

MediaZest Plc

Half-yearly unaudited results for the six months ended 30 June 2009

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

Introduction

The results for MediaZest Plc ("MediaZest", the "Company", and collectively with the Subsidiary Companies, the "Group") reflect the six-month period to 30 June 2009. They incorporate the results of its subsidiaries, all of which are wholly owned.

Financial Review

Revenue for the period was £1,035,000 (2007 - £2,145,000) and the Group made a loss for the period, after taxation, of £370,000 (2007 - £342,000) after finance costs of £16,000 (2007 - £7,000) and having paid administrative expenses of £849,000 (2007 - £1,072,000). The basic and fully diluted loss per share was 2 pence (2007 - 1 penny). The Group had cash in hand of £13,000 (2007 - £67,000) at the period end.

Operational Review

Despite the improvement in business in the second half of 2008, the global recession had a significant impact on the Group's trading activities during 2009. The Board had expected a slowdown in the new year, however, the postponement and/or abandonment of three high value potential projects in the first quarter of 2009 had a negative impact on revenue and necessitated further cost cuts.

Discretionary spend upon which much of the short term MediaZest Ventures projects rely, has been significantly reduced and this has brought pressure to bear on margins and has had a consequential effect of reducing the overall level of activity during the reporting period.

In respect of TouchVision, which has a greater reliance on capital expenditure budgets, similar problems were encountered wherein many clients froze spending in this area, which led to reduced activity in 2009. As a result competition and pressure on margins have both increased significantly and has contributed to a difficult start to the year.

In recognition of these circumstances and mindful of the transactional nature of our business, the Board has implemented the following strategy. Firstly it recognized the need to raise further funds in the near term, as announced in the Final 2008 Accounts, which was successfully achieved in August 2009 with an equity fundraising of £200,000. Secondly, further cost cutting measures were implemented, the full benefit of which will be felt from the end of this financial year.

Outlook

Looking forward, the Board is working towards raising the quality and sustainability of earnings through service, maintenance and content management agreements. This has been part of the Group's ongoing strategy for some time and has been successful to the extent that we expect to be able to cover approximately 40% of our 2010 cost base with contracted revenues, with our ultimate objective being to cover all of our overhead costs with this type of revenue alone.

We have been looking for an improvement in both Education sector and MediaZest Ventures revenues during the latter part of this year and there is evidence of this taking place. The Group continues to work with a number of well known retail clients on an ongoing basis. The Board expects the second half of 2009 to show improvement on both the first half of the year and the corresponding period from the year before. We will continue to manage our cash and our balance sheet with great care, building further upon the position reported in this statement. Given the changes that have been implemented this year we believe that noticeable improvement in 2010 in a more conducive business climate is attainable.

In order to further the turnaround and development of the business, building upon the share placement during the summer the Board may seek to complete a further modest fund raising at some stage in the future. This will give the Group the ability to react to opportunities that we believe will be forthcoming as market and business sentiment improves. In this environment, we believe that MediaZest Ventures, in particular, is well placed to move ahead.

Shareholders' consent will need to be obtained to increase the Directors' authority to allot shares for cash. A further announcement will be made in this regard in due course.

Lance O'Neill
Chairman

28 September 2009

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT for the six months ending 30 June 2009

	Notes	Unaudited Half Year 30-Jun-09 £'000	Unaudited Half Year 30-Jun-08 £'000	Audited Year Ended 31-Dec-08 £'000
Continuing Operations				
Revenue		1,035	2,145	4,424
Cost of sales		(540)	(1,408)	(2,846)
Gross profit		495	737	1,578
Administrative expenses		(849)	(1,072)	(2,176)
Operating Loss		(354)	(335)	(598)
Finance costs		(16)	(7)	(7)
Loss before taxation		(370)	(342)	(605)
Taxation		-	-	-
Retained loss on ordinary activities after taxation		(370)	(342)	(605)
Loss per ordinary 10p share				
Basic	2	£0.02	£0.01	£0.03
Diluted	2	£0.02	£0.01	£0.03

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION as at 30 June 2009

	Unaudited Half Year 30-Jun-09 £'000	Unaudited Half Year 30-Jun-08 £'000	Audited Year Ended 31-Dec-08 £'000
Non-current assets			
Goodwill	2,772	2,772	2,772
Plant and equipment	70	84	87
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Total non-current assets	2,842	2,856	2,859
Current assets			
Inventories	177	310	107
Trade and other receivables	323	1,038	617
Cash and cash equivalents	13	67	102
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Total current assets	513	1,415	826
Current liabilities			
Financial liabilities - borrowings	(184)	(290)	(220)
Bank overdraft	(44)	-	-
Trade and other payables	(825)	(1,028)	(835)
Current tax liabilities	(152)	(170)	(110)
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Total current liabilities	(1,205)	(1,488)	(1,165)
Net current assets / (liabilities)	(692)	(73)	(339)
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Net assets	2,150	2,783	2,520
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Equity			
Share Capital	2,283	2,283	2,283
Share premium account	3,211	3,211	3,211
Other reserves	7	7	7
Retained earnings	(3,351)	(2,718)	(2,981)
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Total equity	2,150	2,783	2,520
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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY
Six months ended 30 June 2009

	Share Capital £'000	Share Premium £'000	Share Options Reserves £'000	Retained Earnings £'000	Total Equity £'000
Balance at 1 January 2008	2,283	3,211	7	(2,376)	3,125
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	(342)	(342)
Balance at 30 June 2008	<u>2,283</u>	<u>3,211</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>(2,718)</u>	<u>2,783</u>
Balance at 1 January 2008	2,283	3,211	7	(2,376)	3,125
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	(605)	(605)
Balance at 31st December 2008	<u>2,283</u>	<u>3,211</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>(2,981)</u>	<u>2,520</u>
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	(370)	(370)
Balance at 30 June 2009	<u>2,283</u>	<u>3,211</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>(3,351)</u>	<u>2,150</u>

CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT
Six months ended 30 June 2009

	Unaudited Half Year 30-Jun-09 £'000	Unaudited Half Year 30-Jun-08 £'000	Audited Year Ended 31-Dec-08 £'000
Net cash used in operating activities	3	(81)	(118)
Investing activities			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	-	(2)	(27)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	-	-	-
Net cash generated from / (used in) investing activities	-	(2)	(27)
Financing activities			
Debt financing - invoice discounting net drawdown / (repayment)	(36)	290	220
Interest paid	(16)	(7)	(7)
Net cash generated from / (used in) financing activities	(52)	283	213
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(133)	33	68
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	102	34	34
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	(31)	67	102

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL INFORMATION

1. Basis of preparation

The Group's annual financial statements are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted for use in the EU applied in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Acts applicable to companies preparing financial statements under IFRS.

Accordingly, the consolidated half-yearly financial information in this report has been prepared using accounting policies consistent with IFRS. IFRS is subject to amendment and interpretation by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (IFRIC) and there is an ongoing process of review and endorsement by the European Commission. The financial information has been prepared on the basis of IFRS that the Directors expect to be applicable as at 31 December 2009.

The financial information has been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of available-for-sale investments. The principal accounting policies set out below have been consistently applied to all periods presented.

This interim report does not comply with IAS 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" (as adopted by the European Union), as permissible under the AIM Rules for Companies.

Non-statutory accounts

The financial information for the 6 months ended 30 June 2009 and 30 June 2008, and the year ended 31 December 2008 do not comprise statutory accounts within the meaning of section 434 of the Companies Act 2006. Statutory accounts for the year ended 31 December 2008, were prepared under IFRS, and have been delivered to the Registrar of Companies. The auditors reported on those accounts; their report was unqualified but did contain references to going concern to which the auditors drew attention by way of an emphasis of matter paragraph without qualifying their report and did not contain any statement under section 498 of the Companies Act 2006.

2. Loss per share

Basic loss per share is calculated by dividing the loss attributed to ordinary shareholders of £370,000 (2007 £342,000) by the weighted average number of shares during the period of 22,825,327 (2007 – 22,825,327). The diluted loss per share is identical to that used for basic loss per share as the exercise of warrants would have the effect of reducing the loss per share and therefore is not dilutive under International Accounting Standard 33 "Earnings per Share".

3. CASH GENERATED FROM / (USED IN) OPERATIONS

	Unaudited Half Year 30-Jun-09 £'000	Unaudited Half Year 30-Jun-08 £'000	Audited Year Ended 31-Dec-08 £'000
Operating loss	(354)	(335)	(598)
Share option charge	-	-	-
Depreciation of tangible assets	17	25	47
Decrease/(increase) in stock	(70)	(138)	65
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	32	186	(67)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	294	14	435
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Cash generated from / (used in) operations	(81)	(248)	(118)
Tax paid	-	-	-
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	(81)	(248)	(118)

4. Distribution of the Half-yearly Report

Copies of the Half-yearly Report will be available to the public from the Company website, www.mediazest.com, and from the Company Secretary at the Company's registered address at 3rd Floor, 16 Dover Street, London W1S 4LR.

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