

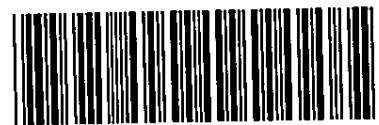
AFRICA CHECK C.I.C.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER 08119885

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Address

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London
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Registered Company Number

08119885

Bankers

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210 High Holborn
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WC1V 7HD

Solicitors

Bates Wells & Braithwaite
2-6 Cannon Street
London
EC4M 6YH

Auditors

Knox Cropper
Chartered Accountants
8/9 Well Court
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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

The directors submit their annual report together with the accounts for the six months ended 31 December 2013

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 the six months ended 31 December 2013 was the development of this fact-checking operation

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

Over the six months from 1 July 2013 to 31 December 2013, the company engaged new staff, and revised its website platform, as it developed its fact-checking operation

Over this period, the company published 35 reports checking the accuracy of claims made by leading public figures, generating significant debate among the media and civil society in the region

New funding was obtained from donors at the Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa to support the expansion of its work from South Africa to other countries of the Southern African region

To do this the company engaged an additional researcher to bring its operational staff to three, with a full-time editor and two researchers The new researcher was tasked with working with freelancers in Zimbabwe, Zambia and Swaziland to generate reports from those countries

At the same time, the company revised its website platform, both adding a mobile-friendly version to enable readers to access the site more easily from mobile phones and adding a number of features to the main platform to enable the company to display factsheets and guides

THE FUTURE

Over the coming year, the company's focus is on maintaining and developing its existing operation in South Africa and the southern Africa region, expanding operations to Nigeria and potentially Kenya, and developing new sources of revenue to help ensure its financial sustainability in 2014 and beyond

RESULTS

The surplus on donations received was **£4,136** (12 month to December 2013 £7,974) These funds will be used to continue to support the company's activities in 2014 No dividends have been paid or are proposed (2012-13 £nil)

DIRECTORS

The directors who served on the board during the year were as follows

Eric Chinje (appointed 12 December 2012)
Roger Frimpong (appointed 26 June 2012)
Ben Goldacre (appointed 26 June 2012, resigned 10 December 2013)
Robert Holloway (appointed 26 June 2012)
Nicola Tallett (appointed 26 June 2012)

None of the above had any interest in the share capital of the company at the beginning or end of the year

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30JUNE 2013 Contd...

COMPANY SECRETARY

The company secretary during the six month period and since the period end was Peter Cunliffe-Jones

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

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

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which 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

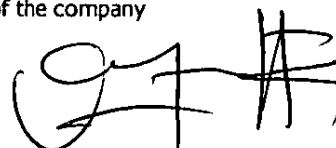
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions, to disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to 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

The directors confirm that so far as each director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware, and each director has taken all the steps that he/she ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself/herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information

The report of the directors has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the special provisions relating to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006

Knox Cropper, Chartered Accountants, have been appointed auditors of the company



Roger Frimpong, Director
By order of the Board

15th Floor 200 Aldersgate
Aldersgate Street
London
EC1A 4HD

15 July 2014

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO AFRICA CHECK CIC BOARD

We have audited the financial statements of The Africa Check C.I.C for the six month period ended 31 December 2013 which comprises the profit and loss account, the balance sheet and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out therein. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective 2008) (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities).

This report is made solely to the company'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 company'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 company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As explained more fully in the statement of directors' responsibilities, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

A description of the scope of an audit of financial statements is provided on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditscopeukprivate

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2013 and of its result for the six month period then ended,
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities, and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the directors' report for the financial six month period for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us, or
- the 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, or
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements and the directors' report in accordance with the small companies' regime

Kevin Lally

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Senior Statutory Auditor

for and on behalf of Knox Cropper Statutory Auditors

8/9 Well Court

London

EC4M 9DN

15 July 2014

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

FOR THE SIX MONTH PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>6 MONTH ENDED 31/12/2013</u> £	<u>YEAR ENDED 30/06/2012</u> £
Turnover		-	-
Cost of Sales		-	-
Gross Profit		-	-
Other Operating Income	3	54,789	72,727
Administrative Costs		50,653	64,753
		<u>4,136</u>	<u>7,974</u>
Operating Profit		<u>4,136</u>	<u>7,974</u>
Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation	2	<u>4,136</u>	<u>7,974</u>
Tax on ordinary activities	4	-	-
Profit/(Loss) on Ordinary Activities			
After Taxation		<u>4,136</u>	<u>7,974</u>
Retained Profit brought forward		7,974	-
Retained Profit for the Financial Year carried forward		<u>12,110</u>	<u>7,974</u>

There are no recognised gains or losses in the year other than those included in the above statement. Accordingly, no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented.

All activities are classed as continuing.

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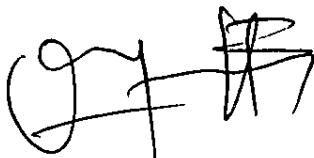
BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2013

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>31/12/2013</u>	<u>30/06/2013</u>
		£	£
Current Assets			
Debtors	6	5,285	-
Cash at Bank & In Hand		10,173	9,630
		<u>15,458</u>	<u>-</u>
Current Liabilities			
Creditors		(3,348)	(1,656)
NET ASSETS		<u>12,110</u>	<u>7,974</u>
RESERVES			
Profit and Loss Account		12,110	7,974
		<u>12,110</u>	<u>7,974</u>

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective 2008)

These accounts were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 15 July 2014 and signed on its behalf by



Roger Fnmpong,
Director

The notes on page 8 form part of these accounts

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1 1 Basis of Accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and applicable United Kingdom accounting standards and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective 2008)

1 2 Exemption from Preparing a Cash flow statement

The company is exempt from the requirement of Financial Reporting Standard 1 'Cash Flow Statements (Revised)' to present a cash flow statement under the small companies' exemption rule

2. OPERATING PROFIT

The Operating Profit figure is stated after charging

	<u>6 MONTH ENDED 31/12/2013</u>	<u>YEAR ENDED 30/06/2013</u>
	£	£
Auditor remuneration – audit fee	1,692	1,656

3. ANALYSIS OF OTHER INCOME

	<u>6 MONTH ENDED 31/12/2013</u>	<u>YEAR ENDED 30/06/2013</u>
	£	£
Grants and Donations	54,789	72,727
	<u>54,789</u>	<u>72,727</u>

4 TAXATION

The Company's income is in the form of grants and donations as set out in Note 3 which is not subject to tax

5 DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES

There were no employees during the current year

The directors did not receive any remuneration during the six month period ended 31 December 2013 (prior year ended 30 June 2013 Nil) for their services as directors of this company

6 DEBTORS

	<u>6 MONTH ENDED 31/12/2013</u>	<u>YEAR ENDED 30/06/2013</u>
	£	£
Grants receivable	5,285	-
	<u>5,285</u>	<u>-</u>

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Community Interest Company Report

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Company Name in full

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Company Number

08119885

Year Ending

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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 fair and accurate description of how they have benefited the community, or section of the community, which the company is intended to serve.

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 director's 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)

(N.B. Please enclose a cheque for £15 payable to Companies House)

PART 5 – SIGNATORY

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

Signed



Date

26/06/2014

Office held (tick 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	
Africa Check	
15 th Floor, 200 Aldersgate, London	
EC1A 4HD	Telephone 0207 776 2776
DX Number	DX Exchange

When you have completed and signed the form, please send it to the Registrar of Companies at:

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

For companies registered in Scotland: Companies House, 4th Floor, Edinburgh Quay 2, 139
Fountainbridge, Edinburgh, EH3 9FF DX 235 Edinburgh or LP – 4 Edinburgh 2

For companies registered in Northern Ireland: Companies House, 2nd Floor, The Linenhall, 32-38
Linenhall Street, Belfast, BT2 8BG

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

The company was formed to promote accuracy in public debate and the media in Africa. It does this by investigating the evidence about some of the key claims in public debate and the media in South Africa, Nigeria and other countries of the continent and publishing its findings about their accuracy.

The reports that Africa Check publishes are made freely available to the media and the wider public via its website and are pushed out to media houses for free republication.

In addition, the company makes available on its 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 provides information, advice and tips for the media and civil society in Africa on how to check the accuracy of claims that are made.

And it has co-sponsored a prize to be awarded in 2014 honouring the best examples of fact-checking journalism in Africa.

Since it was launched, Africa Check reports have been read by hundreds of thousands of visitors to its site, and by millions more on the platforms of other media houses which have re-used its reports.

As a result of its reports, a whole series of misleading claims on important topics of public debate – from the level of HIV infection among the school age population in South Africa to the powers of the National Assembly in Nigeria to summon a minister to account for their actions, have been successfully debunked by Africa Check.

PART 2 – CONSULTATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS

The company's primary stakeholders can be divided into three broad groups the grant-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 course of the six months from 1 July 2013 to 31 December 2013, the company had grant agreements running with the Open Society Foundation for South Africa (OSF-SA) and the African News Innovation Challenge (ANIC) and secured new grant agreements with the Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa (OSISA), the Foundation Open Society Institute (FOSI) and the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS)

Having done so the company then provided a series of reports to keep them well informed about how their grants were being spent and the impact of the company's work on public debate Over the six months, the company provided reports to all the above bodies, save for KAS with which the grant was only signed in December

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

Throughout the six months, 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

As a sign of how the company responds to feedback from the public, approximately half the company's reports that investigated the veracity of claims made by leading public figures over the last six months of 2013 were generated in response to suggestions sent in by members of the public