

V.S.O. Publications limited
Abridged Unaudited Financial Statements
for the financial year ended 30 April 2025

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DIRECTORS AND OTHER INFORMATION

Directors	Mary Morrissey Jeremiah Morrissey
Company Secretary	Mary Morrissey
Company Number	128787
Registered Office and Business Address	19 Bridge Street Mallow Co. Cork
Accountants	Derek Madden & Company Certified Public Accountants Bowling Green Mallow Co. Cork

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DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

for the financial year ended 30 April 2025

The directors made the following statement in respect of the unaudited financial statements:

"General responsibilities

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 financial year. Under that 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, 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 financial year end date and of the profit or loss of the company for the financial year and otherwise comply with the Companies Act 2014.

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

- select suitable accounting policies for the company financial statements and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements 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; and
- 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 and Directors' Report comply with the Companies Act 2014. 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.

Directors' declaration on unaudited financial statements

In relation to the financial statements which comprise the Balance Sheet, the Reconciliation of Shareholders' Funds and the related notes:

The directors approve these financial statements and confirm that they are responsible for them, including selecting the appropriate accounting policies, applying them consistently and making, on a reasonable and prudent basis, the judgements underlying them. They have been prepared on the going concern basis on the grounds that the company will continue in business.

The directors confirm that they have made available to Derek Madden & Company, (Certified Public Accountants), all the company's accounting records and provided all the information, books and documents necessary for the compilation of the financial statements.

The directors confirm that to the best of their knowledge and belief, the accounting records reflect all the transactions of the company for the financial year ended 30 April 2025."

Signed on behalf of the board

Mary Morrissey
Director

Jeremiah Morrissey
Director

12 March 2026

V.S.O. Publications limited
BALANCE SHEET

as at 30 April 2025

	Notes	2025 €	2024 €
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	6	<u>64,350</u>	<u>76,454</u>
Current Assets			
Debtors	7	141,103	177,697
Cash and cash equivalents		<u>178,393</u>	<u>254,254</u>
		<u>319,496</u>	<u>431,951</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	<u>(162,168)</u>	<u>(214,635)</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>157,328</u>	<u>217,316</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		<u>221,678</u>	<u>293,770</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	9	<u>(6,604)</u>	<u>(15,546)</u>
Net Assets		<u><u>215,074</u></u>	<u><u>278,224</u></u>
Capital and Reserves			
Called up share capital presented as equity		4	4
Retained earnings		<u>215,070</u>	<u>278,220</u>
Equity attributable to owners of the company		<u><u>215,074</u></u>	<u><u>278,224</u></u>

The 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.

We as Directors of V.S.O. Publications limited, state that -

(a) the company is availing itself of the exemption provided for by Chapter 15 of Part 6 of the Companies Act 2014,

(b) the company is availing itself of the exemption on the grounds that the conditions specified in section 358 are satisfied,

(c) the shareholders of the company have not served a notice on the company under section 334(1) in accordance with section 334(2),

(d) we acknowledge the company's obligations under the Companies Act 2014, to keep adequate accounting records and prepare financial statements which give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the company at the end of its financial year and of its profit or loss for such a financial year and to otherwise comply with the provisions of the Companies Act 2014 relating to financial statements so far as they are applicable to the company,

(e) the company has relied on the specified exemption contained in section 352 Companies Act 2014. The company has done so on the grounds that the company is entitled to the benefit of that exemption as a small company and the abridged financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with section 353 Companies Act 2014 and the small companies' regime.

Approved by the board on 12 March 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Mary Morrissey
Director

Jeremiah Morrissey
Director

V.S.O. Publications limited**RECONCILIATION OF SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS**

as at 30 April 2025

	Called up share capital €	Retained earnings €	Total €
At 1 May 2023	4	312,408	312,412
Loss for the financial year	-	(34,188)	(34,188)
At 30 April 2024	4	278,220	278,224
Loss for the financial year	-	(63,150)	(63,150)
At 30 April 2025	4	215,070	215,074

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NOTES TO THE ABRIDGED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the financial year ended 30 April 2025

1. General Information

V.S.O. Publications limited is a company limited by shares incorporated in Ireland. The registered office of the company is 19 Bridge Street, Mallow, Co. Cork which is also the principal place of business of the company. The business of the company is that of newspaper publishing. The company publishes the Vale Star, Mallow Star and Weekly Observer titles which circulate in the Munster region. The financial statements have been presented in Euro (€) which is also the functional currency of the company.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the company's financial statements.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements of the company for the year ended 30 April 2025 have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A (Small Entities) and the Companies Act 2014.

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.

Turnover

Turnover comprises the invoice value of goods and services supplied by the company, exclusive of trade discounts and value added tax.

Tangible assets and depreciation

Tangible assets are stated at cost or at valuation, less accumulated depreciation. The charge to depreciation is calculated to write off the original cost or valuation of tangible assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives as follows:

Long leasehold property	-	12.5% Straight line
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	-	12.5% Straight line
Motor vehicles	-	12.5% Straight line

The carrying values of tangible fixed assets are reviewed annually for impairment in periods if events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable.

Trade and other debtors

Trade and other debtors are initially recognised at fair value and thereafter stated at amortised cost using the effective interest method less impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts except where the effect of discounting would be immaterial. In such cases the receivables are stated at cost less impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts.

Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs relating to the acquisition of assets are capitalised at the appropriate rate by adding them to the cost of assets being acquired. Investment income earned on the temporary investment of specific borrowings pending their expenditure on the assets is deducted from the borrowing costs eligible for capitalisation. All other borrowing costs are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they are incurred.

Trade and other creditors

Trade and other creditors are initially recognised at fair value and thereafter stated at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, unless the effect of discounting would be immaterial, in which case they are stated at cost.

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Employee benefits

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund.

Taxation and deferred taxation

Current tax represents the amount expected to be paid or recovered in respect of taxable profits for the financial year and is calculated using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantially enacted at the Balance Sheet date.

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events have occurred at that date that will result in an obligation to pay more tax in the future, or a right to pay less tax in the future. Timing differences are temporary differences between the company's taxable profits and its results as stated in the financial statements.

Deferred tax is measured on an undiscounted basis at the tax rates that are anticipated to apply in the periods in which the timing differences are expected to reverse, based on tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the Balance Sheet date.

Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rates of exchange ruling at the Balance Sheet date. Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated at the rates of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Non-monetary items that are measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the date when the fair value was determined. The resulting exchange differences are dealt with in the Profit and Loss Account.

Ordinary share capital

The ordinary share capital of the company is presented as equity.

3. Operating loss	2025	2024
	€	€
Operating loss is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of tangible assets	12,104	12,104
Profit on disposal of intangible fixed assets	-	(8,835)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
4. Interest payable and similar expenses	2025	2024
	€	€
Interest	1,000	1,372
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

5. Employees

The average monthly number of employees, including directors, during the financial year was 24, (2024 - 24).

	2025	2024
	Number	Number
Administration	3	3
Distribution	3	3
Production	18	18
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	24	24
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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6. Tangible assets

	Long leasehold property €	Fixtures, fittings and equipment €	Motor vehicles €	Total €
Cost				
At 1 May 2024	90,632	302,907	92,932	486,471
At 30 April 2025	90,632	302,907	92,932	486,471
Depreciation				
At 1 May 2024	90,632	296,708	22,677	410,017
Charge for the financial year	-	2,067	10,037	12,104
At 30 April 2025	90,632	298,775	32,714	422,121
Net book value				
At 30 April 2025	-	4,132	60,218	64,350
At 30 April 2024	-	6,199	70,255	76,454
7. Debtors			2025	2024
			€	€
Trade debtors			141,103	177,697
8. Creditors			2025	2024
Amounts falling due within one year			€	€
Amounts owed to credit institutions			13,836	13,700
Trade creditors			6,607	5,773
Taxation and social welfare			138,725	162,320
Directors' current accounts (Note 12)			-	16,923
Other creditors			-	9,919
Accruals			3,000	6,000
			162,168	214,635
9. Creditors			2025	2024
Amounts falling due after more than one year			€	€
Bank loan			6,604	15,546
Loans				
Repayable in one year or less, or on demand			13,836	13,700
Repayable between one and two years			6,604	15,546
			20,440	29,246

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10. Income Statement

	2025	2024
	€	€
At 1 May 2024	278,220	312,408
Loss for the financial year	(63,150)	(34,188)
At 30 April 2025	215,070	278,220

11. Capital commitments

The company had no material capital commitments at the financial year-ended 30 April 2025.

12. Directors' remuneration and transactions

	2025	2024
	€	€
Remuneration	82,440	81,228

The following amounts are repayable to the directors:

	2025	2024
	€	€
Mary Morrissey	-	16,923

13. Related party transactions

The company occupies properties at 19 Bridge Street, Mallow, Co. Cork; Broad Street, Charleville, Co.Cork and at Newcastle West, Co. Limerick, all three of which are owned by the directors. The total rent payable by the company to the directors during the year was €36,000.

The directors have provided personal guarantees to A.I.B. Bank plc in respect of the company's banking facilities. These guarantees amounted to €214,531 (2017: €214,531)

14. Post-Balance Sheet Events

There have been no significant events affecting the company since the financial year-end.

15. Approval of financial statements

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board of directors on 12 March 2026.