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To whom it may concern:

The CMC Virtual International Exchange Thurs 1 July 2021

Finances:

Support requested from DIT £11,165 + VAT

Proposal for services:

- 1. The CMC will organise the Virtual International Exchange on Thurs 1 July.
- 2.CMC will sign up approx. 50 international buyers to the Virtual International Exchange. We have put in place a high-profile industry figure leading on the International Exchange invitation to international guests, with admin support working directly with her so that leads can be followed up rapidly. We also have a member of the team dedicated to building relationships with Chinese companies at the highest level, who will ensure that our CMC China Connect resonates again for Chinese companies that they also attend the Exchange.
- 3. The intention is to capture 50 Service Deliveries by collecting contact information from UK International Exchange Delegates.
- 4. For 2021 we will organise a virtual market using our familiar Meeting Mojo profiling and scheduling tool, and an online video conferencing service which will allow our sellers to be in individual online "rooms" with requested buyers. International Exchange will run for 12 hours to accommodate buyers time zones so team costs will increase.
- 5. To provide opportunities within Meeting Mojo for the DIT teams including the Inward Investment team to meet international delegates and UK delegates to promote the various DIT-supported offers which enhance export potential. DIT Northern Powerhouse can also take part.

Background:

The Children's Media Conference not-for-profit company (CMC) is a Trade Challenge Partner. CMC works with DIT to support the children's industry to increase exports and to build export-readiness with those companies who are not yet in exporting.

CMC works for the Export Campaign with three activities:

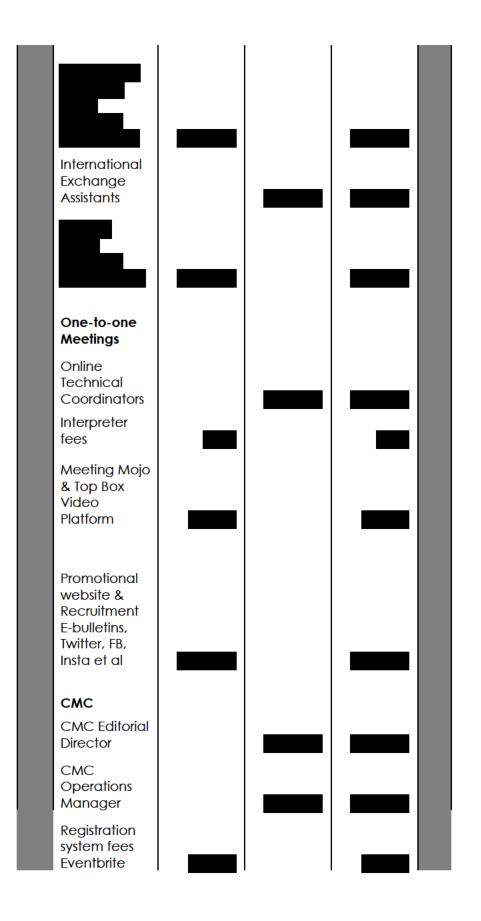
- 1. International Exchange in July (online in 2021)
- 2. Kidscreen Summit in February online in 2021
- 3. iABC market in Hangzhou China in April/May / CMC China Connect

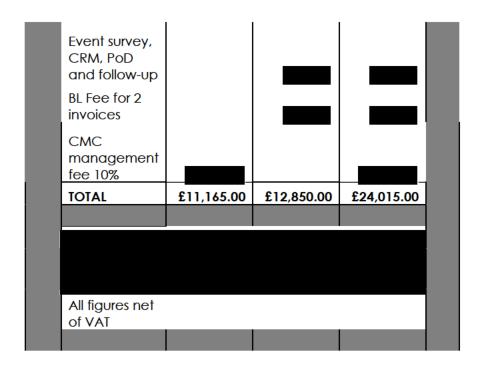
The above 3 activities are inter-related. The **CMC International Exchange** is the only children's content market in the UK. It is a low-cost entry point for new or aspirant exporters. It is also a convenient additional opportunity for experienced exporters to meet foreign buyers or commissioners or companies looking for services or co-production partnerships. This mix attracts a growing number of guests from overseas, hosted free of charge by CMC to facilitate the market activity. This activity can lead in both cases to further development of the export potential at **Kidscreen**, the higher cost of which makes essential early contact with buyers in the more familiar setting of the CMC market. Equally this relatively straightforward route to the UK animation sector attracts in particular **Chinese** delegates annually, thus cementing the relationships developed at iABC with the assistance of DIT China. During this period when travel to China has become impossible, **CMC China Connect** has provided a similar point of contact between UK producers and Chinese producers, platforms and consultants.

In addition, UK Companies use the CMC International Exchange as a springboard for other international animation and kids' markets, including the DIT-supported delegation to MIPJnr, and MIFA at Annecy, plus Cartoon Forum which requires broadcaster backing.

BUDGET CMC VIRTUAL INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE 2021

		Funded by DIT	Funded by CMC	Total budget	
	EXPENDITURE				
	Delegation Management				





Yours faithfully



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