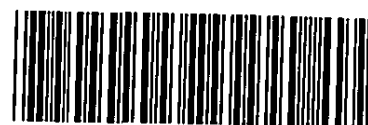


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# **ntl Bolton Cablevision Holding Company**

## **Financial Statements**

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# **ntl Bolton Cablevision Holding Company**

## **Company Information**

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### **The board of directors**

R C Gale  
R M Mackenzie

### **Company secretary**

G E James

### **Registered office**

160 Great Portland Street  
London  
W1W 5QA

### **Auditor**

Ernst & Young LLP  
1 More London Place  
London  
SE1 2AF

# **ntl Bolton Cablevision Holding Company**

## **The Directors' Report**

**Year ended 31 December 2009**

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The directors present their report and the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2009

### **Principal activities**

The principal activity of the company was, and will continue to be, that of a holding company. The material investments of the company are shown in note 6. The investment in the subsidiary company remains fully impaired due to that company having net liabilities.

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking of Virgin Media Inc. The Virgin Media group is a leading provider of entertainment and communications services in the UK, offering "quad-play" television, broadband internet, fixed line telephony and mobile telephony services.

As at 31 December 2009, the Virgin Media group provided services to approximately 4.8 million residential cable customers on its network. The group is also one of the UK's largest mobile virtual network operators by number of customers and at 31 December 2009 provided mobile telephone services to approximately 2.2 million prepay mobile customers and approximately 950,000 contract mobile customers over third party networks. As of 31 December 2009, approximately 60.5% of residential customers on the group's cable network were "triple play" customers, receiving broadband internet, television and fixed line telephone services from the group and approximately 10.7% were "quad play" customers, also receiving the group's mobile telephone services.

The Virgin Media group believes that its advanced, deep fibre access network enables it to offer faster and higher quality broadband services than its digital subscriber line, or DSL, competitors. As a result it provides its customers with a leading next generation broadband service and one of the most advanced TV on-demand services available in the UK market.

Through Virgin Media Business, the Virgin Media group provides a complete portfolio of voice, data and internet solutions to leading businesses, public sector organisations and service providers in the UK.

During the year the Virgin Media group also provided a broad range of television programming through Virgin Media Television (VMTv), which operated wholly owned television channels, such as Virgin1, Living and Bravo. The Virgin Media group sold its VMTv operations on 12 July 2010.

The Virgin Media group continues to provide television programming through UKTV, its joint ventures with BBC Worldwide.

### **Future developments**

During 2009 the Virgin Media group completed significant upgrades to its network, resulting in improvements in upstream and downstream data transmission speeds. Following these upgrades, in July 2009, the group became the first provider in the UK to offer download speeds of up to 50 Mbps, making the service available to over 12 million homes. The group is planning to roll out a 100 Mbps service and is trialling download speeds of up to 200 Mbps and upload speeds of 20 Mbps within limited geographical areas.

The Virgin Media group is expecting to grow the amount of available high definition (HD) content in 2010. In March 2010 the group launched an HD ready set top box, the V+ HD Box, which is available for no extra monthly fee. The V+ HD digital video recorder (DVR) subscriber base is expected to grow and the group continues to work with TiVo to develop a new converged TV and Broadband interactive platform.

During 2009 the Virgin Media group increased its network footprint by over 100,000 new homes and plans to reach a total of 500,000 additional homes by the end of 2012.

### **Results and dividends**

The profit for the financial year amounted to £205,000 (2008 - loss of £1,002,000). The directors have not recommended an ordinary dividend (2008 - £nil).

# **ntl Bolton Cablevision Holding Company**

## **The Directors' Report** *(continued)*

**Year ended 31 December 2009**

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### **Directors**

The directors who served the company during the year and thereafter were as follows

R M Mackenzie (appointed 30 April 2010)

R C Gale (appointed 30 April 2010)

Virgin Media Directors Limited (resigned 30 April 2010)

Virgin Media Secretaries Limited (resigned 30 April 2010)

Virgin Media Inc has indemnified the directors of the company against liability in respect of proceedings brought by third parties, subject to the conditions set out in the Companies Act 2006. Such qualifying third party indemnity provision is in force as at the date of approving the directors' report.

### **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 company's auditor, each director has taken all the steps that he is obliged to take as a director in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

### **Auditor**

Ernst & Young LLP are deemed to be re-appointed under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

### **Small company provisions**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Signed on behalf of the directors



R M Mackenzie

Director

Approved by the directors on 7 October 2010

# **ntl Bolton Cablevision Holding Company**

## **Statement of Directors' Responsibilities**

**Year ended 31 December 2009**

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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. 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). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they 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 judgments 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 adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and 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 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.

# **ntl Bolton Cablevision Holding Company**

## **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of ntl Bolton Cablevision Holding Company**

**Year ended 31 December 2009**

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We have audited the financial statements of ntl Bolton Cablevision Holding Company for the year ended 31 December 2009 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses, Balance Sheet and the related notes 1 to 13. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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 auditor**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities set out on page 4, 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 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 (APB's) Ethical Standards for Auditors.

### **Scope of the audit of the financial statements**

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed, the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by directors, and the overall presentation of the financial statements.

# **ntl Bolton Cablevision Holding Company**

## **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of ntl Bolton Cablevision Holding Company *(continued)***

**Year ended 31 December 2009**

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### **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 2009 and of its profit for the year then ended,

have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, 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 year 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



Michael Rudberg (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
For and on behalf of Ernst & Young LLP, Statutory Auditor  
London

8 October 2010



# ntl Bolton Cablevision Holding Company

## Profit and Loss Account

Year ended 31 December 2009

	Note	2009 £000	2008 £000
Administrative income/(expenses)		586	(621)
<b>Operating profit/(loss)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>586</b>	<b>(621)</b>
Attributable to Exceptional items	2	586	(621)
Interest payable and similar charges	4	(381)	(381)
<b>Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation</b>		<b>205</b>	<b>(1,002)</b>
Tax on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities	5	—	—
<b>Profit/(loss) for the financial year</b>		<b>205</b>	<b>(1,002)</b>

All of the activities of the company are classed as continuing

### Statement of total recognised gains and losses

There are no recognised gains or losses other than the profit of £205,000 attributable to the shareholders for the year ended 31 December 2009 (2008 - loss of £1,002,000)

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

**ntl Bolton Cablevision Holding Company****Balance Sheet****31 December 2009**

	Note	2009 £000	2008 £000
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Investments	6	—	—
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors due after one year	7	3,410	2,824
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>3,410</u>	<u>2,824</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>3,410</u>	<u>2,824</u>
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	8	<u>(7,537)</u>	<u>(7,156)</u>
		<u>(4,127)</u>	<u>(4,332)</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Called-up equity share capital	11	91,235	91,235
Share premium account	12	9	9
Profit and loss account	12	<u>(95,371)</u>	<u>(95,576)</u>
<b>Deficit</b>	12	<u>(4,127)</u>	<u>(4,332)</u>

These financial statements were approved by the directors on 7 October 2010 and are signed on their behalf by



R C Gale  
Director

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

# **ntl Bolton Cablevision Holding Company**

## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

**Year ended 31 December 2009**

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### **1. Accounting policies**

#### ***Accounting convention***

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

#### ***Fundamental accounting concept***

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis because the ultimate parent undertaking has given the necessary assurances that sufficient resources will be made available, so that the company can meet its liabilities as and when they fall due, for at least twelve months from the date of approval of these financial statements

#### ***Group accounts***

The company has taken advantage of the exemption from preparing group accounts afforded by Section 400 of the Companies Act 2006 because it is a wholly owned subsidiary of another company incorporated in the United Kingdom which prepares group accounts (see note 13) These financial statements therefore present information about the company as an individual undertaking and not about its group

#### ***Investments***

Investments held as fixed assets are at cost less any provision for impairment

#### ***Classification of shares as debt or equity***

The company has financial instruments in the form of preference shares As a condition of the shares there is a contractual obligation to accrue for dividends, regardless of performance As this condition is potentially unfavourable the preference shares have been classified in the Balance Sheet as financial liabilities, rather than equity, in accordance with FRS 25 'Financial Instruments Disclosure and Presentation'

Finance payments associated with financial liabilities are dealt with as part of interest payable and similar charges

#### ***Cash flow statement***

The company has taken advantage of the exemption under FRS 1 (revised) not to prepare a cash flow statement as it is a subsidiary which is at least 90% controlled by the ultimate parent undertaking (see note 13)

# ntl Bolton Cablevision Holding Company

## Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2009

### 1. Accounting policies (*continued*)

#### **Deferred taxation**

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events have occurred at that date that will result in an obligation to pay more, or a right to pay less or to receive more tax, with the following exceptions

- provision is made for deferred tax on gains arising from the revaluation (and similar fair value adjustments) of fixed assets, and gains on disposal of fixed assets that have been rolled over into replacement assets, only to the extent that, at the balance sheet date, there is a binding agreement to dispose of the assets concerned. However, no provision is made where, on the basis of all available evidence at the balance sheet date, it is more likely than not that the taxable gain will be rolled over into replacement assets and charged to tax only where the replacement assets are sold, and

- deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that the directors consider that it is more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted

Deferred tax is measured on an undiscounted basis at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which timing differences reverse, based on tax rates and laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date

#### **Trade and other debtors**

Trade and other debtors are stated at their recoverable amount. Provision is made when the amount receivable is not considered recoverable and the full amount is written off when the probability for recovery of a balance is assessed as being remote

### 2. Operating profit/(loss)

Operating profit/(loss) is stated after charging/(crediting)

	2009	2008
	£000	£000
(Release of)/increase in provision against amounts owed by group undertakings	(586)	621

The company had corporate directors throughout the year, which received no remuneration

Auditor's remuneration disclosed of £1,000 (2008 - £1,000) represents costs attributed to the company by the fellow group undertakings that pay all auditor's remuneration on behalf of the Virgin Media group. Following guidance from Statutory Instrument 2008/489(6)(2)-(3), the company is not required to disclose amounts in respect of non-audit services, as it is a subsidiary of Virgin Media Finance PLC and the group accounts of Virgin Media Finance PLC are required to disclose this information on a consolidated basis.

The group's inter-company funding arrangements are managed centrally. Recoverability of inter-company receivables is assessed annually. The provision for non recoverability may decrease or increase as a result of that review. For the year ended 31 December 2009, there was a release of the provision totalling £586,000 (2008 - increase of £621,000). The primary driver for the change in the provision was an increase in the estimated value of the underlying assets of the Virgin Media group as at 31 December 2009.

# ntl Bolton Cablevision Holding Company

## Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2009

### 3. Staff costs

The company does not have any directly employed staff and is not charged an allocation of staff costs by the Virgin Media group

### 4. Interest payable and similar charges

	2009 £000	2008 £000
Preference share dividend payable	<u>381</u>	<u>381</u>

### 5. Taxation on ordinary activities

#### (a) Analysis of charge in the year

The tax charge is made up as follows

	2009 £000	2008 £000
<b>Current tax charge:</b>		
Current tax on profit/(loss) for the year	-	-
<b>Deferred tax:</b>		
Origination and reversal of timing differences	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total tax charge/(credit) on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

#### (b) Factors affecting current tax charge

The tax assessed on the profit/(loss) on ordinary activities for the year is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 28% (2008 - 28.50%)

The difference between the effective statutory rate and the actual current tax charge is reconciled as follows

	2009 £000	2008 £000
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation	<u>205</u>	<u>(1,002)</u>
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities multiplied by the rate of tax	57	(286)
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	-	286
Income not taxable	<u>(57)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total current tax (note 5(a))	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

#### (c) Factors that may affect future tax charges

There are no factors which may affect the future tax charge

#### (d) Change in tax rate

In the 2010 Emergency budget the UK government announced its intention to set out legislation for Parliament to reduce the UK corporate income tax rate from 28%. As at the balance sheet date the change in the tax rate was not substantively enacted

# ntl Bolton Cablevision Holding Company

## Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2009

### 6. Investments

	Subsidiary undertakings
	£000
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 January 2009 and 31 December 2009	<u>86,056</u>
<b>Amounts written off</b>	
At 1 January 2009 and 31 December 2009	<u>86,056</u>
<b>Net book value</b>	
At 31 December 2009 and 31 December 2008	<u>-</u>

Details of the company's operating subsidiary, which is unlisted, are as follows

<i>Name of Company</i>	<i>Country of Incorporation</i>	<i>Holdings</i>	<i>Proportion held</i>	<i>Nature of Business</i>
ntl CableComms Bolton	UK	Ordinary	99% #	Telecoms
# Unlimited company				

The company has taken advantage of the exemption under Section 400 of the Companies Act 2006 not to disclose the aggregate amount of capital and reserves and the result for the year for each of the subsidiary undertakings on the basis that their results are included in the group accounts of Virgin Media Finance PLC (see note 13)

### 7. Debtors

	2009	2008
	£000	£000
Amounts owed by group undertakings	<u>3,410</u>	<u>2,824</u>

The debtors above include the following amounts falling due after more than one year

	2009	2008
	£000	£000
Amounts owed by group undertakings	<u>3,410</u>	<u>2,824</u>

Amounts owed by group undertakings are interest free and stated after deducting an impairment provision of £3,502,000 (2008 - £4,088,000) Amounts owed by group undertakings are repayable on demand but are not expected to be recovered in full within one year

# ntl Bolton Cablevision Holding Company

## Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2009

### 8. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2009	2008
	£000	£000
1,735,000 preference shares of £1 each	1,735	1,735
Preference share dividend payable	5,802	5,421
	<u>7,537</u>	<u>7,156</u>

Details of the preference shares are set out in note 11

### 9. Contingencies

The company, along with fellow group undertakings, is party to a senior secured credit facility with a syndicate of banks under which it has guaranteed the amount outstanding, which as at 31 December 2009 amounted to approximately £3,213 million (2008 - £4,289 million). Borrowings under the facility are secured against the assets of certain members of the group including those of the company.

On 19 January 2010 Virgin Media Secured Finance PLC, a fellow group undertaking, issued \$1.0 billion aggregate principal amount of 6.50% senior secured notes due 2018 and £875 million aggregate principal amount of 7.00% senior secured notes due 2018. Subject to certain exceptions the senior secured notes due 2018 share in the same guarantees and security which have been granted in favour of the senior credit facility. The net proceeds from the issuance of the senior secured notes were used to repay £1,453 million of the group's obligations under its senior credit facility.

On 19 April 2010, the Virgin Media group drew down an aggregate principle amount of £1,675 million under its new senior credit facility dated 16 March 2010 and applied the proceeds towards the repayment of all amounts outstanding under its old senior credit facility and for general corporate purposes. The new senior credit facility comprises a term loan A facility in an aggregate principle amount of £1,000 million, a term loan B facility in an aggregate principle amount of £675 million and a revolving credit facility in aggregate principle amount of £250 million. The group also utilised £20.4 million of the new revolving credit facility for bank guarantees and standby letters of credit. The new senior credit facility dated 16 March 2010 shares substantially the same guarantees and security as the senior credit facility which was in place at the balance sheet date.

The company has joint and several liabilities under a group VAT registration.

### 10. Related party transactions

The company has taken advantage of the exemption under FRS 8 not to disclose transactions with group undertakings as it is a subsidiary undertaking which is 100% controlled by the ultimate parent undertaking.

# ntl Bolton Cablevision Holding Company

## Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2009

### 11. Share capital

#### Authorised share capital:

	2009	2008
	£000	£000
91,235,455 Ordinary A shares of £1 each	91,235	91,235
1,735,000 preference shares of £1 each	1,735	1,735
	<u>92,970</u>	<u>92,970</u>

#### Allotted and called up:

	2009		2008	
	No	£000	No	£000
Ordinary A shares of £1 each	<u>91,235,455</u>	<u>91,235</u>	<u>91,235,455</u>	<u>91,235</u>

The preference shares are classified as a liability under FRS 25 and shown in note 8

#### *Shareholders' voting rights*

In the opinion of the directors, the primary rights attached to the various classes of shares are as follows

##### *£1 preference shares*

The right to attend and speak, but not vote at all general meetings of the company

##### *£1 'A' ordinary shares*

The right to attend, speak and vote at all general meetings of the company

#### *Distributable profits*

Distributable profits are allocated on the following basis

##### *Preference shareholders*

The company's Articles of Association provide for a fixed cumulative dividend at the rate of £381,000 per annum. This dividend will accrue on a daily basis from 11 October 1994 until 11 October 2014. After payment of the preference dividend, the preference shareholder is entitled to 15% of the remaining distributable profits on winding up.

##### *Ordinary Shareholders*

After payment of the preference dividend, all ordinary shareholders are entitled to 85% of the remaining distributable profits on winding up.

#### *Dividends*

The preference dividend of £381,000 due to the non-equity shareholder for each of the years ended 31 December 2008 and 2009 has been treated as an expense in the Profit and Loss Account in accordance with FRS 25 'Financial Instruments: Disclosure and Presentation'.



# ntl Bolton Cablevision Holding Company

## Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2009

### 12. Reconciliation of deficit and movement on reserves

	Share capital	Share premium account	Profit and loss account	Total
	£000	£000	£000	£000
At 1 January 2008	91,235	9	(94,574)	(3,330)
Loss for the year	—	—	(1,002)	(1,002)
At 31 December 2008 and 1 January 2009	91,235	9	(95,576)	(4,332)
Profit for the year	—	—	205	205
At 31 December 2009	91,235	9	(95,371)	(4,127)

### 13. Parent undertaking and controlling party

The company's immediate parent undertaking is ntl CableComms Holdings No 1 Limited

The smallest and largest groups of which the company is a member and for which group accounts have been drawn up are those headed by Virgin Media Finance PLC and Virgin Media Inc , respectively

The company's ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party at 31 December 2009, was Virgin Media Inc , a company incorporated in the state of Delaware, United States of America

Copies of all sets of group accounts which include the results of the company are available from the Secretary, Virgin Media, 160 Great Portland Street, London, W1W 5QA