Guardian MEDIA LIMITED

AUDITED RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 2021

Trinidad & Tobago Guardian

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CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

Challenges precipitated by the COVID-19 pandemic continued unabated for most part of 2021. Shrinking advertising budgets and digital market disruptions, all combined to ensure that 2021 was once again an exceedingly challenging year. With numerous health restrictions still in place and the general population fearful of becoming ill, consumers remained extremely cautious with regards to decision making on major consumer purchases and investments.

From August 2021 onward, the Government gradually relaxed restrictions over social activities, including access to beaches and rivers and participation in community sporting events. Additionally, their commitment to keep the business sector open despite rising infection levels and death rates, brought about renewed hope and optimism within the business community and increased advertising spend, especially in the lead up to the Divali and Christmas seasons. This was a key contributing factor in Guardian Media Limited's reversal of the year to date Q3 loss before tax of $5M, and the delivery of its full year result.

In similar fashion to 2020, the final quarter's performance was very strong. In 2021, for the quarter ended 31 December, Guardian Media Limited reported profit before taxation of $11.5 million, up by $2.5 million or 28% from last year's fourth quarter result of $9 million. Final quarter revenues were better than in prior year primarily as a result of the nationwide relaxation in covid restrictions.

For the year ending 31 December 2021, Guardian Media Limited reported a profit before taxation of $6.5 million compared to a $7 million profit before taxation in the prior year. Revenues reported for the year were $104.7 million ($110.6 million – 2020) reflecting a decline of $5.9 million or 5% in advertising revenues. Intensified cost cutting reduced expenses by $6 million or 6% year over year. Our full year results were underpinned by efficiency improvements, robust credit management and a net positive change in the defined benefit pension plan.

This is the second consecutive year in which Guardian Media Limited has achieved profitability following three successive years of losses (2017-2019). Despite significant uncertainty in the current economic environment, we remain committed to enhancing shareholder value whilst exercising appropriate stewardship over the Company's resources and reinforce our view that the future continues to be promising. Based on this, the Board of Directors has approved a final ordinary dividend of 7 cents per share (2020 – 5 cents). Preference shareholders will receive a final dividend of 3%. Dividends will be paid on 15 June, 2022.

In accordance with section 110(1)(a)(i) of the Companies Act 1995, the Directors have fixed 23 May, 2022 as the Record Date for payment of this final dividend. The Register of Members will be closed on both 26 May and 27 May, 2022.

Mr. Brandon Khan retired as Managing Director on 28 February, 2022. On behalf of the Board of Directors we wish to express our sincere gratitude to Brandon for his leadership and unconditional commitment to the success of Guardian Media Limited over the last two unprecedented years. We warmly welcome our new Managing Director, Dr. Karrian Hepburn Malcolm who assumed the position on 1 March, 2022.

We also take this opportunity to express the Board and management's sincere thanks to our loyal and fearless employees for their unreserved commitment to our customers throughout these challenging times. To our customers and shareholders, thank you for your ongoing support.

Peter Clarke
Chairman

SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(LOSS)

	$'000 Unaudited Qtr Ended 31-Dec-21	$'000 Unaudited Qtr Ended 31-Dec-20	$'000 Audited Year Ended 31-Dec-21	$'000 Audited Year Ended 31-Dec-20
Third party revenue	31,620	30,349	104,713	110,634
Profit from operating activities	11,695	9,420	7,245	8,009
Finance costs	(173)	(352)	(706)	(1,010)
Profit before taxation	11,522	9,068	6,539	6,999
Taxation charge	(2,416)	(2,447)	(2,337)	(2,306)
Profit for the period	9,106	6,621	4,202	4,693
Other comprehensive income / (loss) net of taxation	11,915	(11,292)	11,729	(11,147)
Total comprehensive income/ (loss) for the period	21,021	(4,671)	15,931	(6,454)
Basic earnings per share			0.10	0.12
Dividends paid per share			0.05	-

SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	$'000 Audited Balance as at 31-Dec-21	$'000 Audited Balance as at 31-Dec-20
ASSETS		
Fixed assets	71,261	78,250
Other long term assets	135,676	120,145
	206,937	198,395
Current assets	134,933	121,115
Total Assets	341,870	319,510
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Stated capital	27,288	27,288
Reserves	232,536	218,693
Total equity	259,824	245,981
Non-current liabilities	51,350	48,666
Current liabilities	30,696	24,863
Total Equity and Liabilities	341,870	319,510

Peter Clarke
Chairman

Conrad Sabga
Director

SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	$'000 Stated Capital	$'000 Treasury Shares	$'000 Other Reserves	$'000 Retained Earnings	$'000 Total Equity
Balance at 1 January, 2021	27,288	(1,554)	415	219,832	245,981
Profit for the year	-	-	-	4,202	4,202
Other comprehensive (loss)/ income	-	-	(147)	11,876	11,729
Dividends	-	-	-	(2,088)	(2,088)
Balance at 31 December, 2021 (Audited)	27,288	(1,554)	268	233,822	259,824
Balance at 1 January, 2020	27,288	(1,554)	270	226,504	252,508
Profit for the year	-	-	-	4,693	4,693
Other comprehensive income/(loss)	-	-	145	(11,292)	(11,147)
Dividends	-	-	-	(73)	(73)
Balance at 31 December, 2020 (Audited)	27,288	(1,554)	415	219,832	245,981

SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	$'000 Audited Year Ended 31-Dec-21	$'000 Audited Year Ended 31-Dec-20
Cash flows from operating activities		
Profit before taxation	6,539	6,999
Adjustment for items not affecting working capital	11,506	16,682
Operating income before working capital changes	18,045	23,681
Net change in working capital	2,446	(2,349)
Cash generated from operations	20,491	21,332
Interest received	661	738
Interest paid	(706)	(1,010)
Taxation refund	-	712
Taxation paid	(2,048)	(1,078)
Net cash generated from operating activities	18,398	20,694
Net cash used in investing activities	(15,858)	(8,744)
Net cash used in financing activities	(5,215)	(3,408)
Net (decrease)/ increase in cash and cash equivalents	(2,675)	8,542
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	34,257	25,715
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	31,582	34,257

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR ON THE SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF GUARDIAN MEDIA LIMITED

Opinion
The summary consolidated financial statements, which comprise the summary consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2021, the summary consolidated statement of comprehensive income/(loss), summary consolidated statement of changes in equity and summary consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and related notes, are derived from the complete audited consolidated financial statements of Guardian Media Limited and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the year ended 31 December 2021.

In our opinion, the accompanying summary consolidated financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited consolidated financial statements, on the basis described in Note 2.

Summary Consolidated Financial Statements
The summary consolidated financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs"). Reading the summary consolidated financial statements and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited consolidated financial statements and auditor's report thereon. The summary consolidated financial statements and the audited consolidated financial statements do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our report on the audited consolidated financial statements.

The Audited Consolidated Financial Statements and Our Report Thereon
We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the audited consolidated financial statements in our report dated 15 March 2022. That report also includes the communication of Key Audit Matters. Key Audit Matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were most significant in our audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period.

Responsibilities of Management for the Summary Consolidated Financial Statements
Management is responsible for the preparation of the summary consolidated financial statements in accordance with IFRSs.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Summary Consolidated Financial Statements
Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary consolidated financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited consolidated financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISA) 810 (Revised), "Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements".

Port of Spain,
TRINIDAD:
15 March 2022

NOTES TO THE SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 2021

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these summary consolidated financial statements.

Note 1. Basis of preparation:
The summary consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with criteria developed by management. Under management's established criteria, management discloses the summary consolidated statement of financial position, summary consolidated statement of comprehensive income, summary consolidated statement of changes in equity and summary consolidated statement of cash flows. These summary consolidated financial statements are derived from the audited consolidated financial statements of Guardian Media Limited and its subsidiaries for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

Note 2. Significant accounting policies:
These summary consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in "Note 2" of the 31 December 2021 audited consolidated financial statements consistently applied from period to period. The Group has adopted all the new and revised accounting standards and interpretations that are mandatory for annual accounting periods on or after 1 January 2021 and which are relevant to the Group's operations.

Note 3. Stated Currency:
Rounded to the nearest thousand Trinidad and Tobago Dollars.

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Note 4. Segment information:
The Group's segments are organised and managed separately according to the nature of these services provided by each segment. The reportable segments are the Print and Multi-Media segments.The Print segment is mainly involved in newspaper circulation and other printing services for other publishers. The Multi-Media segment provides broadcasting services through its seven (7) radio stations, the live television station and other business lines.

	Print Segment		Multi-media Segment		Total	Total
	Audited Year Ended 2021	Audited Year Ended 2020	Audited Year Ended 2021	Audited Year Ended 2020	Audited Year Ended 2021	Audited Year Ended 2020
Revenue	46,966	53,720	57,747	56,914	104,713	110,634
Profit before taxation	303	169	6,236	6,830	6,539	6,999
Assets	172,394	164,221	169,476	155,289	341,870	319,510
Liabilities	36,921	33,088	45,125	40,441	82,046	73,529
Depreciation and amortisation	9,545	10,222	4,625	5,312	14,170	15,534
Capital expenditure	1,654	471	1,561	535	3,215	1,006