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COMPANIES FORM No. 155(6)b

## Declaration by the directors of a holding company in relation to assistance for the acquisition of shares.

# 155(6)b

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completing this form\*Insert full name  
of company†Insert name(s) and  
address(es) of all  
the directors§Delete as  
appropriate‡Delete whichever  
is inappropriate

Pursuant to section 155(6) of the Companies Act 1985

To the Registrar of Companies

For official use

Company number

[ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

2591237

Name of company

\* NTL Group Limited (the "Company")

x/We† See Attachment 1 (by signing this or a duplicate form)

~~the sole director~~ [all the directors]§ of the above company (hereinafter called 'this company') do  
solemnly and sincerely declare that:

The business of the company is:

~~(a) that of a recognised bank licensed institution§ within the meaning of the Banking Act 1979;†~~~~(b) that of a person authorised under section 6 or 4 of the Insurance Companies Act 1982 to carry on  
insurance business in the United Kingdom;†~~

(c) something other than the above‡

This company is [the] [a] holding company of\* National Transcommunications Limited

("SubCo")

which is

proposing to give financial assistance in connection with the acquisition of shares

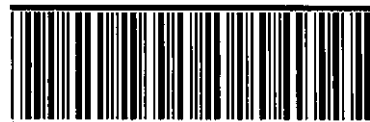
in [this company] [ ]

the holding company of this company‡

Presentor's name, address and  
reference (if any):Ashurst Morris Crisp  
Broadwalk House  
5 Appold Street  
London EC2A 2HA

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The assistance is for the purpose of [that acquisition] [reducing or discharging a liability incurred for the purpose of that acquisition].† (note 1)

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The number and class of the shares acquired or to be acquired is: See Attachment 2

The assistance is to be given to: (note 2) Addroute Limited ("Newco") (Company No. 3173552)  
whose registered office is at CableTel House, Guildford Business Park, Guildford, Surrey  
GU2 5AD

The assistance will take the form of:

Please see attachment 3

The person who [has acquired] [will acquire]† the shares is:  
Newco

†Delete as  
appropriate

The principal terms on which the assistance will be given are:

Please see attachment 4

The amount (if any) by which the net assets of the company which is giving the assistance will be reduced  
by giving it is zero

The amount of cash to be transferred to the person assisted is £ zero

The value of any asset to be transferred to the person assisted is £ up to £12,500,000

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The date on which the assistance is to be given is the date hereof or within eight weeks 19 \_\_\_\_\_

I/We have formed the opinion, as regards the company's initial situation immediately following the date on which the assistance is proposed to be given, that there will be no ground on which it could then be found to be unable to pay its debts. (note 3)

\*Delete either (a) or  
(b) as appropriate

(a) [I/We have formed the opinion that the company will be able to pay its debts as they fall due during the year immediately following that date]\* (note 3)

(b) ~~(It is intended to commence the winding up of the company within 12 months of that date, and I/We have formed the opinion that the company will be able to pay its debts in full within 12 months of the commencement of the winding up.)~~\* (note 3)

And I/we make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the provisions of the Statutory Declarations Act 1835.

Declared at Broadwalk House  
5 Appold Street  
London EC2A 2HA  
the 26 day of May  
One thousand nine hundred and ninety-six

before me Editha (E. D. GRAHAM)

A Commissioner for Oaths or Notary Public or Justice of the Peace or a Solicitor having the powers conferred on a Commissioner for Oaths.

Declarants to sign below

G. S. Heath  
John Jones  
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John Jones

## NOTES

- 1 For the meaning of "a person incurring a liability" and "reducing or discharging a liability" see section 152(3) of the Companies Act 1985.
- 2 Insert full name(s) and address(es) of the person(s) to whom assistance is to be given; if a recipient is a company the registered office address should be shown
- 3 Contingent and prospective liabilities of the company are to be taken into account - see section 156(3) of the Companies Act 1985.
- 4 The auditors report required by section 156(4) of the Companies Act 1985 must be annexed to this form.

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**Attachment 1 - Form 155(6)b**

Name	Address
✓ John Richard Forrest	The Old Town House, Balmer Lawn Road, Brockenhurst, Hampshire, SO42 7TS
✓ Andrew Sukawaty	21 Abercorn Place, St Johns Wood, London NW8 9DX
✓ Derek Stanley Chambers	Tregarne, Crawley Ridge, Camberley, Surrey GU15 2AJ
✓ John Anthony Okas	Dipley Springs, Dipley Common, Hartley Wintney, Hants, RG27 8JS
✓ Arthur Stephen Walsh	Aiglemont, Trout Rise, Loudwater, Rickmansworth, Herts
✓ Ronald Alexander McKellar	Halstead, Stratfield Saye, Reading, Berks, RG27 2EJ
✓ John Francis Gregg	226 East 70th Street, Apt 6D, New York, NY 10021, USA

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**Attachment 2 - Form 155(6)b**

1. 2,198,000 Ordinary 'A' Shares of £0.01 each
2. 289,925 'B' Ordinary Shares of £0.01 each
3. 12 Redeemable Special Shares of £0.01 value
4. 2,487,925 'C' Ordinary Shares of £0.01 each
5. up to a further 267,303 'C' Ordinary Shares of £0.01 each subject to the exercise of options
6. 1 'C' Ordinary Share of £0.01 to be issued to Newco by the Company
7. 439,600,000 'A' Ordinary Shares of 0.1 US Cents
8. 57,985,000 'B' Ordinary Shares of 0.1 US Cents
9. 497,585,000 'C' Ordinary Shares of 0.1 US Cents
10. up to a further 53,460,600 'C' Ordinary Shares of 0.1 US Cents each subject to the exercise of options

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**Attachment 3 - Form 155(6)b**

1. The execution and delivery by SubCo of:-

- (a) accession agreements (the "**Guarantor Accession Agreements**") pursuant to which SubCo will accede as an additional guarantor to a facilities agreement (the "**Facility A Agreement**") dated 28th March 1996 entered into between Addroute Limited ("**Newco**") as borrower, Chase Investment Bank Limited as "**Arranger**", The Chase Manhattan Bank N.A. as agent (the "**Facility A Agent**"), "**Security Trustee**" and "**Issuer**" (as such terms are defined therein) and the banks named therein (together with any other bank or financial institution from time to time participating in the facilities made available pursuant to the Facility A Agreement as a bank together the "**Facility A Banks**") pursuant to which the Facility A Banks will make available to Newco a short term loan facility in the maximum aggregate principal amount of £50,000,000 and a long term loan facility in the maximum aggregate principal amount of £90,000,000 and, to Newco and/or each of its subsidiaries which accedes to the Facility A Agreement, a Revolving Credit Facility (including a standby letter of credit facility) in the maximum aggregate principal amount of £25,000,000 and a facility agreement (the "**Facility B Agreement**") dated 28th March 1996 entered into between Newco as borrower, Chase Investment Bank Limited as arranger, The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A. as agent (the "**Facility B Agent**"), the Security Trustee and The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A. as the bank (the "**Facility B Bank**") pursuant to which the Facility B Bank will make available to Newco a term loan facility in the maximum aggregate principal amount of £60,000,000 (the Facility A Agreement and the Facility B Agreement together being referred to as the "**Facilities Agreements**");
- (b) an accession agreement (the "**Debenture Accession Agreement**") to be entered into between Newco, SubCo and the Security Trustee pursuant to which SubCo will accede to a debenture dated 28th March 1996 entered into between Newco as the Initial Chargor and the Security Trustee, securing the Secured Obligations (as defined in Attachment 4);
- (c) an accession document (a "**Deed of Accession to the Intercreditor Agreement**") to be executed by SubCo pursuant to which SubCo will accede to an intercreditor agreement dated 28th March, 1996 made between The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A. as agent for the Facility A Banks and the Facility B Bank, the Security Trustee, the Facility A Banks, the Facility B Bank and Newco as borrower regulating the priority arrangements between, inter alios, Newco's and Subco's creditors;
- (d) an accession document (the "**Deed of Accession to the Security Trust Agreement**") between SubCo and the Security Trustee pursuant to which SubCo will accede to a security trust agreement dated 28th March, 1996 entered into between The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A. as Security Trustee and as Agent for the financial institutions named therein, the Facility B Bank, the Facility A Banks and Newco;
- (e) standard securities (the "**Standard Securities**") to be entered into between Subco and the Security Trustee pursuant to which SubCo would charge those Major Properties (as defined in the Facilities Agreements) situated in Scotland (other than the Major Property known as Menziehill, Dundee);
- (f) a Guarantee (the "**Jersey Guarantee**") to be given by SubCo to the Security Trustee, registration of which creates a first fixed charge in respect of the Major Property situated in Jersey; and

- (g) an assignment agreement (the "**Vendor Assignment Agreement**") to be entered into between SubCo and Newco.

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**Attachment 4 - Form 155(6)b**

- (a) By executing the Guarantor Accession Agreements SubCo will guarantee due observance and performance of all obligations on the part of each relevant obligor (including in respect of all fees, costs, expenses and interest) contained in the Facilities Agreements and the finance, priority and security documents referred to therein (in each case defined as the "**Facility Documents**") and will agree to pay to the Facility A Agent and the Facility B Agent from time to time on demand any and every sum or sums of money (including in respect of all fees, costs, expenses and interest) which each relevant obligor is at any time liable to pay the Facility Beneficiaries (as defined in the Facility A Agreement) or any of them and the Facility Beneficiaries (as defined in the Facility B Agreement) or any of them under or pursuant to the Facility Documents or any of them and which has become due and payable but has not been paid at the time such demand is made and pursuant to which SubCo will agree to indemnify each of the Facility Beneficiaries (as defined in the Facility A Agreement) and each of the Facility Beneficiaries (as defined in the Facility B Agreement) from and against any loss incurred by them (including in respect of all fees, costs, expenses and interest) or any of them as a result of any of the obligations of any relevant obligor under or pursuant to the relevant Facility Documents being or becoming void, voidable, unenforceable or ineffective as against such other relevant obligor for any reason whatsoever.
- (b) By executing the Debenture Accession Agreement, SubCo will covenant with the Security Trustee as trustee for the Beneficiaries (as defined in the Debenture) that it shall discharge each and every liability (including in respect of all fees, costs, expenses and interest) which SubCo may at the date of the Debenture Accession Agreement or thereafter have to the Security Trustee (whether for its own account or as trustee for the Beneficiaries) or any of the other Beneficiaries (and whether solely or jointly with one or more persons and whether as principal or as surety) under or pursuant to the Finance Documents (as defined in the Debenture) including any liability in respect of any further advances made thereunder and pay to the Security Trustee when due and payable every sum (of principal, interest or otherwise) at the date of the Debenture Accession Agreement or thereafter owing, due or incurred by SubCo to the Security Trustee (whether for its own account or as trustee for the Beneficiaries) or any of the other Beneficiaries in respect of any such liabilities (the "**Secured Obligations**") provided that:
- (i) there shall be excluded from the foregoing covenant any liability or sum which would, but for this proviso, cause such covenant or the security which would otherwise be constituted by the Debenture for such liability or sum to constitute unlawful financial assistance prohibited by Section 151 of the Companies Act 1985 or equivalent legislation in Northern Ireland; and
- (ii) every payment by SubCo of any sum in respect of the liabilities covenanted in the Debenture to be discharged by SubCo to or for the account of the Beneficiary to whom the same is due and payable which is made in accordance with the terms of the Finance Document under which such sum is payable to such Beneficiary shall operate in satisfaction pro tanto of such covenant;

and will charge in favour of the Security Trustee as trustee for the Beneficiaries with full title guarantee, by way of fixed and floating charges, substantially all its assets and undertakings by way of security for the same.



- (c) By executing the Standard Securities, SubCo will create a first fixed charge over its Major Properties situated in Scotland (other than the Major Property known as Menziehill, Dundee) in security for the performance of the Secured Obligations.
- (d) By executing the Jersey Guarantee, and thereafter registering the same, SubCo will guarantee the due and proper performance of all the covenants, terms, provisions and stipulations in the Facility A Agreement on the part of the Borrowers (as defined therein) and will create a first fixed charge over its Major property situated in Jersey.
- (e) By executing the Vendor Assignment Agreement, SubCo will assign to Newco all its interest in an escrow account (as defined and described in an asset sale agreement dated 14 October 1995 entered into by, inter alios, SubCo) in consideration for the sum of £12,500,000 (which consideration shall be left outstanding as an inter-company debt and shall be subject to adjustment pursuant to the terms of the Vendor Assignment Agreement). As further consideration for the acquisition of the Company by Newco from the shareholders and optionholders of the Company (together the "**Vendor**"), Newco will then assign its interest in the Vendor Assignment Agreement to the Vendor.
- (f) By executing the Deed of Accession to the Intercreditor Agreement SubCo will agree, inter alia, the terms upon which the claims of the Facility A Agent and the Facility A Banks against the obligors under the Facility A Agreement and the Security Documents (as defined in the Intercreditor Agreement) will rank in priority to the claims of the Facility B Agent and the Facility B Bank against the obligors under the Facility B Agreement and the Security Documents.
- (g) By executing the Deed of Accession to the Security Trust Agreement SubCo will agree, inter alia, the order of ranking and priority of sums standing to the credit of the Proceeds Accounts (as defined in the Security Trust Agreement) and the rights, powers and discretions of the Security Trustee.

**Report to the Directors of NTL Group Limited (the "Company") pursuant to section 156(4) of the Companies Act 1985.**

We refer to the statutory declaration (Form 155(6)b) to which this report is annexed made by the Directors of the Company, and dated the same date as this report.


The statutory declaration is made in connection with the financial assistance which it is proposed will be given by National Transcommunications Limited, a subsidiary of the Company, for the purpose of the acquisition of:

1. 2,198,000 'A' Ordinary Shares of £0.01 each
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in the Company.

We have examined the contents of the statutory declaration and confirm that:

- a) we have enquired into the state of affairs of the Company so far as necessary to review the bases for the statutory declaration; and
- b) we are not aware of anything to indicate that the opinion expressed by the Directors in the statutory declaration as to any of the matters mentioned in Section 156(2) of the Companies Act 1985 is unreasonable in all the circumstances.



For and on behalf of  
Ernst & Young

8 May 1996