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Africa Check C.I.C
Report and Financial Statements
31 December 2018

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Report and accounts
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**Africa Check C.I.C
Company Information**

Directors

E Chinje
A Harber
K Bezuidenhout
B Bachorz
R Frimpong FCCA (Resigned 2nd July 2018)
R Holloway (Resigned 2nd July 2018)
N.Tallett (Resigned 2nd July 2018)

Secretary

P Cunliffe-Jones

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Directors' Report

The directors present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2018.

Legal information

The Company was incorporated on 26th June 2012 in England and Wales as a company limited by guarantee under the Companies Act (Registration No. 08119885). The Company has subsequently been incorporated as a Community Interest Company on 27th September 2013.

Principal activities

The object of the company is to promote accuracy in public debate and the media in Africa, doing this not for profit but for the public good. The principal activity of the company is the operation of the company's website, www.africacheck.org, on which it both publishes reports investigating the accuracy of claims made by leading public figures and the media in Africa and also provides advice, information, support and encouragement to other media and civil society organisations so that they can fact-check claims for themselves.

The focus of the company's work in 2018 was the development of this fact-checking operation and an accompanying restructuring of our management and corporate structure.

Review of business

The company grew over the course of the year with staffing increasing to 29 full and part-time staff by the end of 2018, the output of fact-checking reports and audience both up by more than 30 percent, the production of a range of new services, and an increase in our work training journalists across Africa in fact-checking skills.

During the year from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2018, the company published reports checking a total of 293 true, unproven, false or misleading claims made by public figures, institutions and the media in South Africa, Nigeria, Kenya and Senegal, reducing the circulation of many significant false and misleading claims. This was more than 30 percent up on output the previous year. Of the 293 claims checked, 191 were reviewed by our English-language teams, working in South Africa, Nigeria and Kenya and 102 claims were reviewed by our French language teams working in Senegal. This work secured 19 public corrections of important false claims from institutions ranging from the World Bank to the South African Police Service. The three key topics on which we checked claims were the economy, health and education.

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In addition to checking claims made by politicians and other public figures and institutions, Africa Check published a new Promise Tracker section on its site – tracking the delivery on key promises made by the ruling parties in each of the countries in which it operates. At the same time, the teams started checking claims made on Facebook; a first for the organisation and paid for this work by the social media platform. This work is aimed at identifying and reducing the circulation of misinformation that, if left to circulate unchecked, could cause societal harm – from health scares to social division and civil unrest. The audience on Africa Check's website, as a result of all these fact-checking activities grew by 33 percent from the previous year, to average just over 146,000 per month.

At the same time, our teams carried out training work, training more than 850 journalists from mainstream media organisations across the continent in fact-checking techniques. And we worked to support half a dozen other specialist fact-checking organisations from around Africa.

In November 2018, the board of Africa Check CIC agreed to restructure the organisation to make the Africa Check group a fully African-run organisation while enabling it to enjoy the support offered by donors and supporters in the United Kingdom and elsewhere. To do this, it was agreed that the statutes of the UK-based Africa Check CIC and its South Africa-based offshoot, Africa Check Trust, would both be changed to make Africa Check Trust the controlling body in the group as from 1 January 2019, with Africa Check CIC becoming the supporting body. It was further agreed to register the group's training operation "TRi Facts" as a business, carrying out training and research services and providing any surplus to help finance the work of Africa Check Trust. These changes to the statutes of Africa Check CIC, and Africa Check Trust, and the registration of the TRi Facts unit, were all put into effect from 1st January 2019. Finally, it was further agreed that the functions of the Executive Director and Finance Manager at Africa Check, currently exercised in London, will be moved to the Johannesburg office of the organisation from 31 May 2019.

Future developments

Looking ahead, plans for 2019 include the strengthening of our fact-checking operations in each country we work in, particularly focused on building new partnerships with multiple media partners. We also plan to work closely with a growing body of new fact-checking organisations which are emerging on the continent, inspired by our work. We will do this, in part, through organising a meeting of African fact-checking organisations in Cape Town, South Africa, in June 2019.

Directors

The following persons served as directors during the year:

E Chinje
A Harber
K Bezuidenhout
B Bachorz
R Frimpong FCCA (Resigned 2nd July 2018)
R Holloway (Resigned 2nd July 2018)
N.Tallett (Resigned 2nd July 2018)

Results

The surplus on donations received was £82,153 (2017: surplus £35,074). These funds will be used to continue to support the company's activities in year. No dividends have been paid or are proposed (31 December 2017: £nil).

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Directors' Report

Directors' responsibilities

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

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 United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (Financial Reporting Standard 102 and applicable law). 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 state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- 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 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 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.

Disclosure of information to auditors

So far as the directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information (as defined by Section 418 of the Companies Act 2006) of which the company's 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 auditors are aware of that information.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

This report was approved by the board on 23-04-2019 and signed on its behalf.


B Bachorz
Director

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
AFRICA CHECK C.I.C FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018**

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Africa Check C.I.C (the 'CIC') and its subsidiary ('the group') for the year ended 31 December 2018 which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income, Consolidated Statement of Financial Position, Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity, Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the CIC's and group's affairs as at 31 December 2018 and of the group's income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) 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 CIC and its group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, 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 (UK) 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.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
AFRICA CHECK C.I.C FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018**

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the CIC and its group and their environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the CIC, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the CIC's financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement in the directors' Report, 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 group's and parent CIC'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 (UK) 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.

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A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditors/audit-assurance/auditor-s-responsibilities-for-the-audit-of-the-fi/description-of-the-auditor%E2%80%99s-responsibilities-for>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the CIC's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken, so that we might state to the CIC's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's 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 CIC and the CIC's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report or for the opinions we have formed.

(Registered company no. 08119885)

Kevin Lally

Kevin Lally (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of:

Knox Cropper LLP

Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditors

65 Leadenhall Street

London

23 April 2019

Africa Check C.I.C
Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income
(incorporating Income Statement)
for the year ended 31 December 2018

	Notes	2018 Group £	2017 Group £
Income			
Earned income	2	105,299	65,928
Income from grants and donations	3	953,268	683,275
Direct costs	4	(837,159)	(602,353)
Gross surplus		<u>221,408</u>	<u>146,850</u>
Administrative expenses	5	(142,187)	(111,843)
Operating surplus		<u>79,221</u>	<u>35,007</u>
Interest receivable		2,932	67
Surplus on ordinary activities before taxation		<u>82,153</u>	<u>35,074</u>
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	6	-	-
Surplus for the financial year		<u>82,153</u>	<u>35,074</u>

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Consolidated Statement of Financial Position
as at 31 December 2018

	Notes	2018 CIC £	2018 Group £	2017 CIC £	2017 Group £
Current assets					
Debtors	8	45,251	45,251	9,804	9,804
Cash at bank and in hand		401,669	465,142	368,458	416,780
		<u>446,920</u>	<u>510,393</u>	<u>378,262</u>	<u>426,584</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year					
	9	(258,136)	(321,363)	(301,525)	(319,707)
Net current assets		<u>188,784</u>	<u>189,030</u>	<u>76,737</u>	<u>106,877</u>
Net assets		<u>188,784</u>	<u>189,030</u>	<u>76,737</u>	<u>106,877</u>
Capital and reserves					
Income and expenditure account	10	188,784	189,030	76,737	106,877
Total equity		<u>188,784</u>	<u>189,030</u>	<u>76,737</u>	<u>106,877</u>

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on _____ and were signed on its behalf by:

B Bachorz
 Director

Approved by the board on 23.04.2019

Registered number: 08119885

Africa Check C.I.C
Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2018

1 Summary of significant accounting policies

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the C.I.C, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the provisions of section 1A "Small Entities" of FRS 102, The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland and the Companies Act 2006.

Income

Grant income which is subject to performance conditions is taken into account when the grant has been earned. In particular, where grants are funding salaried posts, the grant is recognised over the period the post is funded. Services rendered are recognised on a receivable basis when the services had been provided.

Basic Financial Instruments

The CIC only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments, for example debtors, cash at bank and creditors. These are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently valued at settlement value.

Group financial statements

These financial statements consolidate the results of the Africa Check CIC and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Africa Check Trust, on a line by line basis. A separate Statement of Comprehensive Income for the CIC itself is not presented because the CIC has taken advantage of the exemptions afforded by the Companies Act 2006.

Foreign currency translation

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating result.

2 Earned income	2018	2017
	£	£
Services rendered	<u>105,299</u>	<u>65,928</u>
3 Income from grants and donations	2018	2017
	£	£
Grants and donations	<u>953,268</u>	<u>683,275</u>
	<u>953,268</u>	<u>683,275</u>

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4 Direct costs	2018	2017
	£	£
Editorial Cost	475,093	336,208
Project Cost	136,816	29,077
Fact-Checking Awards	7,813	23,427
Website and promotion	115,443	100,750
Conference	33,833	25,059
Business development & services	68,161	87,832
	<u>837,159</u>	<u>602,353</u>

5 Administration costs	2018	2017
	£	£
Office costs	60,409	22,044
Governance costs	92,221	87,711
Finance cost & exchange and translation (gains)/losses	(10,443)	2,088
	<u>142,187</u>	<u>111,843</u>

6 Taxation

No liability to UK corporation tax arose on ordinary activities for the year ended 31 December 2018 nor for the year ended 31 December 2017.

7 Investments

Africa Check Trust in South Africa was established under a Trust Deed and is a public benefit organisation in South Africa. It was set up to facilitate the work of Africa Check CIC in South Africa. Under the terms of the Trust Deed in 2018, Africa Check CIC had the power to appoint and remove Trustees of the South African Trust.

Summary income and expenditure statement	2018	2017
	£	£
Earned income	3,003	20,012
Income from grants and donations	446,492	381,030
	<u>449,495</u>	<u>401,042</u>
Direct costs	(432,758)	(342,221)
Gross surplus	16,737	58,821
Administrative expenses	(49,388)	(28,681)
Operating (loss)/surplus	(32,651)	30,140
Interest receivable	2,757	-
(Loss)/surplus for the financial year	(29,894)	30,140
Reserves b/f	30,140	-
Reserves c/f	<u>246</u>	<u>30,140</u>

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Summary Balance Sheet	2018	2017
	£	£
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	63,473	48,322
Total assets less current liabilities	<u>63,473</u>	<u>48,322</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due	(63,227)	(18,182)
Net assets	<u><u>246</u></u>	<u><u>30,140</u></u>

8 Debtors	2018	2018	2017	2017
	CIC	Group	CIC	Group
	£	£	£	£
Other debtors	12,355	12,355	9,804	9,804
Prepayments and accrued income	32,896	32,896	-	-
	<u>45,251</u>	<u>45,251</u>	<u>9,804</u>	<u>9,804</u>

During the year, the Shuttleworth Trust awarded a bursary to Peter Cunliffe-Jones, Executive Director, to fund his role at Africa Check CIC with amounts being paid directly to him by the Trust. Other debtors represent the grant paid in advance to the Executive Director under this award and will be offset against salary payable to him in 2019. The grant balance for 2017 was offset against his salary from January 2018 to March 2018.

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2018	2018	2017	2017
	CIC	Group	CIC	Group
	£	£	£	£
Trade creditors	-	-	4,800	4,800
Accruals and deferred income	258,136	321,363	296,725	314,907
	<u>258,136</u>	<u>321,363</u>	<u>301,525</u>	<u>319,707</u>

10 Income and expenditure account	2018	2018	2017	2017
	CIC	Group	CIC	Group
	£	£	£	£
At 1 January	76,737	106,877	71,803	71,803
Surplus for the financial year	112,047	82,153	4,934	35,074
At 31 December	<u>188,784</u>	<u>189,030</u>	<u>76,737</u>	<u>106,877</u>

11 Related party transactions

The Executive Director received a bursary from the Shuttleworth Foundation to enable him to perform his duties at Africa Check CIC. This amount is being treated as a grant receivable by the Africa Check CIC to fund his salary. See details in note 7.

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12 Change in organisational structure

In November 2018, the board of Africa Check CIC agreed to restructure the organisation to make the Africa Check group a fully African-run organisation while enabling it to enjoy the support offered by donors and supporters in the United Kingdom and elsewhere. To do this, it was agreed that the statutes of the UK-based Africa Check CIC and its South Africa-based offshoot, Africa Check Trust, would both be changed to make Africa Check Trust the controlling body (parent) in the group as from 1 January 2019, with Africa Check CIC becoming the supporting body (subsidiary). It was further agreed to register the group's training operation "TRi Facts" as a business, carrying out training and research services and providing any surplus to help finance the work of Africa Check Trust. These changes to the statutes of Africa Check CIC, and Africa Check Trust, and the registration of the TRi Facts unit, were all put into effect from 1st January 2019. Finally, it was further agreed that the functions of the Executive Director and Finance Manager at Africa Check, currently exercised in London, will be moved to the Johannesburg office of the organisation from 31 May 2019.

13 Presentation currency

The financial statements are presented in Sterling.

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Community Interest Company Report

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Company Name in full

Africa Check CIC

Company Number

08119885

Year Ending

31.12.2018

Please ensure the company name is consistent with the company name entered on the accounts.

This template illustrates what the Regulator of Community Interest Companies considers to be best practice for completing a simplified community interest company report. All such reports must be delivered in accordance with section 34 of the Companies (Audit, Investigations and Community Enterprise) Act 2004 and contain the information required by Part 7 of the Community Interest Company Regulations 2005. For further guidance see chapter 8 of the Regulator's guidance notes and the alternate example provided for a more complex company with more detailed notes.

(N.B. A Filing Fee of £15 is payable on this document. Please enclose a cheque or postal order payable to Companies House)

PART 1 - GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE COMPANY'S ACTIVITIES AND IMPACT

In the space provided below, please insert a general account of the company's activities in the financial year to which the report relates, including a description of how they have benefited the community.

See separate sheet attached

(If applicable, please just state "A social audit report covering these points is attached").

(Please continue on separate continuation sheet if necessary.)

PART 2 – CONSULTATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS – Please indicate who the company's stakeholders are; how the stakeholders have been consulted and what action, if any, has the company taken in response to feedback from its consultations? If there has been no consultation, this should be made clear.

See separate sheet attached

(If applicable, please just state "A social audit report covering these points is attached").

PART 3 – DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION – if you have provided full details in your accounts you need not reproduce it here. Please clearly identify the information within the accounts and confirm that, "There were no other transactions or arrangements in connection with the remuneration of directors, or compensation for director's loss of office, which require to be disclosed" (See example with full notes). If no remuneration was received you must state that "no remuneration was received" below.

No remuneration was received by any director. There were no other transactions or arrangements in connection with the remuneration of directors, or compensation for directors' loss of office, which require to be disclosed.

PART 4 – TRANSFERS OF ASSETS OTHER THAN FOR FULL CONSIDERATION – Please insert full details of any transfers of assets other than for full consideration e.g. Donations to outside bodies. If this does not apply you must state that "no transfer of assets other than for full consideration has been made" below.

No transfer of assets other than for full consideration has been made.

(Please continue on separate continuation sheet if necessary.)

PART 1 – GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE COMPANY’S ACTIVITIES AND IMPACT

The company was formed in 2012 to promote accuracy in public debate and the media in Africa. In the year to 31 December 2018, we expanded our work: factchecking 293 key claims made in public debate and the media in South Africa, Nigeria, Kenya and Senegal; running awards to promote factchecking; providing training to more than 850 journalists; and holding a workshop on health misinformation in Nigeria.

The reports that Africa Check published were made freely available to the media and the wider public via our website and pushed out to media houses for free republication. We also partnered with broadcast media in each of our four main operating countries to discuss our findings on air.

In addition, the company made available on our site impartial factsheets on key topics and guides to reporters on accurate reporting, both activities aimed at further promoting accuracy in debate and the media. And we launched a new “*Promise Tracker*” to track progress made on key election promises made by the ruling party’s in our operating countries at their election.

At the same time, a section of the website provided information, advice and tips for the media and civil society in Africa on how to check the accuracy of claims that are made.

In the second half of 2018, for the fourth year running, we ran an awards programme for the best examples of fact-checking journalism by others in the media in Africa. This programme received more than 150 entries from journalists in 25 countries.

Since the organisation was founded in 2012, Africa Check reports have been read by almost 7 million visitors to its site, and by many millions more on the platforms of other media houses which have re-used our reports. Our site has seen more than 10 million page views in that time.

In September 2018, we staged a workshop in Abuja, Nigeria, bringing together journalists, leading health practitioners, the minister of state for health in Nigeria, social media platforms and others to discuss the means for tackling the harm done to public health by health misinformation circulating on and off-line.

PART 2 – CONSULTATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS

The company's primary stakeholders can be divided into three broad groups:

- grant- and sponsorship-giving organisations that provide the majority of the company's funding;
- media and civil society organisations who make use of the company's work; and
- *the general public who both inform and use the company's work.*

In the year to 31 December 2018, the company had grant or sponsorship funding from (i) the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, (ii) Innovate Africa, (iii) Facebook, (iv) Luminate Group, (v) the Millennium Trust, (vi) the Open Society Foundations, (vii) the Raith Foundation, (viii) the Shuttleworth Foundation; (ix) Social Justice Initiative; and (ix) Standard Bank.

Throughout the year, the company provided a series of reports to keep these donors well informed about how their grants were being spent and the impact of the company's work on public debate.

At the same time, the company liaised closely with media and civil society partners in South Africa, Nigeria, Kenya and Senegal who make use of the company's reports, factsheets and guidelines to maintain good relations and continue to provide a useful service.

We also launched a bi-monthly newsletter to friends and supporters of the organisation.

Through 2018 the organisation followed up on support for a dozen media and civil society organisations from around Africa who are interested in launching fact-checking initiatives.

Throughout the year, the company has also consulted closely via its website and social media platforms, with members of the public who visit the website and make use of company reports. The company actively engages, on a daily basis, with members of the public who send in suggestions for reports and promote the reports on their own social media feeds.

PART 5 – SIGNATORY

The original report must be signed by a director or secretary of the company

Signed



Date

02/05/19

Office held (delete as appropriate) Director/Secretary

You do not have to give any contact information in the box opposite but if you do, it will help the Registrar of Companies to contact you if there is a query on the form. The contact information that you give will be visible to searchers of the public record.

Peter Cunliffe-Jones	
3 rd Floor, 2 Carlton Gardens	
London SW1Y5AA	
	Tel 0203 397 5140
DX Number	DX Exchange

When you have completed and signed the form, please attach it to the accounts and send both forms by post to the Registrar of Companies at:

For companies registered in England and Wales: Companies House, Crown Way, Cardiff, CF14 3UZ
DX 33050 Cardiff

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