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Independent News & Media PLC is a fast-growing international media and communications group with interests in newspaper and magazine publishing, broadcasting, multi-channel and pay TV, internet, e-commerce, mobile information and outdoor advertising.

Spanning four continents, Independent News & Media has market leading newspaper positions in Australia, Ireland, New Zealand and South Africa. It also owns the flagship Independent titles in the UK and holds a 19% stake in Lusomundo Media (formerly called Jornalgeste), Portugal's leading newspaper publisher.

Publishing over 160 newspaper and magazine titles with weekly circulation of over 14 million copies, the Group is at the forefront of delivering web-based content and e-commerce opportunities to the widest audience through the internet, via cable TV and mobile phones. It is the largest radio and outdoor advertising operator in Australasia and the second largest cable TV operator in the Republic of Ireland. It also has an interest in outdoor advertising in Hong Kong. 11,200 people are employed across the Group.

Independent Digital brings together the Group's on-line media activities under one umbrella. These involve on-line publishing of the Group's titles with 46 websites worldwide, and 38 million page impressions per month. Independent Digital leverages the Group's local, national and international content along with new content produced specifically for digital distribution. It encompasses the Group's new media operations such as iTouch, which is at the leading edge of developments in mobile data, WAP technology and m-commerce applications with operations in Australia, New Zealand, the UK, Ireland and South Africa.

The Group aims to increase its earnings and enhance shareholder value through a combination of organic growth in its existing markets and by identifying new growth opportunities in these and other markets.

Going forward the Group is well placed to leverage its editorial content through internet and broadcast channels, and develop trading opportunities in the new media environment.

The Group has grown strongly over the last 5 years and now has a market capitalisation of €2.4 billion, manages turnover of €1.5 billion and gross assets of €2.9 billion.

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