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## Report and Accounts

*NTL Digital Limited*

31 December 1999

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# NTL Digital Limited

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Registered No. 3538787

## **DIRECTORS**

B Knapp  
J Thorpe  
R M Mackenzie

## **SECRETARY**

R M Mackenzie

## **AUDITORS**

Ernst & Young  
Becket House  
1 Lambeth Palace Road  
London SE1 7EU

## **REGISTERED OFFICE**

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Bartley Way  
Hook  
Hampshire RG27 9UP

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their report and group accounts for the year ended 31 December 1999.

**RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS**

The group made a loss before taxation for the period of £13,227,005. The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend.

**PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS**

The group's principal activities during the period were the acquisition, promotion and development of digital media and sporting activities.

On 17 November 1999 the group sold Premium TV Limited to ntl Inc., the ultimate parent undertaking, for £6,230,000.

**DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS**

The directors during the year were as follows:

|               |                            |
|---------------|----------------------------|
| B Knapp       | (resigned 15 March 2001)   |
| R M Mackenzie |                            |
| L Wood        | (resigned 1 December 2000) |
| J Thorpe      | (resigned 1 November 2000) |

In addition, S Carter was appointed as chairman and director on 1 December 2000 and S Ross was appointed as a director on 15 March 2001.

None of the directors had any interests in the share capital of the company at any time during the year.

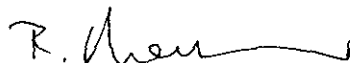
**THE INTRODUCTION OF THE EURO**

To the extent that the group will find it necessary to undertake transactions denominated in the euro, the directors are satisfied that the group's systems and procedures are adequate for the purpose.

**AUDITORS**

Ernst & Young have expressed their willingness to continue in office as auditors.

By order of the board



R M Mackenzie  
Secretary

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STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE  
ACCOUNTS

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the group and of the profit or loss of the group for that period. In preparing those accounts, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the group will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the group and to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**REPORT OF THE AUDITORS**  
to the members of NTL Digital Limited

We have audited the accounts on pages 5 to 15, which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and on the basis of the accounting policies set out on pages 8 to 9.

**Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors**

As described on page 3 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of accounts in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those accounts and to report our opinion to you. Our responsibilities, as independent auditors, are established in the United Kingdom by Statute, the Auditing Practices Board and by our profession's ethical guidance.

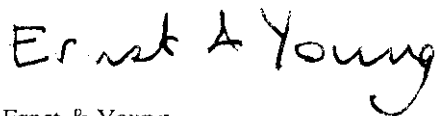
**Basis of opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the accounts. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the accounts, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the group'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 accounts 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 accounts.

**Opinion**

In our opinion the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the group as at 31 December 1999 and of the loss of the group for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.



Ernst & Young  
Registered Auditor  
London

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# NTL Digital Limited

## GROUP PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

for the nine month period ended 31 December 1999

|   | Year ended<br>31 December<br>1999 | 9 month<br>period ended<br>31 December<br>1998 |
|---|-----------------------------------|--|
| Notes   | £                                 | £  |
| Turnover – group and share of joint venue                       | 2,157,675                         | 31,637   |
| Less: share of joint venture's turnover                         | (886,675)                         | (31,637)                                       |
| <b>GROUP TURNOVER – discontinued operations</b>                 | <b>1,271,000</b>                  | <b>–</b>                                       |
| Cost of sales – discontinued operations                         | (3,920,000)                       | (150,000)                                      |
| <b>GROSS LOSS – discontinued operations</b>                     | <b>(2,649,000)</b>                | <b>(150,000)</b>                               |
| Administrative expenses – discontinued operations               | (2,689,272)                       | (512,000)                                      |
| <b>OPERATING LOSS – discontinued operations</b>                 | <b>2 (5,338,272)</b>              | <b>(662,000)</b>                               |
| Share of operating loss in joint ventures                       | (3,886,653)                       | (838,964)                                      |
| Share of operating loss in associates                           | (198,457)                         | (228,928)                                      |
| Amortisation of goodwill arising on acquisition of associate    | (397,959)                         | –  |
| <b>LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE INTEREST AND TAXATION</b> | <b>(9,821,341)</b>                | <b>(1,729,892)</b>                             |
| Discontinued operations:  |                                   |  |
| Loss on sale of operations                                      | (3,794,156)                       | –  |
| Income from investments   | 418,492                           | 7,418  |
| Bank interest receivable  | 68,000                            | 12,000   |
| <b>LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION</b>              | <b>(13,129,005)</b>               | <b>(1,710,474)</b>                             |
| Tax on loss on ordinary activities                              | 4 (98,000)                        | –  |
| <b>RETAINED LOSS FOR THE YEAR/PERIOD</b>                        | <b>13 (13,227,005)</b>            | <b>(1,710,474)</b>                             |

## GROUP STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

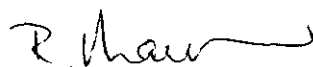
There are no gains or losses other than the loss of £13,227,005 (1998 – loss of £1,710,474).

# NTL Digital Limited

## GROUP BALANCE SHEET

at 31 December 1999

|  | Notes | 1999<br>£          | 1998<br>£         |
|--|-------|--------------------|-------------------|
| <b>FIXED ASSETS</b>                            |       |                    |                   |
| Intangible assets                              | 6     | 5,571,429          | -                 |
| Tangible assets                                | 7     | -                  | 8,000             |
| Investments:                                   | 8     |                    |                   |
| Investments in associate                       |       | -                  | -                 |
| Other investments                              |       | -                  | 10,104,000        |
|  |       | <u>5,571,429</u>   | <u>10,112,000</u> |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>                          |       |                    |                   |
| Debtors  | 9     | 333,910            | 1,705,418         |
| Cash at bank and in hand                       |       | -                  | 374,002           |
|  |       | <u>333,910</u>     | <u>2,079,420</u>  |
| CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year | 10    | (3,569,821)        | (329,000)         |
|  |       | <u>(3,235,911)</u> | <u>1,750,420</u>  |
| NET CURRENT (LIABILITIES)/ASSETS               |       |                    |                   |
|  |       | <u>2,335,518</u>   | <u>11,862,420</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES          |       |                    |                   |
| PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES         | 11    | (4,560,315)        | (860,212)         |
|  |       | <u>2,224,797</u>   | <u>11,002,208</u> |
| <b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>                    |       |                    |                   |
| Called up share capital                        | 12    | 13                 | 13                |
| Share premium account                          | 13    | 12,712,669         | 12,712,669        |
| Profit and loss account                        | 13    | (14,937,479)       | (1,710,474)       |
|  |       | <u>(2,224,797)</u> | <u>11,002,208</u> |



R M Mackenzie  
Director

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# NTL Digital Limited

## BALANCE SHEET

at 31 December 1999

|  | Notes | 1999<br>£          | 1998<br>£         |
|--|-------|--------------------|-------------------|
| <b>FIXED ASSETS</b>                            |       |                    |                   |
| Investments                                    | 8     | 6,561,237          | 11,061,682        |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>                          |       |                    |                   |
| Debtors  | 9     | 333,910            | 1,658,418         |
| CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year | 10    | (3,569,821)        | -                 |
| <b>NET CURRENT (LIABILITIES)/ASSETS</b>        |       | <b>(3,235,911)</b> | <b>1,658,418</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>   |       | <b>3,325,326</b>   | <b>12,720,100</b> |
| <b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>                    |       |                    |                   |
| Called up share capital                        | 13    | 13                 | 13                |
| Share premium account                          | 13    | 12,712,669         | 12,712,669        |
| Profit and loss account                        | 13    | (9,387,356)        | 7,418             |
|  |       | <b>3,325,326</b>   | <b>12,720,100</b> |



R M Mackenzie  
Director

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

at 31 December 1999

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

*Accounting convention*

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

*Basis of consolidation*

The group accounts consolidate the accounts of NTL Digital Limited and all of its subsidiary undertakings drawn up to 31 December. No profit and loss account is presented for NTL Digital Limited.

The group profit and loss account includes the results of subsidiary undertakings from the date of their acquisition. The purchase consideration has been allocated to assets and liabilities on the basis of fair values at the date of acquisition.

Undertakings, other than subsidiary undertaking, in which the group has an investment representing not less than 20% of the voting rights and over which it exerts significant influence are treated as associated undertakings. The group accounts include the appropriate share of these undertakings' results and reserves based on audited accounts.

*Goodwill*

Positive goodwill arising on acquisitions since 1 January 1998 is capitalised, classified as an asset on the balance sheet and amortised on a straight line basis over its useful economic life up to a presumed maximum of 20 years. It is reviewed for impairment at the end of the first full financial year following the acquisition and in other periods if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

If a subsidiary, associate or business is subsequently sold or closed, any goodwill arising on acquisition that was written off directly to reserves or that has not been amortised through the profit and loss account is taken into account in determining the profit or loss on sale or closure.

*Intangible assets*

No value is attributed to trademarks, concessions, patents and similar rights and assets.

*Investments*

Investments are recorded at cost, including any expenses incidental to acquisition, less any provisions necessary to reduce the balance sheet value to the recoverable amount, in the opinion of the directors, where a permanent diminution in value has occurred.

*Depreciation*

Depreciation is provided on a straight line basis, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value of each asset, evenly over its estimated useful life, as follows:

|                                |   |               |
|--------------------------------|---|---------------|
| Office furniture and equipment | – | 33% per annum |
|--------------------------------|---|---------------|

*Foreign currencies*

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. The resulting exchange differences are taken to the profit and loss account.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

*Deferred taxation*

Deferred taxation is provided using the liability method on all timing differences which are expected to reverse in the future without being replaced, calculated at the rate at which it is anticipated the timing differences will reverse. Deferred taxation assets are only recognised if recovery without replacement by equivalent debit balances is reasonably certain.]

*Leasing and hire purchase commitments*

Assets held under finance leases, which are leases where substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset have passed to the company, and hire purchase contracts are capitalised in the balance sheet and are depreciated over their useful lives. The capital elements of future obligations under the leases and hire purchase contracts are included as liabilities in the balance sheet.

The interest elements of the rental obligations are charged in the profit and loss account over the periods of the lease and hire purchase contracts and represent a constant proportion of the balance of capital repayments outstanding.

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to income on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

*Cash flow statement*

The group and company have taken advantage of the exemption under Financial Reporting Standard 1 (revised) as it is a subsidiary which is more than 90% owned by the ultimate parent undertaking.

*Turnover*

Turnover, which is stated net of value added tax, represents amounts invoiced to third parties. The discontinued operation comprises Premium TV Limited, the subsidiary specialising in media and sporting activities.

2. OPERATING LOSS

This is stated after charging:

|   | 9 month     |              |
|---|-------------|--------------|
|   | Year ended  | period ended |
|   | 31 December | 31 December  |
|   | 1999        | 1998         |
|   | £           | £            |
| Auditors' remuneration – audit services UK  | 7,077       | 4,000        |
| Amortisation of goodwill                    | 453,834     | –            |
| Depreciation of owned fixed assets          | 4,423       | 1,000        |
| Operating lease rental – land and buildings | 7,077       | 4,000        |

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3. STAFF COSTS

The average number of employees during the period was 2, both of whom were employed in management and administration. The aggregate payroll costs of these persons was as follows:

|                       | Year ended<br>31 December<br>1999<br>£ | 9 month<br>period ended<br>31 December<br>1998<br>£ |
|-----------------------|--|---|
| Wages and salaries    | 179,577                                | 119,000   |
| Social security costs | 43,346                                 | 12,000  |
|                       | <u>222,923</u>                         | <u>131,000</u>                                      |

4. TAX ON LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

|                 | Year ended<br>31 December<br>1999<br>£ | 9 month<br>period ended<br>31 December<br>1998<br>£ |
|-----------------|--|---|
| Corporation tax | 98,000                                 | -   |
|                 | <u>98,000</u>                          | <u>-</u>  |

5. PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE PARENT UNDERTAKING

The profit dealt with in the accounts of the parent undertaking was £325,957.

6. INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

|                             | Goodwill<br>£    |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Cost:                       |                  |
| At 1 January 1999           | -                |
| Investment in joint venture | 5,969,388        |
| At 31 December 1999         | <u>5,969,388</u> |
| Amortisation:               |                  |
| At 1 January 1999           | -                |
| Provided during the year    | 397,959          |
| At 31 December 1999         | <u>397,959</u>   |
| Net book value:             |                  |
| At 31 December 1999         | <u>5,571,429</u> |
| At 1 January 1999           | -                |

Goodwill arising on the acquisition of and further investment in SDN Limited is being amortised evenly over the directors' estimate of its useful life of 15 years.

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7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Group

Office  
furniture  
and equipment  
£

Cost:

At 1 January 1999

9,000

Additions

16,800

Disposals

(25,800)

At 31 December 1999

-

Depreciation:

At 1 January 1999

1,000

Charged in the year

4,423

Disposal

(5,423)

At 31 December 1999

-

Net book value:

At 31 December 1999

-

At 1 January 1999

8,000

8. INVESTMENTS

Group

1999

1998

£

£

Joint venture (a)

-

-

Associate (b)

-

-

Other fixed asset investments (c)

-

10,104,000

-

10,104,000

(a) Joint venture

£

At 1 January 1999

(563,967)

Share of loss retained by joint venture

(3,886,653)

At 31 December 1999

(4,450,620)

The group's share of the joint ventures' net liabilities is reflected in Note 11.

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8. INVESTMENTS (continued)

(b) Associate

|  | Share of net<br>tangible liabilities |
|--|--------------------------------------|
|  | £                                    |
| At 1 January 1999                        | (97,115)                             |
| Adjustment to prior year net liabilities | 185,878                              |
| Share of loss retained by associate      | (198,457)                            |
| At 31 December 1999                      | (109,694)                            |

The group's share of the associate's net liabilities is reflected in note 11.

(c) Other fixed asset investments

|                     | Listed<br>£ |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Cost:               |             |
| At 1 January 1999   | 10,104,000  |
| Disposals           | 10,104,000  |
| At 31 December 1999 | -           |

Company

|                     | Subsidiary<br>Undertakings<br>£ | Associated<br>undertakings<br>£ | Total<br>£   |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Cost:               |                                 |                                 |              |
| At 1 January 1999   | 11,061,681                      | 1                               | 11,061,682   |
| Additions           | 110,010                         | 6,243,545                       | 6,353,555    |
| Disposals           | (10,854,000)                    | -                               | (10,854,000) |
| At 31 December 1999 | 317,691                         | 6,243,546                       | 6,561,237    |

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8. INVESTMENTS (continued)

Details of the investments in which the group and the company (unless indicated) holds 20% or more of the nominal value of any class of share capital are as follows:

| <i>Subsidiary undertakings</i> | <i>Holding</i>  | <i>Proportion of voting rights and shares held</i> | <i>Nature of business</i> |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|--|---------------------------|
| ntl Digital Radio Limited      | Ordinary shares | 100%   | Holding company           |
| ntl Radio Services Limited     | Ordinary shares | 75%  | Non-trading               |
| <i>Joint venture</i>           |                 |  |                           |
| SDN Limited                    | Ordinary shares | 33.3%  | Media                     |
| <i>Associate</i>               |                 |  |                           |
| Digital One* †                 | Ordinary shares | 36.67%   | Media                     |

\*Held by a subsidiary undertaking

† 31 March year end

On 17 November 1999, the group sold Premium TV Limited. The disposal is analysed as follows:

|                         | £           |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| Net assets disposed of: |             |
| Fixed assets            | 20,219      |
| Investments             | 10,103,265  |
| Debtors                 | 461,997     |
| Bank and cash           | 1,512,037   |
| Creditors               | (2,073,362) |
| Loss on disposal        | 10,024,156  |
|                         | (3,794,156) |
| Satisfied by:           |             |
| Cash                    | 6,230,000   |

The profit attributable to the members of the parent undertaking includes losses of £5,178,272 incurred by Premium TV Limited.

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9. DEBTORS

|                                | <i>Group</i>   |                  | <i>Company</i> |                  |
|--------------------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
|                                | 1999           | 1998             | 1999           | 1998             |
|                                | £              | £                | £              | £                |
| Amounts owed by associates     | 333,910        | 1,658,418        | 333,910        | 1,658,418        |
| Other debtors                  | -              | 25,000           | -              | -                |
| Prepayments and accrued income | -              | 22,000           | -              | -                |
|                                | <u>333,910</u> | <u>1,705,418</u> | <u>333,910</u> | <u>1,658,418</u> |

10. CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year

|                                    | <i>Group</i>     |                | <i>Company</i>   |          |
|------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|----------|
|                                    | 1999             | 1998           | 1999             | 1998     |
|                                    | £                | £              | £                | £        |
| Trade creditors                    | -                | 318,000        | -                | -        |
| Amounts owed to parent undertaking | 3,471,821        | -              | 3,471,821        | -        |
| Corporation tax                    | 98,000           | -              | 98,000           | -        |
| Other taxes and social security    | -                | 10,000         | -                | -        |
| Accruals                           | -                | 1,000          | -                | -        |
|                                    | <u>3,569,821</u> | <u>329,000</u> | <u>3,569,821</u> | <u>-</u> |

11. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES

*Group*

|  | 1999               | 1998             |
|--|--------------------|------------------|
|  | £                  | £                |
| Share of associate's net liabilities     | (109,695)          | (97,115)         |
| Share of joint venture's net liabilities | (4,450,620)        | (763,097)        |
|  | <u>(4,560,315)</u> | <u>(860,212)</u> |

12. SHARE CAPITAL

|                                     | 1999         | 1998         |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                     | £            | £            |
| Authorised:                         |              |              |
| 1,000 ordinary shares of £1 each    | 1,000        | 1,000        |
|                                     | <u>1,000</u> | <u>1,000</u> |
| Allotted, called up and fully paid: |              |              |
| 13 ordinary shares of £1 each       | 13           | 13           |
|                                     | <u>13</u>    | <u>13</u>    |

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at 31 December 1999

13. RECONCILIATION OF SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

*Group*

|                     | Share<br>capital<br>£ | Share<br>premium<br>account<br>£ | Profit and<br>loss account<br>£ | Total<br>£   |
|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| On incorporation    | 13                    | 12,712,669                       | –                               | 12,712,682   |
| Loss for the period | –                     | –                                | (1,710,474)                     | (1,710,474)  |
| At 1 January 1999   | 13                    | 12,712,669                       | (1,710,474)                     | 11,002,208   |
| Loss for the year   | –                     | –                                | (13,227,005)                    | (13,227,005) |
| At 31 December 1999 | 13                    | 12,712,669                       | (14,937,479)                    | (2,224,797)  |

*Company*

|                       | Share<br>capital<br>£ | Share<br>premium<br>account<br>£ | Profit and<br>loss account<br>£ | Total<br>£  |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|
| On incorporation      | 13                    | 12,712,669                       | –                               | 12,712,682  |
| Profit for the period | –                     | –                                | 7,418                           | 7,418       |
| At 1 January 1999     | 13                    | 12,712,669                       | 7,418                           | 12,720,100  |
| Loss for the year     | –                     | –                                | (9,394,774)                     | (9,394,774) |
| At 31 December 1999   | 13                    | 12,712,669                       | (9,387,356)                     | 3,325,326   |

14. RELATED PARTIES

The company has taken advantage of the non-disclosure exemption, set out in Financial Reporting Standard 8, which is available to companies which are more than 90% controlled by an ultimate parent undertaking.

15. ULTIMATE PARENT UNDERTAKING

The ultimate parent undertaking for which group accounts are drawn up and of which the company is a member is NTL Incorporated, a company incorporated in the State of Delaware, United States of America. Copies of the consolidated accounts are available from The Secretary, NTL Incorporated, 110 East 59<sup>th</sup> Street, 26<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10022, USA.