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Africa Check C.I.C
Report and Financial Statements
31 December 2017

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

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Registered number: 08119885

Directors' Report

The directors present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2017.

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 main focus of the company's work in 2017 was the development of this fact-checking operation.

Review of business

During the year from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2017, the company published reports checking a total of 267 false, true and misleading claims made by public figures, institutions and the media in South Africa, Nigeria, Kenya and Senegal, reducing the circulation of many significant misleading claims.

Sixty of the claims checked were from Kenya or Nigeria. A further 93 were from Senegal or other francophone African countries. In South Africa, an early focus of our work was a series of 20 claims made by then President Jacob Zuma in the annual State of the Nation Address. In the build up to Kenya's elections, we covered rival State of the Nation speeches made by both main candidates and the two parties' manifestos. In Nigeria, we covered the acting president's Democracy Day speech, and in Senegal the New Year's Eve speech.

In the first nine months of the year, the breakdown of topics covered was: Economic issues 22%; Health issues 21%; Education issues 10%; Electricity service costs and access 10%; Crime and security 6%; Other 31%. Politicians and political parties accounted for 69% of the claims we checked, followed by news media (12%), with civil society organisations, officials, think tanks and others constituting the remainder.

In addition to reducing the circulation of false claims, we also work to provide information the public can trust and in 2017, our teams published almost 40 factsheets packed with information on topics ranging from the workings of parliament in Senegal to pay in the Nigerian healthcare sector. At the same time, we started work in August on the second generation of our "Info Finder" tool and hope to release this on our websites in French and English in the second quarter of 2018.

The audience direct on our website grew by 7% to 1.32 million unique users, from 1.22 million the previous year, despite a mid-year fall in traffic caused by two sustained hacking attempts on the platform. At the same time, the number of media partnerships grew, with regular radio and TV slots on three different South African media, and weekly programmes in Kenya, Nigeria and Senegal.

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Over the course of the year, we provided training in fact-checking to 582 journalists from 88 media houses through our TRI Facts unit. This was part of our drive to spread fact-checking practices more widely in the media. For the same reason, we organised the 4th edition of our annual African Fact-Checking Awards, receiving 159 entries from journalists in 25 countries. And in November 2017 convened the first ever meeting in Africa on fact-checking attended by 14 media and civil society organisations. This took place in Johannesburg, bringing together organisations running or planning fact-checking operations in Botswana, Cote d'Ivoire, Kenya, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

At the end of 2017, our staff had grown to 19, three of who work part-time, thanks to continued funding our existing main partners and new funding from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation among others.

In March 2017, Africa Check was ratified as a signatory of the Code of Principles of the International Fact-Checking Network, the umbrella body that represents the majority of the most respected non-partisan fact-checking organisations worldwide. The process of ratification followed an examination of our working methods, carried out by an independent academic for the IFCN.

Future developments

Looking ahead, plans for 2018 include the strengthening of our fact-checking operations in Nigeria, the launch of a "Promise Tracker" tool, to monitor progress on promises made in national elections in our four main countries, and the launch of a new version of our "Info Finder" tool, which aims to make it easier for users to find reliable data on a wide range of topics. We also propose workshops on public health information in Nigeria and Senegal and a continuation of other programmes.

Directors

The following persons served as directors during the year:

R Frimpong FCCA
R Holloway
N Tallett
E Chinje
A Harber
S Msimang
K Bezuidenhout

Other changes in directors holding office are as follows:

B Bachorz was appointed 20 February 2017

Results

The surplus on donations received was £35,074 (2016: surplus £69,218). 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 2016: £nil).

Directors' responsibilities

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

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Directors' Report

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.

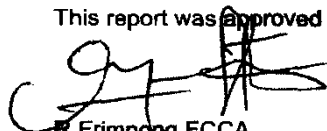
The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies 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 2 July 2018 and signed on its behalf.


R Frimpong FCCA
Director

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
AFRICA CHECK C.I.C FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

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 2017 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 2017 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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AFRICA CHECK C.I.C FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

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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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AFRICA CHECK C.I.C FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

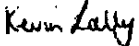
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A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditors/audit-assurance/auditor-s-responsibilities-for-the-audit-of-the-fi/description-of-the-auditor%E2%80%99s-responsibilities-for>. 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 (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of:
Knox Cropper
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditors
8/9 Well Court
London

2 July 2018

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Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income
(Incorporating Income Statement)
for the year ended 31 December 2017

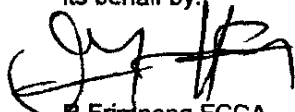
	Notes	2017 Group £	2016 Group £
Income			
Earned income	2	65,928	30,137
Income from grants and donations	3	683,275	442,701
Direct costs	4	(602,353)	(321,761)
Gross surplus		<u>146,850</u>	<u>151,077</u>
Administrative expenses	5	(111,843)	(81,868)
Operating surplus		<u>35,007</u>	<u>69,209</u>
Interest receivable		67	9
Surplus on ordinary activities before taxation		<u>35,074</u>	<u>69,218</u>
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	6	-	-
Surplus for the financial year		<u>35,074</u>	<u>69,218</u>

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Consolidated Statement of Financial Position
as at 31 December 2017

	Notes	2017 CIC £	2017 Group £	2016 CIC £	2016 Group £
Current assets					
Debtors	8	9,804	9,804	20,061	20,061
Cash at bank and in hand		368,458	416,780	154,795	154,795
		<u>378,262</u>	<u>426,584</u>	<u>174,856</u>	<u>174,856</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year					
	9	(301,525)	(319,707)	(103,053)	(103,053)
Net current assets		<u>76,737</u>	<u>106,877</u>	<u>71,803</u>	<u>71,803</u>
Net assets		<u>76,737</u>	<u>106,877</u>	<u>71,803</u>	<u>71,803</u>
Capital and reserves					
Income and expenditure account	10	76,737	106,877	71,803	71,803
Total equity		<u>76,737</u>	<u>106,877</u>	<u>71,803</u>	<u>71,803</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 2 July 2018 and were signed on its behalf by:



R Frimpong FCCA
 Director

Approved by the board on 2 July 2018

Registered number: 08119885

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Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity
for the year ended 31 December 2017

	Income and Expenditure account £
At 1 January 2016	2,585
<i>Surplus for the financial year</i>	69,218
At 31 December 2016	<u>71,803</u>
At 1 January 2017	71,803
<i>Surplus for the financial year</i>	35,074
At 31 December 2017	<u>106,877</u>

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Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows
for the year ended 31 December 2017

	Notes	2017 Group £	2016 Group £
Operating activities			
Surplus for the financial year		35,074	69,218
<i>Adjustments for:</i>			
Interest receivable		(67)	(9)
Decrease in debtors		10,257	-
Increase in creditors		<u>216,654</u>	<u>47,209</u>
		261,918	116,418
Interest received		67	10
Cash generated by operating activities		<u>261,985</u>	<u>116,428</u>
Net cash generated			
Cash generated by operating activities		261,985	116,428
Net cash generated		<u>261,985</u>	<u>116,428</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January		<u>154,795</u>	<u>38,367</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December		<u>416,780</u>	<u>154,795</u>
Cash and cash equivalents comprise:			
Cash at bank		<u>416,780</u>	<u>154,795</u>

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Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2017

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 FRS 102, The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

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	2017	2016
	£	£
Services rendered	<u>65,928</u>	<u>30,137</u>
3 Income from grants and donations	2017	2016
	£	£
Grants and donations	683,275	423,036
Pro bono services	-	19,665
	<u>683,275</u>	<u>442,701</u>

Pro bono services are for the Executive Director of Africa Check CIC, who was seconded to Africa Check CIC without charge for the three months period to March 2016. He was subsequently employed by Africa Check CIC, his remuneration being funded by grant income.

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Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2017

4 Direct costs	2017	2016
	£	£
Content development	336,208	166,756
Project costs	29,077	19,004
Fact-Checking Awards	23,427	12,400
Website and promotion	100,750	40,886
Travel	25,059	15,748
Business development & services	87,832	66,967
	<u>602,353</u>	<u>321,761</u>

5 Administration costs	2017	2016
	£	£
Office costs	22,044	20,665
Governance costs	87,711	70,623
Finance cost & exchange and translation (gains)/losses	2,088	(9,420)
	<u>111,843</u>	<u>81,868</u>

6 Taxation

No liability to UK corporation tax arose on ordinary activities for the year ended 31 December 2017 nor for the year ended 31 December 2016.

7 Investments

Africa Check Trust in South Africa was established under a Trust Deed and is a public benefit organisation in South Africa. Its purpose is to facilitate the work of Africa Check CIC in South Africa. Under the terms of the Trust Deed, Africa Check CIC has the power to appoint and remove Trustees of the South African Trust. The first Trustees are Anton Harber, Robert Holloway and Nicola Tallet, all of whom are Directors of Africa Check CIC. The Trust acted in an agency capacity for Africa Check CIC during 2016 and all the transactions undertaken by the Trust, and assets held by the Trust, were on behalf of Africa Check CIC. However, in 2017 the Trust acted as a separate entity. Therefore, the accounts are consolidated and the Trust is reflected as a subsidiary.

	2017	2016
	£	£
Summary income and expenditure statement		
Earned income	20,012	-
Income from grants and donations	381,030	-
	<u>401,042</u>	<u>-</u>
Direct costs	(342,221)	-
Gross surplus	58,821	-
Administrative expenses	(28,681)	-
Operating surplus	30,140	-
Surplus for the financial year	<u>30,140</u>	<u>-</u>

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		2017		2016
Summary Balance Sheet		£		£
Current assets				
	Cash at bank and in hand	48,322		-
	Total assets less current liabilities	48,322		-
	Creditors: amounts falling due	(18,182)		-
	Net assets	<u>30,140</u>		<u>-</u>

8 Debtors	2017	2017	2016	2016
	CIC	Group	CIC	Group
	£	£	£	£
Other debtors	<u>9,804</u>	<u>9,804</u>	<u>20,061</u>	<u>20,061</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. The amount of debtors is the balance paid in advance to the Executive Director under this award and will be offset against salary payable to him in 2018. The balance for 2016 was partly offset against his salary from January 2017 to March 2017 and remaining funds were received in bank.

Creditors: amounts falling due					
9 within one year	2017	2017	2016	2016	
	CIC	Group	CIC	Group	
	£	£	£	£	
Trade creditors	4,800	4,800	3,053	3,053	
Accruals and deferred income	296,725	314,907	100,000	100,000	
	<u>301,525</u>	<u>319,707</u>	<u>103,053</u>	<u>103,053</u>	

10 Income and expenditure account	2017	2017	2016	2016
	CIC	Group	CIC	Group
	£	£	£	£
At 1 January	71,803	71,803	2,585	2,585
Surplus for the financial year	4,934	35,074	69,218	69,218
At 31 December	<u>76,737</u>	<u>106,877</u>	<u>71,803</u>	<u>71,803</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.

12 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

31.12.2017

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.

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 2017, we expanded our work: factchecking key claims made in public debate and the media in South Africa, Nigeria, Kenya and Senegal; running awards to promote factchecking; providing training to media and the public; and holding a workshop for new factchecking organisations.

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.

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 2017, 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 more than 5 million visitors to its site, and by millions more on the platforms of other media houses which have re-used our reports.

As a result of our reports, a whole series of misleading claims on important topics of public debate – from the crime rates in South Africa to the level of infrastructure spending in Nigeria, have been exposed as false by Africa Check and information available to the public has been corrected.

PART 2 – CONSULTATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS

The company's primary stakeholders can be divided into three broad groups: the grant- and sponsorship-giving organisations that provide the majority of the company's funding; the 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 2017, the company had grant or sponsorship funding from (i) the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, (ii) Innovate Africa, (iii) the International Fact-Checking Network, (iv) the Millennium Trust, (v) the Omidyar Network, (vi) the Open Society Foundations, (vii) the Raith Foundation, (viii) the Shuttleworth Foundation 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.

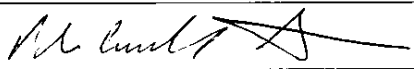
A new aspect of this work supporting media and civil society organisations took place in November 2017 when we brought to a workshop in Johannesburg, a dozen media and civil society organisations from around Africa who are interested in launching fact-checking initiatives. The meeting was a major consultation exercise.

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

24/07/18

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.

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