**NEWS CORP LTD** Form 6-K February 11, 2004

FORM 6-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of February (February 11, 2004)

#### THE NEWS CORPORATION LIMITED

(Name of Registrant)

2 Holt Street, Sydney, New South Wales, 2010, Australia

(Address of principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F:

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Yes

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This Report is incorporated by reference in the prospectus contained in Registration Statement Nos. 33-43799, 33-71446, 33-86358, 33-89584, 333-4962, 333-6324, 333-6896, 333-7466, 333-10338, 333-10624, 333-12878, 333-8246, 333-13556, 333-106837, 333-112405, 333-112428 and 333-51434 filed by the Registrant under the Securities Act of 1933.

Annexed hereto are excerpts from the announcements by The News Corporation Limited ("News Corporation") of its financial results for the quarter ended December 31, 2003 in Australian and U.S. dollars.

Such announcements were filed with the Australian Stock Exchange and released in

New York on February 11, 2004.

#### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

THE NEWS CORPORATION LIMITED

Date: February 11, 2004 By: /s/ Arthur M. Siskind

Arthur M. Siskind Director

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- A. Excerpt from the announcement made by News Corporation of its financial results in Australian dollars for the quarter ended December 31, 2003.
- B. Excerpt from the announcement made by News Corporation of its financial results in U.S. dollars for the quarter ended December 31, 2003.

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# EXHIBIT A EARNINGS RELEASE FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 2003 IN AUSTRALIAN DOLLARS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE(a)	Note	3 Months Ended 31 December, 2003 2002			r,
				 \$ Mil	lions (exce
Sales revenue Operating expenses	1	\$	7,899 (6,830)		8,420 (7,107)
Operating income	1		1,069		1,313
Net profit (loss) from associated entities			43		(190)
Borrowing costs Interest income			(203) 49		(249) 42
Net borrowing costs			(154)		(207)
Exchangeable securities expense Other items before income tax, net			(27) (99)		(23) (47)
Profit from ordinary activities before income tax			832		846
<pre>Income tax expense on:    Ordinary activities before other items    Other items</pre>			(306) 35		(322) 22
Net income tax expense			(271)		(300)
Net profit from ordinary activities after tax			561		546
Net profit attributable to outside equity interests			(60)		(116)
Net Profit Attributable to Members of the Parent Entity		\$	501	\$	430
Net exchange gains recognised directly in equity Other items recognised directly in equity			(2,016)		(799) 152
Total change in equity other than those resulting from transactions with owners as owners		\$ ===	(1,515)	\$ ===	(217)

Diluted earnings per share on net profit attributable to members of the parent entity

Ordinary shares	\$ 0.083	\$ 0.072
Preferred limited voting ordinary shares	\$ 0.099	\$ 0.087
Ordinary and preferred limited voting ordinary shares	\$ 0.093	\$ 0.081

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION	31	December, 2003
ASSETS		A\$
Current Assets Cash Cash on deposit Receivables Inventories Other	\$	3,377 396 6,188 2,341 659
Total Current Assets		12,961
Non-Current Assets Cash on deposit Receivables Investments in associated entities Other investments Inventories Property, plant and equipment Publishing rights, titles and television licenses Goodwill Other		1,125 14,318 869 3,772 5,666 29,994 328 737
Total Non-Current Assets		56 <b>,</b> 809
Total Assets	\$	69 <b>,</b> 770
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY Current Liabilities Interest bearing liabilities Payables Tax liabilities Provisions	\$	414 8,104 762 252
Total Current Liabilities		9,532

<sup>(</sup>a) Following the issuance in June 2002 of the revised Australian Accounting Standard AASB 1018 "Statement of Financial Performance" this statement has been reformatted from previous presentations to be consistent with the format prescribed in the revised Australian Accounting Standard.

Non-Current Liabilities		
Interest bearing liabilities		11,702
Payables		3,093
Tax liabilities		711
Provisions		1,074
Total Non-Current Liabilities Excluding Exchangeable Preferred Securities		16 <b>,</b> 580
Exchangeable preferred securities		1 <b>,</b> 903
Total Liabilities		28,015
Shareholders' Equity		
Contributed equity		34,303
Reserves		528
Retained profits		1,768
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Shareholders' equity attributable to members of the parent entity Outside equity interests in controlled entities		36,599 5,156
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Total Shareholders' Equity		41,755
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	\$ ====	69 <b>,</b> 770
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS		6 Months E
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS	6 Months E 2003
Operating Activity	Α\$
Net profit attributable to members of the parent entity Adjustment for non-cash and non-operating activities:	\$ 1,145
Equity earnings, net	(140)
Outside equity interest	164
Depreciation and amortisation	437
Other items, net	19
Change in assets and liabilities:	
Receivables	(1,496)
Inventories	(570)
Payables	789
Other liabilities	 449
Cash provided by operating activity	797
Investing and other activity	
Property, plant and equipment Acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(184) (199)

Investments and acquisitions of interests in associated entities Other investments Repayment of loans by associate	(4,297) (66)
Proceeds from sale of non-current assets	 523
Cash used in investing activity	(4,223)
Financing activity	
Issuance of debt Repayment of debt and exchangeable securities Decrease in cash on deposit Issuance of shares Dividends paid Leasing and other finance costs	 485 (647) 212 759 (131) -
Cash provided by financing activity	 678
Net decrease in cash Opening cash balance Exchange movement on opening balance	 (2,748) 6,746 (621)
Closing cash balance	\$ 3 <b>,</b> 377

Note 1 - SEGMENT DATA	3 Months Ended 31 December,			
BY GEOGRAPHIC AREAS		2003		2002
Revenues	A\$ Millions			
United States Europe Australasia	\$	5,564 1,635 700	\$	6,605 1,151 664
	\$	7 <b>,</b> 899	\$ ====	8,420 
Operating Income				
United States Europe Australasia	\$	888 28 153	\$	1,052 149 112
	\$	1,069	\$	1,313

#### BY INDUSTRY SEGMENT

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Filmed Entertainment Television Cable Network Programming Direct Broadcast Satellite Television* Magazines and Inserts Newspapers Book Publishing Other	\$	1,940 2,215 836 600 321 1,212 479 296	\$ 2,403 2,598 901 - 387 1,208 587 336
	\$	7,899	\$ 8,420
Operating Income Filmed Entertainment	\$	351	\$ 460
Television		236	296
Cable Network Programming Direct Broadcast Satellite Television*		265 (149)	218
Magazines and Inserts		89	107
Newspapers		243	184
Book Publishing Other		80 (46)	86 (38)
	\$ ====	1,069	\$ 1,313

<sup>\*</sup> New segment reflecting the results of SKY Italia, consolidated as of 1 May, 2003.

#### EXHIBIT B

# EARNINGS RELEASE FOR THE QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003 PREPARED FOR THE U.S. MARKET. AUSTRALIAN READERS SHOULD REFER TO THE AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR EARNINGS RELEASE.

TATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE(a) Note		3 Months Ended December 31, 2003 2002				
			US \$ Millions (ex			
Sales revenue Operating expenses	1	\$ 5,588 4,828	\$ 4,681 3,952			
Operating income	1	760	729			
Net profit (loss) from associated entities		32	(106)			

Borrowing costs Interest income		(145) 35	(139) 24
Net borrowing costs		(110)	 (115)
Exchangeable securities expense Other items before income tax, net		(19) (65)	(12) (26)
Profit from ordinary activities before income tax		598	470
<pre>Income tax expense on:    Ordinary activities before other items    Other items</pre>		(217) 23	 (178) 12
Net income tax expense		(194)	 (166)
Net profit from ordinary activities after tax		404	304
Net profit attributable to outside equity interests		(43)	(65)
Net Profit Attributable to Members of the Parent Entity	\$	361	\$ 239
Net exchange gains recognized directly in equity Other items recognized directly in equity		585 _ 	 186 86
Total change in equity other than those resulting from transactions with owners as owners	\$ ====	946 ======	\$ 511 ======
Diluted earnings per ADR on net profit attributable to members of the parent entity			
Ordinary ADRs Preferred limited voting ordinary ADRs	\$ \$	0.24	\$ 0.16 0.19
Ordinary and preferred limited voting ordinary ADRs	\$	0.27	\$ 0.18

<sup>(</sup>a) Following the issuance in June 2002 of the revised Australian Accounting Standard AASB 1018 "Statement of Financial Performance" this statement has been reformatted from previous presentations to be consistent with the format prescribed in the revised Australian Accounting Standard.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION	December 31, 2003
ASSETS	 US
Current Assets Cash Cash on deposit Receivables Inventories Other	\$ 2,498 293 4,578 1,732 488
Total Current Assets	 9 <b>,</b> 589
Non-Current Assets Cash on deposit Receivables Investments in associated entities Other investments Inventories Property, plant and equipment Publishing rights, titles and television licenses Goodwill Other	- 832 10,592 643 2,791 4,192 22,189 243 545
Total Non-Current Assets	 42 <b>,</b> 027
Total Assets	\$ 51 <b>,</b> 616
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY Current Liabilities Interest bearing liabilities Payables Tax liabilities Provisions	\$ 306 5,997 564 186
Total Current Liabilities	 7,053
Non-Current Liabilities Interest bearing liabilities Payables Tax liabilities Provisions  Total Non-Current Liabilities Excluding Exchangeable Preferred Securities	 8,657 2,288 526 795
Exchangeable preferred securities	1,408
Total Liabilities	 20 <b>,</b> 727
Shareholders' Equity Contributed equity Reserves Retained profits	 21,608 2,530 2,937

Shareholders' equity attributable to members of the parent entity Outside equity interests in controlled entities	 27,075 3,814
Total Shareholders' Equity	30 <b>,</b> 889
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	\$  51,616
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS	 6 Months E 2003
Operating Activity	 US
Net profit attributable to members of the parent entity Adjustment for non-cash and non-operating activities:	\$ 783
Equity earnings, net	(96)
Outside equity interest	112

Net profit attributable to members of the parent entity	\$	783
Adjustment for non-cash and non-operating activities:	Ÿ	100
Equity earnings, net		(96)
Outside equity interest		112
Depreciation and amortization		299
Other items, net		13
Change in assets and liabilities:		
Receivables		(1,107)
Inventories Payables		(422) 711
Other liabilities		332
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Cash provided by operating activity		625
Investing and other activity		
Property, plant and equipment		(136)
Acquisitions, net of cash acquired		(147)
Investments and acquisitions of interests in associated entities		(3,179)
Other investments		(49)
Repayment of loans by associate		-
Proceeds from sale of non-current assets		387 
Cash used in investing activity		(3,124)
Financing activity		
Issuance of debt		359
Repayment of debt and exchangeable securities		(479)
Decrease in cash on deposit		157
Issuance of shares		529
Dividends paid		(97)
Leasing and other finance costs		_ 
Cash provided by financing activity		469
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Net decrease in cash Opening cash balance Exchange movement on opening balance	(2,030) 4,477 51
Closing cash balance	\$ 2,498

Note 1 - SEGMENT DATA		3 Months Ended December 31,			
BY GEOGRAPHIC AREAS		2003		2002	
Revenues		US \$ Millions			
United States Europe Australasia	\$	3,937 1,155 496	\$	3,670 641 370	
	\$	5,588	\$	4,681	
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Operating Income					
United States Europe Australasia	\$	635 18 107	\$	584 83 62	
	\$	760	\$	729	
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BY INDUSTRY SEGMENT					
Revenues					
Filmed Entertainment Television Cable Network Programming Direct Broadcast Satellite Television* Magazines and Inserts Newspapers Book Publishing Other	\$	1,377 1,555 597 421 229 858 341 210	\$	1,335 1,443 502 - 215 672 326 188	
	\$	5,588	\$	4,681	
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Filmed Entertainment	\$ 253	\$ 255
Television	168	165
Cable Network Programming	187	121
Direct Broadcast Satellite Television*	(106)	_
Magazines and Inserts	63	59
Newspapers	170	102
Book Publishing	57	48
Other	(32)	(21)
	\$ 760	\$ 729

<sup>\*</sup> New segment reflecting the results of SKY Italia, consolidated as of May 1, 2003.