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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

**31 DECEMBER 2007** 



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# ORANGE HOLDINGS (UK) LIMITED DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The sole director presents its annual report and the audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2007

#### Principal activities, business review and future developments

The principal activity of the Company is that of a holding Company The Company's main activities are the provision of inter-company finance to group undertakings. During the forthcoming year the Company will continue to operate as it is

#### Results for the year

The profit for the year was £2,320,000 (2006 loss £3,241,000) on turnover of £nil (2006 £nil)

Detailed results for the year are shown in the profit and loss account on page 4

#### Dividends and transfer to reserves

No interim dividend was paid during 2007 (2006 £Nil) The director does recommend the payment of a final dividend (2006 £nil)

The retained profit of £2,320,000 (2006 loss £3,241,000) has been transferred to reserves

#### **Directors**

The director who held office during the year, and up to the date of signature, is given below

#### Orange Limited

There is no director's interest requiring disclosure under the Companies Act 1985

#### Disclosure of information to the auditor

So far as each person who was a director at the date of approving this report is aware, there is no relevant audit information, being information needed by the auditor in connection with preparing its report, of which the auditor is unaware. Having made enquiries of fellow directors and the group's auditor and the Company's auditor, each director has taken all the steps that he/she is obliged to take as a director in order to make himself/herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information

#### Re-appointment of auditor

The auditor, Ernst & Young LLP, has indicated its willingness to continue in office

Charles Mowat

**Company Secretary** 

Date 2

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#### **STATEMENT OF DIRECTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

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

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 (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required by law to 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 those 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 proper accounting records that 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 1985. 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.

## ORANGE HOLDINGS (UK) LIMITED INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE SOLE MEMBER OF ORANGE HOLDINGS (UK) LTD

We have audited the company's financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007, which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes 1 to 17 These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein

This report is made solely to the Company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. 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 auditors' 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 auditor

The director's responsibilities for preparing of the financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) are set out in the Statement of Director's Responsibilities

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland)

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you whether in our opinion the information given in the director's report is consistent with the financial statements.

In addition we report to you if, in our opinion, the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding director's remuneration and other transactions is not disclosed

We read the director's report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it

#### Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgments made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion

- the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2007, and of its profit for the year then ended,
- · the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985, and
- the information given in the director's report is consistent with the financial statements

Ernst & Young LLP Registered auditor 1 More London Place London SE1 2AF Ernst & Young LLP 1 May 2008

## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

	Notes	2007 £'000	2006 £'000
Release of provision Operating profit		1,205 1,205	
Interest receivable and similar income Interest payable and similar charges	4 5	102 (3,501)	34 (2,004)
LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		(2,194)	(1,970)
Tax on loss on ordinary activities	7	4,514	(1,271)
PROFIT / (LOSS) FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	15	2,320	(3,241)

All activities relate to continuing operations

The Company has no recognised gains or losses other than the profit above and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented

There is no difference between the loss on ordinary activities before taxation and the profit for the financial year stated above and their historical cost equivalents

**BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2007** 

	Notes	2007	2006
FIXED ASSETS	Notes .	£'000	£,000
Tangible assets	8	-	-
Investments	9		
		-	-
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors Amount falling due within one year	10	842	1,348
Amount falling due after one year	10	1,941,603	1,899,639
Cash at bank and in hand		115	89
		1,942,560	1,901,076
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	11	(6,058)	<u>-</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		1,936,502	1,901,076
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		1,936,502	1,901,076
CREDITORS. Amounts falling due after more than one year	12	(36,178)	(1,867)
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES	13		(1,205)
NET ASSETS		1,900,324	1,898,004
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	14	30.657	30,657
Profit and loss account	15	1,869,667	1,867,347
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TOTAL EQUITY SHAREHOLDER'S FUNDS	16	1,900,324	1,898,004

These financial statements on pages 4 to 10 were approved by the director on 29 April 2008 and are signed on its behalf by

Neal Milsom

For and on behalf of Orange Limited, Director

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

## 1. Accounting policies

#### (a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards

In accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 18 "Accounting Policies", the director has reviewed the accounting policies set out below and are of the opinion that they are appropriate for the purpose of giving a true and fair view of the results of Orange Holdings (UK) Limited for the year ended 31 December 2007

#### (b) Consolidation

The Company is exempt from preparing group financial statements under Section 228 of the Companies Act 1985 as it is a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking of France Telecom S A, whose accounts are publicly available. Accordingly, these financial statements present information about the Company and not its group.

#### (c) Finance costs

Finance costs represent interest charges on inter-company borrowings, and external overdraft facilities and are charged to the profit and loss account as incurred

#### (d) Deferred taxation

Deferred tax is provided in full on timing differences that result in an obligation at the balance sheet date to pay more tax, or a right to pay less tax, at a future date, at rates expected to apply when they crystallise based on current tax rates and law. Timing differences arise from the inclusion of items of income and expenditure in taxation computations in periods different from those in which they are included in the financial statements. Deferred tax is not provided on timing differences arising from the revaluation of fixed assets where there is no commitment to sell the asset, or on unremitted earnings of subsidiaries and associates where there is no commitment to remit these earnings. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is regarded as more likely than not that they will be recovered. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

#### 2. Cash flow statement and related party disclosures

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of France Telecom S A whose results are publicly available Consequently the Company has taken advantage of the exemption from preparing a cash flow statement under the terms of FRS 1 (revised 1996), The Company is also exempt under the terms of FRS 8 from disclosing related party transactions with entities that are part of the France Telecom S A group, the ultimate parent company, or investees of the France Telecom S A group

#### 3. Auditor's remuneration

The auditor's remuneration of £28,275 (2006 £27,720) has been borne and paid for by Orange Personal Communications Services Limited, a fellow subsidiary undertaking of the France Telecom S A group

#### 4. Interest receivable and similar income

	£'000	£'000
Bank interest	32	-
Interest received from group undertakings	70	34
	102	34

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

5	Interest payable and similar charges		
		2007 £'000	2006 £'000
	Interest paid to parent undertaking	3,501	2,004
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6.	Employees and directors' remuneration The corporate director received no remuneration		
	The Company had no employees in 2007 (2006 nil) and as a result no eincurred (2006 £Nil)	employee related costs have	been
7	(a) Tax on loss on ordinary activities		
		2007 £'000	2006 £'000
	Corporation tax	2 000	1.000
	UK Corporation tax on loss of the year	(658)	(591)
	Adjustments in respect of previous years  Total current tax (note 7(b))	<u>(3,856)</u> (4,514)	(591)
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	Deferred tax Origination and reversal of timing differences	<u>-</u>	1,862
	Tax (credit) / charge on loss on ordinary activities	(4,514)	1,271
	(b) Factors affecting the current tax charge		
	The tax assessed for the year is equal to (2006 less than) the UK star (2006 30%) The differences are explained as follows	ndard rate of corporation tax	of 30%
		2007	2006
		<u>£,000</u>	£'000
	Loss on ordinary activities before tax	(2,194)	(1,970)
	Loss on ordinary activities multiplied by the UK standard rate of corporation tax of 30% (2006 30%)	of (658)	(591)
	Factors affecting the charge		
	Permanent differences	-	3,376
	Utilisation of tax losses brought forward Adjustments in respect of previous years	- (2.956)	(3,376)
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### (c) Factors that may affect future tax charges

Current tax credit for the year (note 7(a))

The UK corporation tax rate will decrease from 30% to 28% from 1 April 2008. This rate change will affect the amount of future cash tax payments to be made by the Company

(4,514)

(591)

#### (d) Deferred taxation

There is no unprovided deferred tax

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

8.	Tangible fixed assets	1	Short term Leasehold rovements £'000	Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment £'000	Total £m
	Cost 1 January 2007 and 31 December 2007	<u> </u>	4,403	2,000	6,403
	Depreciation 1 January 2007 and 31 December 2007		4,403	2,000	6,403
	Net book amount 1 January 2007 and 31 December 2007			<u>-</u>	<del></del>
9.	Investments				Shares in subsidiary undertakings £'000
	Cost 1 January 2007 & 31 December 2007			_	48,208
	Amounts provided 1 January 2007 & 31 December 2007			<u></u>	48,208
	Net book value 1 January 2007 & 31 December 2007			_	<u>-</u>
	Details of the principal subsidiary undertak as follows:	ungs at 31 Decen	nber 2007, all	of which are wh	nolly owned, are
	Name of Company	Country of incorporation and operation	Principal ad	ctivities	Percentage shareholding
	Orange Retail Limited	England	Operator of	f retail outlets	100%
	Orange Paging (UK) Limited Orange 3G Limited	England England	Not trading Not trading		100% 100%
10.	Debtors			2007 £'000	2006 £'0 <u>00</u>
	Amounts owed by group undertakings Other debtors Prepayments and accrued income Corporation tax			1,941,603 326 17 499 1,942,445	1,899,639 326 431 591

Amounts due from group undertakings include £1,941,603,000 (2006 £1,899,639,000) which is due to the Company after more than one year

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

## 11. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

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**Profit and Loss Account** 

At 1 January 2007 Profit for the financial year

At 31 December 2007

			-	2007 £'000	2006 £'000
	Amounts owed to group companies			6,058	
12.	Creditors amounts falling due after me	ore than one year			
			-	2007 £'000	2006 £'000
	Amounts owed to group companies			36,178	1,867
13.	Provision for liabilities and charges				
					Property Provisions £'000
	At 1 January 2007 Credited to profit & loss in the year				1,205 (1,205)
	At 31 December 2007				
		nt during the year,	ty that is sublet as the obligation	to third parties	The provision
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1,869,667

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

#### 16. Reconciliation of movements in equity shareholder's funds

	2007 £'000	2006 £'000
Profit / (Loss) for the financial year	2,320	(3,242)
Net increase / (decrease) in equity shareholder's funds	2,320	(3,242)
Opening equity shareholder's funds Closing of equity shareholder's funds	1,898,004 1,900,324	1,901,246 1,898,004

#### 17. Ultimate parent undertaking

The immediate parent undertaking at 31 December 2007 was Orange Limited Orange Limited is a company incorporated in the United Kingdom

The ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party at 31 December 2007 was France Telecom S A which is the parent undertaking of the smallest and largest group to consolidate these financial statements France Telecom S A is a company incorporated in France Copies of France Telecom S A consolidated financial statements can be obtained from the General Counsel at 6 Place d'Alleray, 75505 Paris Cedex 15, France