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interim period, there were no disagreements with Arthur Andersen on any matters of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure or auditing scope or procedures. During the fiscal years ended June 30, 2000 and June 30, 2001 and during the subsequent interim period, there were no reportable events (as defined in Item 304 (a) (1) (v) of Regulation S-K).

The company provided Arthur Andersen with a copy of the disclosures it is making herein prior to the filing of this Current Report on Form 6-K with the Securities and Exchange Commission and requested that Arthur Andersen furnish the Company a letter addressed to the Securities and Exchange Commission stating whether Arthur Andersen agrees with the statements made by the Company herein and, if not, stating the respects in which it does not agree. Arthur Andersen's letter, dated April 22, 2002 is annexed as Exhibit A hereto and incorporated by reference.

Simultaneously with the dismissal of its former auditors, the Company engaged Ernst & Young to act as its independent auditors as successor to Arthur Andersen. During the two most recent fiscal years and subsequent interim period, the Company has not consulted with Ernst & Young regarding (i) either the application of accounting principles to a specified transaction, either completed or proposed, or the type of audit opinion that might be rendered on the Company's financial statements, or (ii) any matter that was either the subject of disagreement on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure or auditing scope or procedures or a reportable event (as defined in Item 304 (a) (1) (v) of Regulation S-K).

The Audit Committee of the Company's Board of Directors approved the dismissal of Arthur Andersen and this action was ratified by the Company's Board of Directors. The Audit Committee simultaneously recommended the appointment of Ernst & Young as the Company's independent auditors and this action was approved by the Company's Board of Directors. The replacement of the independent auditors by the Company's Board of Directors was made pursuant to relief granted by the Australian Securities and Investment Commission.

### 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: April 22, 2002

By: /s/ Arthur M. Siskind  
Arthur M. Siskind  
Director

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EXHIBIT A

[LETTERHEAD OF ARTHUR ANDERSEN]

Office of the Chief Accountant  
Securities and Exchange Commission  
450 Fifth Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20549

April 22, 2002

Dear Sir/Madam:

We have read paragraphs one and two included in the Form 6-K dated April 22, 2002 of The News Corporation Limited filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and are in agreement with the statements contained therein.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Arthur Andersen LLP  
ARTHUR ANDERSEN LLP

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Copy to:

Mr. David F. DeVoe, Senior Executive Vice President  
Chief Financial Officer  
The News Corporation Limited

Mr. Arthur M. Siskind, Senior Executive Vice President  
Group General Counsel  
The News Corporation Limited

Mr. John P. Nallen, Executive Vice President  
Deputy Chief Financial Officer  
The News Corporation Limited

EXHIBIT B

For Immediate Release

Contact: Andrew Butcher 212-852-7070

News Corporation Appoints Ernst & Young As Auditor

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Sydney, Australia, April 18, 2002 : News Corporation today announced that its Board of Directors, with the concurrence of its Audit Committee, has appointed Ernst & Young to replace Arthur Andersen as the Company's independent auditors for the year ended June 30, 2002.

The appointment of Ernst & Young was made after careful consideration by the Audit Committee, the Board of Directors and management of the Company, and concludes a thorough evaluation process. The decision to change auditors was not the result of any disagreement between the Company and Arthur Andersen on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure, or auditing scope or procedure. During its tenure as the Company's independent auditors, Arthur Andersen has provided many years of quality service and has demonstrated a high level of professionalism.

The replacement of the independent auditors by the Company's Board of Directors was made pursuant to relief granted by the Australian Securities and Investment Commission.

The News Corporation Limited (NYSE: NWS, NWS.A; ASX: NCP, NCPDP; LSE: NEWCP) is one of the world's largest media companies with total assets as of December 31, 2001 of approximately US\$47 billion and total annual revenues of approximately US\$14 billion. News Corporation's diversified global operations in the United States, Canada, continental Europe, the United Kingdom, Australia, Latin America and the Pacific Basin include the production and distribution of motion pictures and television programming; television, satellite and cable broadcasting; the publication of newspapers, magazines and books; the production and distribution of promotional and advertising products and services; the development of digital broadcasting; the development of conditional access and subscriber management systems; and the creation and distribution of popular on-line programming.

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