

Unaudited Preliminary Results for the year ended 31 December 2004

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Huntsworth PLC - 2004 Results

Successful integration of newly acquired companies

Huntsworth PLC, the international public relations group, has today announced its preliminary results for the year to 31 December 2004.

Highlights

(All results exclude discontinued operations)

- Revenues from continuing operations of £44.9 million (2003 - £22.0 million).
- Operating profit before exceptional items and goodwill increased to £5.4 million (2003 - £2.3 million). Statutory operating profit increased to £3.1million (2003 - £2.0 million)
- Operating company margins - 18.9 per cent.
- Operating cash flow before exceptional items of £6.6million. Statutory operating cash flow increased to £4.6million (2003 - £0.3 million outflow)
- Adjusted earnings per share, based on profit before exceptional items and goodwill: 1.5 pence (2003 - 1.2 pence). Basic earnings per share was 0.5 pence (2003 - 0.8 pence)
- Special dividend of 0.1 pence per share declared, bringing total for year to 0.2 pence per share.
- Integration of Grayling, Trimedia and other acquisitions made during the year, ahead of expectations.
- Proposed merger with Incepta Group plc.

Jon Foulds, Chairman of Huntsworth, said:

“These are excellent results. Margins continue to improve and we are now very close to achieving the 20 per cent. target we have set for the Group. At £6.6million trading cash flow was particularly strong. I am also pleased to report that the momentum which characterised the last quarter’s trading has continued into the first quarter of 2005”

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