Company registration number: 191955

Irish Copyright Licensing Agency CLG (A Company Limited by Guarantee and not having Share Capital)

**Directors report and financial statements** 

for the year ended 31 August 2024

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#### **Directors and other information**

**Directors** Ruth Gill

Eugene MacCurtain Conor Kostick

Ivan O'Brien
Lissa Oliver
Lenore Poyer
Jonathan Saint

Secretary Samantha Holman

Company number 191955

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# Directors report for the year ended 31 August 2024

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 August 2024.

#### **Directors**

The names of the persons who at any time during the financial year were directors of the company are as follows:

Ruth Gill
Eugene MacCurtain
Conor Kostick
Ivan O'Brien
Lissa Oliver
Lenore Poyer
Jonathan Saint

#### **Principal activities**

The principal activity of the company continues to be the licensing for multiple photocopying of copyright material and collection of royalties thereon. License fees collected are distributed after deduction of costs amongst the authors and publishers whose works have been copied.

#### Principal risks and uncertainties

We confirm that there is an ongoing process of identifying, evaluating and managing significant risks faced by the company, and that it has been in place for the period under review.

#### Results and dividends

The retained profit/loss for the financial year amounted to €18 (2023: €44) and this was transferred to reserves. The directors have not paid any dividends nor recommended payment of a final dividend.

#### Events after the end of the reporting period

There were no material events since the year end.

#### Research and development

The company did not carry out any research and development in the period under review.

### **Accounting records**

The measures taken by the directors to secure compliance with the requirements of sections 281 to 285 of the Companies Act 2014 with regard to the keeping of accounting records are the implementation of necessary policies and procedures for recording transactions, the employment of competent accounting personnel with appropriate expertise and the provision of adequate resources to the financial function. The accounting records of the company are located at at the companies registered office.

### Directors report (continued) for the year ended 31 August 2024

### Relevant audit information

In the case of each of the persons who are directors at the time this report is approved in accordance with section 332 of Companies Act 2014:

- so far as each director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's statutory auditors are unaware, and
- each director has taken all the steps that he or she ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself or herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's statutory auditors are aware of that information.

### **Auditors**

In accordance with Section 383(2) of the Companies Act 2014, the auditors, MCNN (Auditors and Financial Advisors), will continue in office.

This report was approved by the board of directors on 8 May 2025 and signed on behalf of the board by:

Ruth Gill Eugene MacCurtain
Director Director

### Directors responsibilities statement for the year ended 31 August 2024

The directors are responsible for preparing the directors report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable Irish law and regulations.

Irish company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each year. Under the law, the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the Companies Act 2014 and FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", applying section 1A of that standard, as issued by the Financial Reporting Council. Under company law, the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the company as at the year end date and of the profit or loss of the company for the year and otherwise comply with the Companies Act 2014.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are required to:

- · select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, identify those standards and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for ensuring that the company keeps or causes to be kept adequate accounting records which correctly explain and record the transactions of the company, enable at any time the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the company to be determined with reasonable accuracy, enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2014 and enable the financial statements to be audited. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the board:

Ruth Gill Director

**Eugene MacCurtain** 

Director

8 May 2025

#### Irish Copyright Licensing Agency CLG

### Independent auditor's report to the members of Irish Copyright Licensing Agency CLG for the year ended 31 August 2024

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Irish Copyright Licensing Agency CLG (the 'company') for the year ended 31 August 2024 which comprise the income and expenditure account, balance sheet, statement of changes in equity and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies set out in note 3. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is Irish law and FRS 102 Section 1a The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the company as at 31 August 2024 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014.

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (Ireland) (ISAs Ireland) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Ireland, including the Ethical Standard as issued by the Irish Auditing and Accounting Service Authority ("IAASA"), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs require us to report to you where:

- the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the directors have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may
  cast significant doubt about the company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of
  accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are
  authorised for issue.

#### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### Irish Copyright Licensing Agency CLG

### Independent auditor's report to the members of Irish Copyright Licensing Agency CLG (continued) for the year ended 31 August 2024

### Opinions on other matters prescribed by Companies Act 2014

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- we have obtained all the information and explanations which we consider necessary for the purposes of our audit:
- the accounting records of the company were sufficient to permit the financial statements to be readily and properly audited;
- the financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records;
- · the information given in the Director's Report is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Director's Report has been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2014.

#### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Based on the knowledge and understanding of the Company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified any material misstatements in the directors' report.

The Companies Act 2014 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion, the disclosures of directors' remuneration and transactions required by sections 305 to 312 of the Act are not made. We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement on page 4, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (Ireland) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the IAASA website at:

http://www.iaasa.ie/getmedia/b2389013-1cf6-458b-9b8f-a98202dc9c3a/Description of auditors responsibilities for audit.pdf

#### The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

This report is made solely to the company's members as a body in accordance with Section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters that we are required to state to them in the audit report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company or the company's members as a body for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

### Irish Copyright Licensing Agency CLG

# Independent auditor's report to the members of Irish Copyright Licensing Agency CLG (continued) for the year ended 31 August 2024

### Mark McCann CPA

For and on behalf of

MCNN (Auditors and Financial Advisors) E12 Calmount Park Ballymount Dublin 12

8 May 2025

# Income and expenditure account for the year ended 31 August 2024

	Note	2024 €	2023 €
Income		2,729,388	2,489,861
Cost of sales		(2,341,462)	(2,128,966)
Gross profit		387,926	360,895
Administrative expenses		(387,826)	(360,795)
Operating profit		100	100
Profit before taxation		100	100
Tax on profit	7	(82)	(56)
Profit for the year		18	44

The company has no other recognised items of income and expenses other than the results for the year as set out above.

# Balance sheet as at 31 August 2024

			2024		2023
	Note	€	€	€	€
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	8	1,392		2,087	
			1,392		2,087
Current assets					
Debtors	9	33,908		225,953	
Cash at bank and in hand		3,190,155		3,383,137	
		3,224,063		3,609,090	
Creditors: amounts falling due					
within one year	11	(3,002,326)		(3,388,066)	
Net current assets			221,737		221,024
Total assets less current liabilities			223,129		223,111
Net assets			223,129		223,111
Capital and reserves					
Profit and loss account			223,129		223,111
Members funds			223,129		223,111

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', applying section 1A of that standard.

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 8 May 2025 and signed on behalf of the board by:

Ruth Gill Eugene MacCurtain
Director Director

The notes on pages 11 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

# Statement of changes in equity for the year ended 31 August 2024

	Profit and loss account	Total
	€	€
At 1 September 2022 Profit for the year	223,067 44	223,067 44
Total comprehensive income for the year	44	44
At 31 August 2023 and 1 September 2023 Profit for the year	223,111 18	223,111 18
Total comprehensive income for the year	18	18
At 31 August 2024	223,129	223,129

### Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2024

#### 1. General information

The company is a private company limited by guarantee, registered in Ireland. The address of the registered office is Irish Copyright Licensing Agency Limited, 63 Patrick Street, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.

### 2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102 Section 1A, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

### 3. Accounting policies and measurement bases

#### **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis and in accordance with the historical cost convention except for certain properties and financial instruments that are measured at revalued amounts or fair values, as explained in the accounting policies below. Historical cost is generally based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for assets. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is the Companies Act 2014 and FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" Section 1A, issued by the Financial Reporting Council.

The company qualifies as a small company as defined by section 280A of the Companies Act 2014 in respect of the financial year, and has applied the rules of the 'Small Companies Regime' in accordance with section 280C of the Companies Act 2014 and Section 1A of FRS 102.

The preparation of the financial statements in compliance with FRS 102 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgement in applying the Company's accounting policies

The financial statements are presented in Euro (€) and all amounts have been rounded to the nearest euro.

#### **Turnover**

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable for goods supplied and services rendered, net of discounts and Value Added Tax.

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised when the significant risks and rewards of ownership have transferred to the buyer, usually on despatch of the goods; the amount of revenue can be measured reliably; it is probable that the associated economic benefits will flow to the entity and the costs incurred or to be incurred in respect of the transactions can be measured reliably.

Revenue from the rendering of services is measured by reference to the stage of completion of the service transaction at the end of the reporting period provided that the outcome can be reliably estimated. When the outcome cannot be reliably estimated, revenue is recognised only to the extent that expenses recognised are recoverable.

# Notes to the financial statements (continued) for the year ended 31 August 2024

#### **Taxation**

The taxation expense represents the aggregate amount of current and deferred tax recognised in the reporting period. Tax is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in capital and reserves. In this case, tax is recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in capital and reserves, respectively.

Current tax is recognised on taxable profit for the current and past periods. Current tax is measured at the amounts of tax expected to pay or recover using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date.

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences at the reporting date. Unrelieved tax losses and other deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits. Deferred tax is measured using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date that are expected to apply to the reversal of the timing difference.

#### Foreign currencies

Foreign currency transactions are initially recorded in the functional currency, by applying the spot exchange rate as at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rate ruling at the reporting date, with any gains or losses being taken to profit or loss.

#### **Tangible assets**

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and are subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in capital and reserves, except to the extent it reverses a revaluation decrease of the same asset previously recognised in profit or loss. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation is recognised in other comprehensive income to the extent of any previously recognised revaluation increase accumulated in capital and reserves in respect of that asset. Where a revaluation decrease exceeds the accumulated revaluation gains accumulated in capital and reserves in respect of that asset, the excess shall be recognised in profit or loss.

#### Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Fittings fixtures and equipment - 12.5%
Office equipment - 12.5%

If there is an indication that there has been a significant change in depreciation rate, useful life or residual value of tangible assets, the depreciation is revised prospectively to reflect the new estimates.

### Notes to the financial statements (continued) for the year ended 31 August 2024

### **Impairment**

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

When it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that are largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

#### Trade and other debtors

Trade and other debtors including amounts owed from group companies are recognised initially at transaction price (including transaction costs) unless a financing arrangement exists in which case they are measured at the present value of future receipts discounted at a market rate. Subsequently these are measured at amortised cost less any provision for impairment. A provision for impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the company will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of receivables. The amount of the provision is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the effective interest rate. All movements in the level of the provision required are recognised in the profit and loss.

### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, demand deposits and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the balance sheet.

#### **Creditors and accruals**

Creditors and accruals are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade payables are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

# Notes to the financial statements (continued) for the year ended 31 August 2024

#### Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the transaction price, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where it is recognised at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in non-convertible preference shares and non-puttable ordinary shares or preference shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in profit or loss. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, with any changes recognised in profit or loss, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designated hedging relationship.

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss immediately.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets or either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised in profit or loss immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

#### **Defined contribution plans**

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in finance costs in profit or loss in the period in which it arises.

# Notes to the financial statements (continued) for the year ended 31 August 2024

### 4. Limited by guarantee

The company is one limited by guarantee not having a share capital. The liability of each member, in the event of the company being wound up is limited. Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company while he/she is a member or within one year afterwards for payment of debts and liabilities of the company contracted before he/she ceases to be a member and the costs, charges and expenses of winding up and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves, such an amount as may be required not exceeding the amount set out in the memorandum and articles of the company.

#### 5. Staff costs

The average number of persons employed by the company during the year, including the directors was 6 (2023: 6).

The aggregate payroll costs incurred during the year were:

	2024	2023
	€	€
Wages and salaries	251,659	224,678
Social insurance costs	28,278	26,371
Other retirement benefit costs	11,275	-
	291,212	251,049

#### 6. Directors remuneration

There was no directors remuneration, during the year.

#### 7. Tax on profit

#### Major components of tax expense

	2024	2023
	€	€
Current tax:		
Irish current tax expense	82	56
Tax on profit	82	56
Profit multiplied by rate of tax	13	13
Effect of capital allowances and depreciation	69	43
Tax on profit	82	56

# Notes to the financial statements (continued) for the year ended 31 August 2024

### 8. Tangible assets

0.	rangible assets		Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
		€	€	€
	Cost At 1 September 2023 and 31 August 2024	5,028	5,724	10,752
	Depreciation At 1 September 2023 Charge for the year	5,028	3,637 695	8,665 695
	At 31 August 2024	5,028	4,332	9,360
	Carrying amount At 31 August 2024 At 31 August 2023		1,392 ====================================	1,392 ————————————————————————————————————
9.	Debtors		2024	2023
	Trade debtors Prepayments		<b>€</b> 26,037 7,871	€ 217,746 8,207
			33,908	225,953
10.	Cash and cash equivalents		2024	2023
			2024	2023
	Cash at bank and in hand Bank overdrafts		3,190,155 (1,966)	3,383,137 (3,728)
			3,188,189	3,379,409

# Notes to the financial statements (continued) for the year ended 31 August 2024

### 11. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	€	€
Amounts owed to credit institutions	1,966	3,728
Trade creditors	2,893,458	3,241,418
Other creditors including tax and social insurance	56,560	103,172
Accruals	50,342	39,748
	3,002,326	3,388,066

### 12. Related party transactions

During the year royalties were paid to some directors and the secretary, either in their capacity as rightsholders or to rightsholders companies where they are employed. In the year these amounted to €209,501 (2023:€108,238). The royalties were calculated on the same basis and by the same procedure as royalties paid to other rightsholders.

### 13. Controlling party

The company is controlled by its members.

#### 14. Approval of financial statements

The board of directors approved these financial statements for issue on 8 May 2025.