Registered number: 4278695

# **BT** Group Investments Limited

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2011

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#### **Directors and advisors**

#### **Directors**

MP Genikis LC Winnister VA Haynes

# **Company Secretary**

HG Brierley

# **Registered Office**

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# **Independent Auditors**

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors Erskine House 68-73 Queen Street Edinburgh EH2 4NH

# Directors' report for the year ended 31 March 2011

The directors submit their annual report and the audited financial statements of BT Group Investments Limited ("the Company") for the year ended 31 March 2011 The registered number of the Company is 4278695

The directors' report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies

## Review of activities and future developments

The Company's principal activity is to act as an investment holding company within the BT Group plc group of companies The directors do not anticipate any changes in the Company's principal activity in the foreseeable future

#### Principal risks and uncertainties

The directors of BT Group plc (the immediate and ultimate controlling entity of the Company) manage the group's risks at a group level, rather than at an individual business unit level. For this reason, the Company's directors believe that a discussion of the group's risks would not be appropriate for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the Company's business. The principal risks and uncertainties of BT Group plc, which include those of the Company, are discussed in the group's annual report which does not form part of this report.

## **Key performance indicators ("KPIs")**

The directors of BT Group plc manage the group's operations on a divisional basis. For this reason, the Company's directors believe that analysis using key performance indicators for the Company is not necessary or appropriate for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the business of the Company

#### Results and dividends

The loss before taxation was £219,474,000 (2010 £298,174,000), and the credit for taxation was £61,453,000 (2010 £83,489,000), leaving a loss after taxation of £158,021,000 (2010 £214,685,000)

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend in respect of the year ended 31 March 2011 (2010 £nil)

#### **Directors**

A list of the current directors is set out on page 1 V A Haynes was appointed to the Board on 31 August 2010 A G Scott also served as a director until he resigned on 31 August 2010 The remaining directors held office throughout the year and up to the date of signing of this report

# Directors' report for the year ended 31 March 2011 (continued)

## Statement of directors' responsibilities

A statement by the directors of their responsibilities for preparing the financial statements is included on page 4

#### Auditors and disclosure of information to the auditors

So far as each of the directors is aware, there is no relevant information that has not been disclosed to the Company's auditors and each of the directors believes that all steps have been taken that ought to have been taken to make them aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors have been made aware of that information

The auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, have indicated their willingness to continue in office

By order of the Board,

HG Brierley

Company Secretary

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# Statement of directors' responsibilities for preparing the financial statements

The directors are responsible for preparing the annual 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 prepared 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 judgements and accounting 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, and
- 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.

# Independent auditors' report to the members of BT Group Investments Limited

We have audited the financial statements of BT Group Investments Limited for the year ended 31 March 2011 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet, the Accounting Policies and the related notes. 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)

## Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement 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 and express an opinion on 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 Ethical Standards for Auditors.

This report, including the opinions, has been prepared for and only for the company's members as a body in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving these opinions, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing

#### 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 the directors, and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the BT Group Investments. Limited director's report for the year ended 31 March 2011 to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report

#### **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 March 2011 and of its loss for the year then ended,
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, and

# Independent auditors' report to the members of BT Group Investments Limited (continued)

• have been prepared in accordance with the requirement of the Companies Act 2006

## Opinion on other matter 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

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## **Martin Cowie (Senior Statutory Auditor)**

For and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors Edinburgh

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# Profit and loss account for the year ended 31 March 2011

	Notes	2011 £'000	2010 £'000
Operating income/ (expenses)		13,791	(16,221)
Operating profit/ (loss)	1	13,791	(16,221)
Net interest payable	2	(233,265)	(281,953)
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation		(219,474)	(298,174)
Tax credit on loss on ordinary activities	5	61,453	83,489
Retained loss for the financial year	11	(158,021)	(214,685)

The loss on ordinary activities before taxation derives entirely from continuing activities

Other than the loss for the financial year, there have been no other recognised gains or losses during either 2011 or 2010

There were no material differences between the results as disclosed in the profit and loss account and the results on an unmodified historic cost basis

# Balance sheet as at 31 March 2011

	Notes	2011 £000	2010 £000
Fixed assets			
Investments	6	18,553,807	18,553,807
Current assets			
Debtors	7	93,082	136,631
		93,082	136,631
Creditors: amounts falling due			
within one year	8	(12,944,027)	(12,829,555)
Net current liabilities		(12,850,945)	(12,692,924)
Total assets less current habilities		5,702,862	5,860,883
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	9	(5,660,663)	(5,660,663)
Net assets		42,199	200,220
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	10	50	50
Share premium account	11	3,427	3,427
Profit and loss account	11	38,722	196,743
Total shareholders' funds	12	42,199	200,220

The financial statements on pages 7 to 17 were approved by the board of directors on 5 JULY 2011 and were signed on its behalf by

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# **Accounting policies**

#### **Basis of accounting**

These financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis, under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom The principal accounting policies, which have been consistently applied, are set out below

The financial statements present information about the Company as an individual undertaking, and not about its group. The Company is exempt by virtue of s400 of the Companies Act 2006 from the requirement to prepare and deliver group accounts as the accounts of the Company are consolidated in the financial statements of BT Group plc, the ultimate parent entity

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of income and expenditure during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Estimates are used principally when accounting for provisions for doubtful debts, investment impairment, provisions for liabilities and charges and taxes.

#### Share capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares are shown in equity as a deduction, net of tax, from the proceeds

#### **Investments**

Investments are carried at cost less provision for impairment. Investments are tested for impairment when an event that might affect asset values has occurred. An impairment loss is recognised to the extent that the carrying amount cannot be recovered either by selling the asset or by the discounted future cash flows from the investment.

#### **Taxation**

The charge for taxation is based on the profit for the year and takes into account deferred tax

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 that result in an obligation to pay more tax in the future or a right to pay less tax in the future have occurred at the balance sheet date

# **Accounting policies (continued)**

#### **Taxation (continued)**

A net deferred tax asset is recognised as recoverable and therefore recognised only when, on the basis of all available evidence, it can be regarded as more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits against which to recover carried forward tax losses and from which the future reversal of underlying timing differences can be deducted

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

#### Cash flow statement

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of BT Group plc. The cash flows of the Company are included in the consolidated cash flow statement of BT Group plc, whose annual report is publicly available. Consequently the Company is exempt under the terms of Financial Reporting Standard Number 1 (Revised 1996) from publishing a cash flow statement.

#### Financial instruments

Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market other than

- those that the Company intends to sell immediately or in the short term, which are classified as held for trading,
- those for which the Company may not recover substantially all of its initial investment, other than because of credit deterioration, which are classified as available-for-sale

Loans and receivables are initially recognised at fair value plus transaction costs and subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method, with changes in carrying value recognised in the profit and loss account in the line which most appropriately reflects the nature of the item or transaction

#### Foreign currencies

Trading transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the exchange rate ruling when the transaction was entered into. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the exchange rate ruling at the balance sheet date. Exchange gains or losses are dealt with through the profit and loss account.

# Notes to the financial statements

# 1 Operating profit / (loss)

Operating profit / (loss) is stated after (charging) / cre	editing	
	2011 £000	2010 £000
Auditors' remuneration for audit services Foreign exchange gain/ (loss)	(6) 13,797	(6) (16,205)
2 Net interest payable	2011 £000	2010 £000
Intragroup interest receivable Intragroup interest payable	819 (234,084)	801 (282 754)
Net interest payable	(233,265)	(281,953)

## 3 Directors' emoluments

The directors are employed and remunerated by British Telecommunications plc or other group companies in respect of their services to the BT group as a whole. No emoluments were paid to the directors in respect of their services to the Company in the year ended 31 March 2011 (2010 £nil)

# 4 Employee information

The average number of persons employed by the Company during the year was nil (2010 nil)

# 5 Tax on loss on ordinary activities

	2011 £000	2010 £000
Current tax: UK corporation tax at 28% (2010 28%)	(61,453)	(83,489)
Tax credit on loss on ordinary activities	(61,453)	(83,489)

# Notes to the financial statements (continued)

# 5 Tax on loss on ordinary activities (continued)

The tax assessed for the year is equal to (2010) equal to) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK. The differences are explained below

Loss on ordinary activities before taxation	219,474	298,174
Loss on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax at 28% (2010 28%)	(61,453)	(83,489)
Current tax credit	(61,453)	(83,489)

The Company surrendered all corporation tax losses to its subsidiary undertaking British Telecommunications plc

#### 6 Fixed asset investments

Subsidiary
Undertakings
Shares
£000

Cost and net book value

At 1 April 2010 and 31 March 2011

18,553,807

Brief details of the Company's subsidiary are as follows

Name	Activity	Percentage of allotted capital owned	Country of registration or incorporation (and operations)
British Telecommunications plc	Provider of telecommunications services	100%	England & Wales

In the opinion of the directors, the carrying value of the investment is supported its underlying assets

## Notes to the financial statements

#### 7 Debtors

7 Debtors	2011 £000	2010 £000
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Corporation tax receivable	61,453	83,489
Amounts owed by group undertakings	31,629	53,142
Total debtors falling due within one year	93,082	136,631

Included in amounts owed by group undertakings are

- An interest bearing (3 month SEK STIBOR plus 50 basis points applicable deposit margin) short term loan of £nil (2010 £6,930,000) from BT Nordics Limited The loan is repayable within 12 months
- An interest bearing (3 month EUR LIBOR plus 50 basis points applicable deposit margin) short term loan of £nil (2010 £3,676,000) from BT Nordics Limited The loan is repayable within 12 months
- An interest bearing (3 month GBP LIBOR plus 50 basis points applicable deposit margin) short term loan of £27,099,000 (2010 £26,068,000) from Collingwood Limited The loan is repayable within 12 months
- An interest bearing (3 month CHF LIBOR plus 50 basis points applicable deposit margin) short term loan of £nil (2010 £14,020,000) from BT Switzerland Limited The loan is repayable within 12 months
- An interest bearing (3 month EUR LIBOR plus 50 basis points applicable deposit margin) short term loan of £4,494,000 (2010 £nil) from BT European Investments The loan is repayable within 12 months

# Notes to the financial statements (continued)

## 8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2011 £000	2010 £000
Amounts owed to group undertakings Accruals	12 944,021 6	12,829,549 6
Total creditors falling due within one year	12,944,027	12,829,555

#### Included in amounts owed to group undertakings are

- Interest bearing (3 month GBP LIBOR plus 50 basis points applicable borrowing margin) loan from British Telecommunications plc of £1,732,978,000 (2010 £3,003,763,000) The loan is repayable within 12 months
- Interest bearing (3 month GBP LIBOR less 10 basis points applicable deposit margin) loan from Bruning Limited of £301,384,000 (2010 £135,739,000) The loan is repayable within 12 months
- An interest bearing (3 month GBP LIBOR less 10 basis points applicable deposit margin) loan from BT Investment Capital LP of £49,343,000 (2010 £24,249,000) The loan is repayable within 12 months
- Interest bearing (3 month GBP LIBOR plus 50 basis points applicable borrowing margin) loan from BT Investment Capital LP of £8,900,000,000 (2010 £8,900,000,000) The loan is repayable within 12 months
- Interest bearing (3 month AUD LIBOR plus 50 basis points applicable borrowing margin) loan from BT Australia Pty Limited of £nil (2010 £87,864,000) The loan is repayable within 12 months
- Interest bearing (3 month GBP LIBOR plus 50 basis points applicable borrowing margin) loan from Cegetel Holdings II B V of £nil (2010 £22,582,000) The loan is repayable within 12 months
- Interest bearing (3 month EUR LIBOR plus 50 basis points applicable borrowing margin) loan from Cegetel Holdings II B V of £nil (2009 £7,447,000) The loan is repayable within 12 months
- Interest bearing (3 month HKD LIBOR plus 50 basis points applicable borrowing margin) loan from BT Hong Kong Limited of £nil (2010 £18,920,000) The loan is repayable within 12 months
- Interest bearing (3 month USD LIBOR plus 50 basis points applicable borrowing margin) loan from Infonet Services (Hong Kong) Limited of £nil (2010 £3,877,000) The loan is repayable within 12 months
- Interest bearing (3 month EUR LIBOR plus 50 basis points applicable borrowing margin) loan from BT Limited (Italy) of £nil (2010 £3,670,000) The loan is repayable within 12 months

# Notes to the financial statements (continued)

## 8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (continued)

- Interest bearing (3 month JPY LIBOR plus 50 basis points applicable borrowing margin) loan from BT Japan Corporation of £nil (2010 £3,621,000) The loan is repayable within 12 months
- Interest bearing (3 month SEK LIBOR plus 50 basis points applicable borrowing margin) loan from BT Nordics Limited of £nil (2010 £3,384,000). The loan is repayable within 12 months
- Interest bearing (3 month EUR LIBOR plus 50 basis points applicable borrowing margin) loan from INS Group S A of £nil (2010 £1,234,000) The loan is repayable within 12 months
- Interest bearing (3 month EUR LIBOR plus 50 basis points applicable borrowing margin) loan from BT Professional Services Nederland B V of £nil (2010 £26,312,000) The loan is repayable within 12 months
- Interest bearing (3 month GBP LIBOR plus 50 basis points applicable borrowing margin) loan from BT (Netherlands) Shank C V of £nil (2010 £22,505,000) The loan is repayable within 12 months
- Interest bearing (3 month USD LIBOR plus 50 basis points applicable borrowing margin) loan from BT United States LLC of £21,023,000 (2010 £19,989,000) The loan is repayable within 12 months
- Interest bearing (3 month GBP LIBOR plus 50 basis points applicable borrowing margin) loan from Communicator Limited of £343,234,000 (2010 £nil) The loan is repayable within 12 months
- Interest bearing (3 month GBP LIBOR plus 50 basis points applicable borrowing margin) loan from Infonet Services Corporation of £18,342,000 (2010 £nil) The loan is repayable within 12 months
- Interest bearing (3 month GBP LIBOR plus 50 basis points applicable borrowing margin) loan from BT Global Networking B Limited of £152,380,000 (2010 £nil) The loan is repayable within 12 months
- Interest bearing (3 month GBP LIBOR plus 50 basis points applicable borrowing margin) loan from BT Manx Investments Limited of £33,361,000 (2010 £nil) The loan is repayable within 12 months
- Interest bearing (3 month GBP LIBOR plus 50 basis points applicable borrowing margin) loan from BT Luxembourg Investments Holdings of £25,000,000 (2010: £nil) The loan is repayable within 12 months
- Interest bearing (3 month GBP LIBOR plus 50 basis points applicable borrowing margin) loan from BT Luxembourg Investments Holdings (US branch) of £758,700,000 (2010 £nil) The loan is repayable within 12 months

# Notes to the financial statements (continued)

## 9 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2011 £000	2010 £000
Amounts owed to group undertakings	5,660,663	5,660,663

Included in amounts owed to group undertakings is an interest bearing (closing 3 month GBP LIBOR less 10 basis points applicable deposit margin) loan note of £5,000,000,000 (2010 £5,000,000,000) from BT (Jersey) Shank LP The loan note is repayable on 2 February 2015

Included in amounts owed to group undertakings is an interest bearing (closing 3 month GBP LIBOR less 10 basis points applicable deposit margin) loan note of £660,663,000 (2010 £660,663,000) from BT (Jersey) Jutland Limited The loan note is repayable on 2 February 2015

## 10 Called up share capital

	2011 £000	2010 £000
Allotted, called up and fully paid:		
50,000 (2010 50,000) ordinary shares of £1 each	50	50

#### 11 Reserves

	Share premium account	Profit and Loss
	£000	account £0000
Balance at 1 April 2010 Retained loss for the financial year	3,427	196 743 (158,021)
Balance at 31 March 2011	3,427	38,722

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

#### 12 Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds

	2011 £000	2010 £000
Loss for the financial year	(158,021)	(214,685)
Net decrease in shareholders' funds	(158,021)	(214,685)
Opening shareholders' funds	200,220	414,905
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Closing shareholders' funds	42,199	200,220

## 13 Contingent liabilities

As at 31 March 2011 there were no contingent liabilities or guarantees other than those arising in the ordinary course of the Company's business and on these no material losses are anticipated

## 14 Controlling entities

The Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of BT Group plc, its immediate and ultimate controlling entity

The parent undertaking of the largest group of companies into which the results of the Company are consolidated is BT Group plc, a company incorporated in England & Wales Consequently the Company is exempt under the terms of Financial Reporting Standard Number 8 from disclosing details of transactions and balances with BT Group plc, fellow group subsidiaries and associated undertakings, and those deemed under control during the year ended 31 March 2011 Copies of the financial statements of BT Group plc may be obtained from The Assistant Secretary, BT Group plc, 81 Newgate Street, London EC1A 7AJ