transfer Value Payments

Transfer payments made in respect of members or ex-members with a deferred pension entitlement have been calculated in accordance with the provisions of the Occupational Pension Schemes (Transfer Values) Regulations 1996 using tables supplied by the Scheme Actuary. Transfer payments made during the year were calculated in accordance with instructions supplied by the Actuaries to reflect the full value of the deferred benefit rights and guaranteed increases to pensions in payment and were in accordance with the Regulations and guidelines issued by the Institute of Actuaries.

The Trustee has decided to exclude residual discretionary benefits from the transfer payment.

4. Property Investment

The main property investments of the Plan are held in the Harmsworth Pooled Property Unit Trust (HPPUT). Full details of all transactions in HPPUT are given in the annual Report and Financial statements for the Trust as at 31 March 2009, which is appended to this Report and Financial Statements.

5. Statement of Investment Principles

The Trustee has produced a Statement of Investment Principles under Section 35 of the Pensions Act 1995 which sets out the policy they are following in investing the assets of the Plan on behalf of Members. A copy of this Statement, which has been reviewed annually by the Trustee, is available for inspection at the address shown on page 9.

6. Custody of Assets

The assets of the Plan, apart from property, private equity, infrastructure and client-held investments in pooled investment vehicles, were held on behalf of the Trustee by the custodian bank shown on page 4 of this Report. Strict internal controls are in place regarding the movement or sale of these assets.

7. Employer-Related Investments

The distribution and value of the investments at 31 March 2009 is analysed in note 9 of the financial statements on page 26. It should be noted that the Trust Deed explicitly prohibits investment of Plan assets in employer-related investments, apart from those required in order that a passively managed UK Equity portfolio can be utilised by the Trustee.

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Actuary's Statutory Certificate

Actuarial certification for the purposes of regulation 7(4)(a) of The Occupational Pension Schemes (Scheme Funding) Regulations 2005

Name of scheme: **DMGT AVC Plan**

Calculation of Technical Provisions

I certify that, in my opinion, the calculation of the Plan's Technical Provisions as at 31 March 2008 is made in accordance with regulations under section 222 of the Pensions Act 2004. The calculation uses a method and assumptions determined by the Trustee of the Plan and set out in the Statement of Funding Principles dated March 2009.



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Actuary's certification of the Schedule of Contributions

Name of Plan: DMGT AVC Plan

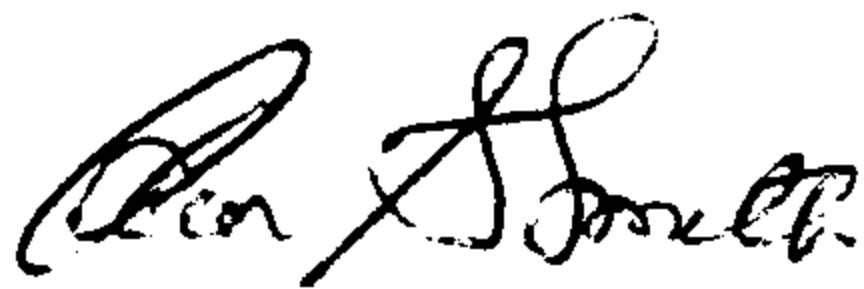
Adequacy of rates of contributions

I certify that, in my opinion, the rates of contributions shown in this schedule of contributions are such that the statutory funding objective could have been expected at 31 March 2008 to be met for the period for which the schedule is to be in force.

Adherence to statement of funding principles

I hereby certify that, in my opinion, this schedule of contributions is consistent with the Statement of Funding Principles dated March 2009

The certification of the adequacy of the rates of contributions for the purpose of securing that the statutory funding objective can be expected to be met is not a certification of their adequacy for the purpose of securing the Plan's liabilities by the purchase of annuities, if the Plan were to be wound up.



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22 April 2009

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' STATEMENT ABOUT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE TRUSTEE OF DMGT AVC PLAN

We have examined the Summary of Contributions to DMGT AVC Plan for the year ended 31 March 2009 which is set out on the following page.

Respective responsibilities of Trustee and Auditors

The Trustee's responsibilities for ensuring that there is prepared, maintained and from time to time revised a schedule of contributions are set out in the statement of Trustee's responsibilities.

Our responsibility is to provide a statement about contributions to the Plan in accordance with relevant legislation and to report our opinion to you. This report, including the statement about contributions, has been prepared for and only for the Plan's Trustee as a body in accordance with Section 41 of the Pensions Act 1995 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving this statement, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

Basis of statement about contributions

We planned and performed our work so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that contributions reported in the Summary of Contributions have been paid in accordance with the relevant requirements. For this purpose the work that we carried out included examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts of contributions payable to the Scheme and the timing of those payments under the schedule of contributions. Our statement about contributions is required to refer to those breaches of the schedule of contributions which we consider to be material for this statement and which come to our attention in the course of our work.

Statement about contributions to the Plan

In our opinion, the contributions payable to the Plan required by the schedule of contributions during the year ended 31 March 2009, as reported in the Summary of Contributions on the following page, have in all material respects been paid in accordance with the schedule of contributions certified by the Actuary on 8 September 2006.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors
London

Date *8 October 2009*

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Summary of Contributions payable in the period

During the period, the contributions payable to the Plan by the Employer were as follows:

	Employee £'000	Employer £'000
Required by the schedule of contributions		
Normal contributions	-	-
Total		
Other contributions payable		
Additional Voluntary Contributions	-	-
Total (as per Fund Account)	-	-

Signed on behalf of the Trustee:



Geoffrey Staines
Secretary

Date: 23 September 2009

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEE OF THE DMGT AVC PLAN

We have audited the financial statements of DMGT AVC Plan for the year ended 31 March 2009 which comprise the Fund Account, the Net Assets Statement and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

Respective responsibilities of Trustee and Auditors

The Trustee's responsibilities for obtaining an Annual Report and audited financial statements prepared in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), are set out in the statement of Trustee's responsibilities.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). This report, including the opinion, has been prepared for and only for the Trustee as a body in accordance with Section 41 of the Pensions Act 1995 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving this opinion, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and contain the information required by the relevant legislation. We also report to you if, in our opinion, we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

We read the other information contained in the annual report and consider whether it is consistent with the audited financial statements. This other information comprises only the Trustee's Report, the Investment Report, the Compliance Statement, the Actuary's Certificates, the Summary of Contributions Payable and the Appendices. We consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the financial statements. Our responsibilities do not extend to any other information.

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by or on behalf of the Trustee in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Plan's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion:

- the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the financial transactions of the Plan during the year ended 31 March 2009, and of the amount and disposition at that date of its assets and liabilities, other than the liabilities to pay pensions and benefits after the end of the year, and

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- the financial statements contain the information specified in Regulation 3 of, and the Schedule to, the Occupational Pension Schemes (Requirement to obtain Audited Accounts and a Statement from the Auditor) Regulations 1996.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

London

Date *8 October 2009*

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FUND ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2009

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2009</u> <u>£000's</u>	<u>2008</u> <u>£000's</u>
CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS			
Contributions receivable	3	-	-
Transfers in	4	-	-
		<hr/>	<hr/>
		-	-
Benefits payable	5	5,101	4,794
Payments to and on account of leavers	6	80	348
Other payments	7	-	-
		<hr/>	<hr/>
		5,181	5,142
Net withdrawals from dealings with members		<hr/>	<hr/>
		(5,181)	(5,142)
RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS			
Investment income	8	759	1,632
Change in market value of investments	9	(9,380)	(2,488)
Investment management expenses	10	(150)	(166)
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Net returns on investments		(8,771)	(1,022)
Net decrease in the fund during the year		(13,952)	(6,164)
NET ASSETS OF THE PLAN AT 1 APRIL 2008		<hr/>	<hr/>
		61,046	67,210
NET ASSETS OF THE PLAN AT 31 MARCH 2009		<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>
		47,094	61,046

The accounting policies and notes on pages 23 to 29 form part of these financial statements.

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NET ASSETS STATEMENT AS AT 31 MARCH 2009

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2009</u> <u>£000's</u>	<u>2008</u> <u>£000's</u>
Investment assets		45,374	59,311
Investment liabilities		(12)	(62)
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	9	<u>45,362</u>	<u>59,249</u>
CURRENT ASSETS	11	1,778	1,944
CURRENT LIABILITIES	12	<u>(46)</u>	<u>(147)</u>
NET ASSETS OF THE PLAN AT 31 MARCH 2009		<u>47,094</u>	<u>61,046</u>

The financial statements summarise the transactions of the Plan and deal with the net assets at the disposal of the Trustee. They do not take account of the obligations to pay pensions and benefits which fall due after the end of the Plan year. The actuarial position of the Plan, which does take account of such obligations, is dealt with in the certificate by the actuary on page 15 of the annual report and in the information disclosed in the Trustee's report on pages 6 and 7 and these financial statements should be read in conjunction with it.

These financial statements were approved by the Trustee and signed on its behalf on 23 September 2009 by:

C A Wood OBE

) *C.A. Wood*

Director

J P Williams

) *J.P. Williams*

Director

The accounting policies and notes on pages 23 to 29 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AT 31 MARCH 2009

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

- (i) The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Occupational Pension Schemes (Requirement to obtain Audited Accounts and a Statement from the Auditor) Regulations 1996 and with the guidelines set out in the Statement of Recommended Practice, Financial Reports of Pension Schemes (revised May 2007).

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accruals Basis

- (i) The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis. Thus, apart from exceptions listed below, income and expenditure are recognised as they are earned or fall due, rather than when they are received or paid.

Contributions receivable

- (ii) Contributions receivable are accounted for on an accruals basis at rates agreed by the Trustee and as recommended by the Actuary and documented in the schedule of contributions.

Transfers to other schemes

- (iii) Transfer values have been included in the financial statements when the Trustee has transferred the liability. This will usually be when a transfer value has been paid.

Benefits payable

- (iv) Benefits payable are accounted for on an accruals basis and represent all valid benefit claims in respect of the Scheme year.

Market value of investments

- (v) Investments are valued at bid price. The market value of investments is determined as follows:
- UK Quoted Securities - On the basis of the market convention where primarily traded, which is either the last traded or bid market price ruling at valuation point.
 - Unquoted Equities - Values based on the manager's last set of audited accounts adjusted for cash movements up to 31 March 2009.
 - Overseas Investments - On the basis of the market convention where primarily traded, where possible, which is either the last traded or bid market price ruling at valuation point. Assets and liabilities in overseas currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at 31 March 2009. For investments, exchange gains and losses arising on translations are included as part of the change in market value.
 - Fixed Interest and Index-Linked Securities - Fixed Interest and Index-Linked Securities are priced on a 'clean' basis, i.e. excluding accrued income.

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- Pooled Investment Vehicles - By reference to prices as advised by the Investment Managers. These may be single prices, or bid market prices where these are available. Unit values for units held in the Harmsworth Pooled Property Unit Trust (HPPUT) as at 31 March are provided by the Trustees of HPPUT.
- Foreign Exchange – Forward foreign exchange contracts outstanding at the year-end are stated at fair value which is determined as the gain or loss that would arise if the outstanding contract was matched at the period end with an equal and opposite contract.

Investment management expenses

- (vi) Investment management fees are accounted for on an accruals basis. In the case of pooled investment vehicles, investment charges are integrated with the change in the unit prices and are therefore included within the change in market value.

Investment income

- (vii) Income from investments and interest arising on short-term money transactions is taken into account on an accruals basis.
- (viii) Income generated by the pooled investment vehicles, apart from HPPUT, is not distributed, but retained within the pooled investment vehicles and is reflected in the value of the units. Distributions from HPPUT are accounted for on an accruals basis.
- (ix) Income from unlisted securities is recognised as it is received.

Acquisition costs of assets

- (x) Acquisition costs of assets include all costs associated with those purchases including fees, commissions, stamp duty and other fees.

3. CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVABLE

Following discussions with the Company, the Trustee closed the Plan to new investment with effect from 31 March 2006. As a result, no new contributions have been received into the Plan from that date forward.

4. TRANSFERS IN

The Trustee closed the Plan to new investment with effect from 31 March 2006. As a result, no transfers have been accepted into the Plan from that date forward.

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	2009	2008
	<u>£000's</u>	<u>£000's</u>
5. BENEFITS PAYABLE		
Pensions	4,050	3,936
Commutations and lump sum retirement benefits	980	819
Lump sum death benefits		
- paid from with profits fund	71	39
	<u>5,101</u>	<u>4,794</u>
6. PAYMENTS TO AND ON ACCOUNT OF LEAVERS		
Refunds to members leaving service	-	3
Individual transfers to other schemes	80	345
	<u>80</u>	<u>348</u>
7. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES		
<p>Apart from bank charges, all other costs of administration are borne by Daily Mail and General Trust plc (DMGT) and its subsidiaries. As noted on page 9, the PPF levy is currently borne by DMGT.</p>		
8. INVESTMENT INCOME		
Income from fixed interest securities	-	828
Dividends from equities	257	407
Income from pooled investment vehicles *	487	268
Interest from cash deposits	48	132
Other	2	38
	<u>794</u>	<u>1,673</u>
Irrecoverable withholding tax	(35)	(41)
Total investment income	<u>759</u>	<u>1,632</u>

* Income from pooled investment vehicles includes distributions from the Harmsworth Pooled Property Unit Trust for the year of £226 thousand (year to 31 March 2008 - £268 thousand).

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	Value at 01.04.08	Purchases at cost	Sales Proceeds	Change in market value	Closing value at 31.03.09
	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
9. INVESTMENTS					
Fixed interest securities	16,221	5,150	(21,023)	(348)	-
Equities	13,834	6,153	(12,840)	(3,925)	3,222
Pooled investment vehicles	28,267	58,149	(42,446)	(2,553)	41,417
Derivatives - forward foreign exchange	(27)	3,220	(388)	(2,554)	251
	<u>58,295</u>	<u>72,672</u>	<u>(76,697)</u>	<u>(9,380)</u>	<u>44,890</u>
Other investment balances	954				472
	<u>59,249</u>				<u>45,362</u>

The change in market value of investments during the period comprises all increases and decreases in the market value of investments held at any time during the period, including profits and losses realised on sales of investments during the period.

Transaction costs are included in the cost of purchases and sales proceeds. Transaction costs include costs charged directly to the Scheme such as fees, commissions, stamp duty and other fees. Transaction costs incurred during the year to 31 March 2009 amounted to £35 thousand (year to 31 March 2008, £12 thousand). In addition to the transaction costs disclosed above, indirect costs are incurred through the bid-offer spread on investments within pooled investment vehicles. The amount of indirect costs is not separately provided to the Scheme.

	2009 £000's	2008 £000's
Fixed interest securities		
UK public sector quoted	-	8,284
UK corporate bonds	-	3,911
Overseas public sector	-	547
Overseas corporate bonds	-	2,979
Certificates of deposit	-	500
	<u>-</u>	<u>16,221</u>
Equities		
UK quoted	74	-
Overseas quoted	3,148	13,834
	<u>3,222</u>	<u>13,834</u>
Pooled investment vehicles		
Unit Trusts - property	3,251	4,316
- hedge funds	3,044	-
- equity	8,549	14,479
- fixed interest	26,573	4,017
- index-linked	-	5,455
	<u>41,417</u>	<u>28,267</u>

Unit Trusts - property, represents the Plan's holding of units in the Harmsworth Pooled Property Unit Trust (HPPUT) which at 31 March 2009 was 2,598.928 (31 March 2008 - 2,598.928). Total units in issue were 84,152.870 (31 March 2008 - 84,152.870). The value of a unit was £1,250.92 (31 March 2008 - £1,660.51). Details of transactions during the year are shown in the HPPUT financial statements which are appended to this Report and Financial Statements. The holding in the Trust as at 31 March 2009 represents 6.9% of the net assets of the Plan (31 March 2008 - 7.1% of the net assets of the Plan). HPPUT is operated in the UK.

Unit Trusts - equity, includes the Plan's holding in the L&G - UK All Share Index Equity Fund which, at 31 March 2009, was £2,846 thousand (2008 - £10,511 thousand). This is an accumulation fund and, as such, no

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distributions of income are made. The holding in this fund as at 31 March 2009 represents 6.0% of the net assets of the Plan (2008 – 17.2%).

Of pooled investment vehicles, £36,579 thousand represents vehicles operated in the UK and £4,838 thousand represents vehicles operated outside of the UK.

	2009 £000's	2008 £000's
Other investment balances		
Cash deposits	192	442
Amounts due from brokers	12	35
Amounts due to brokers	(3)	(34)
Outstanding dividend entitlements and recoverable withholding tax	271	511
	<u>472</u>	<u>954</u>

Foreign Exchange Contracts

Assets	260	1
Liabilities	(9)	(28)
	<u>251</u>	<u>(27)</u>

	Payments £000's	Receipts £000's	Net gain at 31 March £000's
Analysis of gains/losses on Foreign Exchange Contracts for the year to 31 March 2009			
Up to 30 day contracts settled in year	(596)	266	(330)
31 – 90 day contracts settled in year	(819)	122	(697)
Over 90 day contracts settled in year	(1,805)	-	(1,805)
Total payments/receipts	<u>(3,220)</u>	<u>388</u>	<u>(2,832)</u>
Less unsettled trades at 31 March 2008	28	(1)	27
Plus unsettled trades at 31 March 2009	(9)	260	251
Total recognised foreign exchange losses			<u>(2,544)</u>

	Liabilities £000's	Assets £000's	2009 £000's
Analysis of unsettled trades in Foreign Exchange Contracts open at 31 March 2009			
Up to 30 day contracts open at 31 March	-	-	-
31 – 90 day contracts open at 31 March	-	-	-
Over 90 day contracts open at 31 March	(9)	260	251
Total liabilities/assets	<u>(9)</u>	<u>260</u>	<u>251</u>

All foreign exchange contracts are traded 'OTC', that is, they are over-the-counter contracts with another counterparty. The payments and receipts recognised during the period represent the net amounts paid or received.

Overseas investments result in foreign currency receipts and payments that require contracts to settle against sterling. These tend to be of varying duration as set out above. Although the underlying values of the currency trades are as high as the value of the associated stock purchases or sales, these foreign exchange trades are matched and settled net so that only the realised currency gain or loss is received or paid.

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Investment Managers with an overseas mandate have the option to enter into foreign exchange contracts in order to hedge, or partially hedge, the value of overseas investments to sterling or to enhance investment returns. In addition, L&G were appointed on 19 December 2008 with a mandate to hedge back into sterling 100% of certain overseas investment positions denominated in US dollars, Japanese Yen and Euros. All of these contracts are included in the analysis above.

The assets or liabilities recognised at the end of the period represent the fair value of unsettled foreign exchange contracts at that date. An analysis of these unsettled trades by currency is shown in the following table:

Analysis of unsettled trades open at 31 March 2009 by currency	Market value bought <u>£000's</u>	Book value bought <u>£000's</u>	Market value sold <u>£000's</u>	Book value sold <u>£000's</u>	Unrealised gain/(loss) at 31 March <u>£000's</u>
British pound sterling	8,054	8,054	-	-	-
Euro	-	-	(1,984)	(1,975)	(9)
Japanese Yen	-	-	(1,117)	(1,254)	137
US dollar	-	-	(4,702)	(4,825)	123
	8,054	8,054	(7,803)	(8,054)	251

10. INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT EXPENSES

The Fund is responsible for the payment of investment management fees and custodian fees. All investment managers' fees are calculated and charged as a percentage of the asset value under the managers' control.

	<u>2009</u> <u>£000's</u>	<u>2008</u> <u>£000's</u>
11. CURRENT ASSETS		
Administrative cash balances	1,778	1,944
	1,778	1,944
12. CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Investment management fees	(29)	(82)
Commutations	(17)	(65)
	(46)	(147)

13. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS, CONTINGENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

- (i) At 31 March 2009 (and 31 March 2008) there were no capital commitments.
- (ii) Other than the liability to pay future pensions and other benefits, there were no contingent liabilities of the Plan at 31 March 2009 (and 31 March 2008).
- (iii) There were no material events after 31 March 2009 to record (and 31 March 2008).

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14. TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

The Scheme has entered into transactions in the period with one or more Trustee Directors, as shown on page 3, who are members of the Plan. All transactions are in accordance with the Plan rules and on terms normally granted to members. The running costs of DMGT Pensions are met by the employer.

15. EMPLOYER RELATED INVESTMENTS

The Trust Deed explicitly prohibits investment of Plan assets in employer-related investments, apart from those required in order that a passively managed UK Equity portfolio can be utilised by the Trustee.

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INVESTMENT MANAGERS

Asset Class/Manager	Date of appointment (if after 1 April 2008)
Global Equities	
Alliance Bernstein Institutional Investment Management	
Capital International	
Marathon Asset Management	
Pzena Investment Management	(Appointed 1 June 2008)
Southeastern Asset Management	(Appointed 1 June 2008)
Legal & General	
Bonds	
Aberdeen Asset Management	
Legal & General	
Fund of Hedge Funds	
K2 Advisors	(Appointed 1 June 2008)
Property	
Harmsworth Pooled Property Unit Trust	
Foreign Exchange Hedging	
Legal & General	

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APPENDIX 2

The following pages contain:

Harmsworth Pooled Property Unit Trust
Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 March 2009.

