

# **National World Plc**

Interim Report and Financial Statements

For the six month period  
ended 30 June 2020

Company Number: 12021298

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# **National World Plc**

## **Interim Management Report**

### **For the six month period ended 30 June 2020**

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I am pleased to present the Interim Report and Financial Statements for the six month period ended 30 June 2020 for National World Plc (the "Company")

The Company has been established to pursue opportunities in the news publishing and digital media sector and/or in associated complementary technologies. Our objective is to create a modern platform for news publishing by implementing a new operating model powered by the latest technology.

National World will jettison legacy systems and archaic industrial practices to create efficient dissemination of news and to monetise it by matching content to audience.

The Company has continued to progress with efforts towards identifying suitable assets for acquisition. Whilst the Company has been engaged on a number of potential acquisitions during the period, no acquisitions or investments have progressed to a stage where exclusivity has been granted. Progress has been impacted by the uncertainty created by the COVID-19 outbreak which has adversely impacted news publishing businesses.

The impact of COVID 19 on the news publishing sector further highlights the importance and urgent need for a transformation of the industry with a new operating model and increased collaboration. We continue to explore a range of opportunities despite a rapidly changing situation.

The Company incurred a loss for the six month period ended 30 June 2020 of £118,177 from the on-going administrative expenses required to operate the Company. The Board continues to tightly manage ongoing operating costs.

The Group had a cash balance of £4,312,865 and net assets of £4,324,871 as at 30 June 2020.

Since December 2019, the Company's Ordinary Shares have been suspended from trading on the Main Market of the LSE as the Company was considering a potential acquisition. The shares remain suspended as the directors continue to work on potential acquisitions and look forward to presenting a value enhancing opportunity for consideration by shareholders.

All statements other than historical facts are forward-looking statements and the Company does not undertake any obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. There are a number of potential risks and uncertainties which may have material impact on the Company's performance over the remaining six months of the financial year and could cause actual results to differ materially from expected and historical results. The directors do not consider that there are any changes to the principal risks and uncertainties since the publication of the 2019 Annual Report and Accounts which are available on the Company's website at [www.nationalworld.com](http://www.nationalworld.com).

**David Montgomery**  
Executive Chairman  
30 September 2020

# National World Plc

## Statement of Directors' responsibilities

For the six month period ended 30 June 2020

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The Directors are responsible for preparing the Interim Report and Financial Statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the European Union.

Under Company law the Directors must not approve the Interim Report and Financial Statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the of the Company and of the profit or loss of the Company for that period. The Directors are also required to prepare the Interim Report and Financial Statements in accordance with the Listing Rules and the Disclosure and Transparency and Guidance Rules of the FCA of the London Stock Exchange for companies whose share are admitted to the Standard Segment of the Official List.

In preparing these 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 applicable IFRSs as adopted by the European Union have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the Interim Report and Financial Statements; and
- prepare the Interim Report and 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 keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the Interim Report and Financial Statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. 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.

The Directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of the financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Each of the Directors, confirm that, to the best of their knowledge and belief:

- the Interim Report and Financial Statements are prepared in accordance with IFRS as adopted by the European Union, give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position, and loss of the Company for the period; and
- the Interim Report and Financial Statements includes a fair review of the development and performance of the business and the position of the Company, together with a description of the principal risks and uncertainties that they face.

**David Montgomery**  
Executive Chairman  
30 September 2020

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## Statement of Comprehensive Income For the six months ended 30 June 2020

	Note	Unaudited Six months to 30 June 2020 £	Unaudited 29 May 2019 to 30 June 2019 £	Audited 29 May 2019 to 31 December 2019 £
<b>Continuing operations</b>				
Non-recurring costs to establish National World	5	-	-	(87,615)
Listing expenses	6	-	-	(81,268)
Administrative expenses	7	(127,900)	-	(167,392)
<b>Operating loss</b>		<b>(127,900)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(336,275)</b>
Finance income	8	9,723	-	1,208
<b>Loss before tax</b>		<b>(118,177)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(335,067)</b>
Taxation		-	-	-
<b>Total comprehensive loss for the period attributable to the equity owners</b>		<b>(118,177)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(335,067)</b>
<b>Loss per share</b>				
Basic and diluted	9	(0.002)	(0.00)	(0.012)

The above results were derived from continuing operations.

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form part of these Interim Financial Statements.

**National World Plc**  
Statement of Financial Position  
As at 30 June 2020

Company Number: 12021298		Unaudited As at 30 June 2020 £	Unaudited As at 30 June 2019 £	Audited As at 31 December 2019 £
	Note			
<b>ASSETS</b>				
<b>Current assets</b>				
Trade and other receivables	10	40,396	100	127,628
Cash and cash equivalents	11	4,312,865	-	4,383,077
Total current assets		4,353,261	100	4,510,705
<b>Total assets</b>		4,353,261	100	4,510,705
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
<b>Current liabilities</b>				
Trade and other payables	12	28,390	-	67,657
Total current liabilities		28,390	-	67,657
<b>Total liabilities</b>		28,390	-	67,657
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		4,324,871	-	4,443,048
<b>EQUITY</b>				
Share capital	13	54,000	100	54,000
Share premium	14	4,724,115	-	4,724,115
Accumulated losses	14	(453,244)	-	(335,067)
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		4,324,871	100	4,443,048

The Interim Report and Financial Statements were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 30 September 2020.

**David Montgomery**  
Executive Chairman

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## Statement of Changes in Equity

For the six months ended 30 June 2020

	Share Capital £	Share Premium £	Accumulated Losses £	Total Equity £
<b>As at 29 May 2019</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Transactions with owners</b>				
Issue of ordinary shares	100	-	-	100
<b>As at 30 June 2019</b>	100	-	-	100

	Share Capital £	Share Premium £	Accumulated Losses £	Total Equity £
<b>As at 30 June 2019</b>	100	-	-	100
<b>Comprehensive income</b>				
Loss for the period	-	-	(335,067)	(335,067)
<b>Transactions with owners</b>				
Issue of ordinary shares and subdivision of shares	53,900	5,046,000	-	5,099,900
Cost to issue shares	-	(321,885)	-	(321,885)
<b>As at 31 December 2019</b>	54,000	4,724,115	(335,067)	4,443,048

	Share Capital £	Share Premium £	Accumulated Losses £	Total Equity £
<b>As at 31 December 2019</b>	54,000	4,724,115	(335,067)	4,443,048
<b>Comprehensive income</b>				
Loss for the period	-	-	(118,177)	(118,177)
<b>As at 30 June 2020</b>	54,000	4,724,115	(453,244)	4,324,871

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**National World Plc**  
Statement of Cash Flows  
For the six months ended 30 June 2020

		Unaudited Six months to 30 June 2020 £	Unaudited 29 May 2019 to 30 June 2019 £	Audited 29 May 2019 to 31 December 2019 £
	Note			
<b>Cash flow from operating activities</b>				
Operating loss		(127,900)	-	(336,275)
<b>Cash outflow from operating activities</b>		(127,900)	-	(336,275)
<b>Changes in working capital</b>				
Decrease/(Increase) in trade and other receivables	10	87,232	-	(127,628)
(Decrease)/Increase in trade and other payables	12	(39,267)	-	67,657
<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>		(79,935)	-	(396,246)
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>				
Interest received	8	9,723	-	1,208
<b>Net cash generated from investing activities</b>		9,723	-	1,208
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>				
Proceeds from issue of shares, net of issue costs		-	-	4,778,115
<b>Net cash generated from financing activities</b>		-	-	4,778,115
<b>Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>		(70,212)	-	4,383,077
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period		4,383,077	-	-
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period</b>		4,312,865	-	4,383,077

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form part of these Interim Financial Statements.

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## Notes to the Interim Financial Statements For the six months ended 30 June 2020

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### 1. Company information

National World PLC (the “Company”) is a public company listed on the London Stock Exchange in England and Wales. The Company is domiciled in England and its registered office is 201 Temple Chambers, 3-7 Temple Avenue, London, United Kingdom, EC4Y 0DT.

The principal activity of the Company is that of identifying and acquiring investment projects.

The Company was incorporated on 29 May 2019 and the first audited financial statements for the Company were for the period 29 May 2019 to 31 December 2019. Therefore, the comparative results for the 2019 interim financial results cover the period from 29 May 2019 to 30 June 2019.

### 2. Accounting policies

#### 2.1 Basis of preparation

These financial statements of the Company have been prepared on a going concern basis in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and IFRIC interpretations issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and adopted by the European Union, in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

##### *Measurement bases*

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. Historical cost is generally based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for assets.

The preparation of the financial statements in compliance with adopted IFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates and management judgements in applying the accounting policies. The significant estimates and judgements that have been made and their effect is disclosed in note 3.

#### 2.2 Going concern

The Company had £4,312,865 cash as at 30 June 2020 and ongoing operational costs of c£300,000 per annum providing significant headroom to fund costs associated with evaluating acquisitions and investments, including due diligence. On this basis, the Board considers the company to have sufficient resources to remain in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

#### 2.3 Significant accounting policies

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the Annual Report and Accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2019. A copy of the Annual Report and Accounts is available on the Company’s website at <https://www.nationalworld.com/>.

### 3. Significant judgments and estimates

The preparation of the Company’s financial statements under IFRS as endorsed by the EU requires the Directors to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the statement of financial position date, amounts reported for revenues and expenses during the period, and the disclosure of contingent liabilities, at the reporting date.

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experiences and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

The Directors consider that there are no critical accounting judgements or estimates relating to the financial information of the Company.

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## Notes to the Interim Financial Statements (continued)

For the six months ended 30 June 2020

### 4. Loss before income tax

The loss before income tax is stated after charging:

	Unaudited Six months to 30 June 2020	Unaudited 29 May 2019 to 30 June 2019	Audited 29 May 2019 to 31 December 2019
	£	£	£
Fees payable to the Company's auditors – audit of the Company's annual accounts	9,000	-	18,000
Fees payable to the Company's auditors – non-statutory audit in relation to the Company's re-registration as a plc.	-	-	2,500
Fees payable to the Company's auditors – Reporting Accountant fees	-	-	15,000

### 5. Non-recurring costs to establish National World

The Company incurred costs of £87,615 in the second half of 2019 which were considered to be one-off to establish National World Plc, therefore these costs were disclosed separately in the Statement of Comprehensive Income in the year ended 31 December 2019.

### 6. Listing Expenses

During the second half of 2019, the Company incurred £81,286 in IPO costs and other fees which were disclosed separately in the Statement of Comprehensive Income in the year ended 31 December 2019.

### 7. Analysis of expenses by nature

The breakdown by nature of administrative expenses is as follows:

	Unaudited Six months to 30 June 2020	Unaudited 29 May 2019 to 30 June 2019	Audited 29 May 2019 to 31 December 2019
	£	£	£
Staff costs	9,500	-	4,750
Accounting fees	12,800	-	8,000
Audit fees	9,000	-	18,000
Professional fees	18,400	-	97,577
Other costs, including financial PR, insurance, and other fees	78,200	-	39,065
Total administrative expenses	127,900	-	167,392

### 8. Finance income

	Unaudited Six months to 30 June 2020	Unaudited 29 May 2019 to 30 June 2019	Audited 29 May 2019 to 31 December 2019
	£	£	£
Bank interest	9,723	-	1,208
Total finance income	9,723	-	1,208

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## Notes to the Interim Financial Statements (continued)

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### 9. Loss per share

The loss per share has been calculated using the loss for the period and the weighted average number of ordinary shares entitled to dividend rights which were outstanding during the period, as follows:

	Unaudited Six months to 30 June 2020 £	Unaudited 29 May 2019 to 30 June 2019 £	Audited 29 May 2019 to 31 December 2019 £
Loss for the period attributable to equity holders of the Company	(118,177)	-	(335,067)
Weighted average number of ordinary shares	54,000,000	100	26,813,426
Loss per share	(0.002)	-	(0.012)

### 10. Trade and other receivables

	Unaudited 30 June 2020 £	Unaudited 30 June 2019 £	Audited 31 December 2019 £
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>			
Prepayments	27,764	-	41,863
Other receivables	12,632	100	85,765
	40,396	100	127,628

The Directors consider that the carrying amount of trade and other receivables is approximately equal to their value.

Other receivables comprise VAT due on expenses.

### 11. Cash and cash equivalents

	Unaudited 30 June 2020 £	Unaudited 30 June 2019 £	Audited 31 December 2019 £
Cash at bank	4,312,865	-	4,383,077
	4,312,865	-	4,383,077

All bank balances are denominated in pounds sterling with £4.2 million held on a term deposit with Barclays Bank plc which requires 30 days' notice for any withdrawal.

### 12. Trade and other payables

	Unaudited 30 June 2020 £	Unaudited 30 June 2019 £	Audited 31 December 2019 £
<b>Amounts falling due in one year:</b>			
Other taxation and social security	329	-	699
Trade payables	2,361	-	31,969
Other payables	-	-	1,234
Accruals	20,700	-	33,755
	23,390	-	67,657

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## Notes to the Interim Financial Statements (continued)

For the six months ended 30 June 2020

### 13. Share capital

	Number of Shares	Share Capital £	Share premium £
Issued and fully paid Ordinary shares of £1 each			
At 30 June 2019	100	100	-
Issued and fully paid Ordinary shares of 0.1 pence each			
At 31 December 2019	54,000,000	54,000	4,724,115
At 30 June 2020	54,000,000	54,000	4,724,115

The Company was incorporated on 29 May 2019. On incorporation, 100 ordinary shares of £1 per par value were issued at par. On 22 July 2019, the Company performed a share subdivision to split the existing 100 ordinary shares into 100,000 ordinary shares. The new par value of the shares was 0.1p.

On 25 July 2019, a further 1,700,000 ordinary shares of 0.1p were issued at 2.64p for a cash consideration of £44,900 and 2,200,000 ordinary shares of 0.1p were issued at 2.5p for a cash consideration of £55,000.

On 19 September 2019, 50,000,000 ordinary shares of 0.1p were issued at 10p, this totalled further cash consideration of £5,000,000.

The holders of ordinary shares are entitled to one voting right per share and are entitled to dividends out of the profits of the Company available for distribution.

### 14. Reserves

#### Share premium

Includes all premiums in excess of the nominal value of shares received on issue of share capital.

#### Accumulated losses

Includes all losses incurred since incorporation.

### 15. Related party transactions

The related parties are considered to be the Directors who each have shares on the Company. Their remuneration is as follows:

	Unaudited Six months to 30 June 2020 £	Unaudited 29 May 2019 to 30 June 2019 £	Audited 29 May 2019 to 31 December 2019 £
Directors emoluments, including salary and fees:			
D Montgomery	2,500	-	1,250
V Vaghela	2,500	-	1,250
M Hollinshead	1,500	-	750
J Rowe	1,500	-	750
S Barber	1,500	-	750
	9,500	-	4,750

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## **Notes to the Interim Financial Statements (continued)**

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### **16. Contingent Liabilities**

The Company has agreed that it will pay its former solicitors, Cooley LLP, £90,000 if the Company completes an acquisition. As this is wholly contingent on an acquisition being made, a liability has not been recognised at 30 June 2020.

### **17. Ultimate controlling party**

The Company has no ultimate controlling party.