REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS 1995

Registered Number 244080 England



# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Directors R.J.Olsen

K.K.Claydon

J.N.Gillespie

R.A.H.Wainright-Lee

Secretary K.K.Claydon

REGISTERED OFFICE

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#### REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The Directors submit their Annual Report together with the audited accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March, 1995.

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the Company is acting as an investment company.

#### **REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS**

The Company continued its role as an investment company, establishing the Cable and Wireless Group Investment in a Joint Venture with Schlumberger Ltd. that will market global customised communications solutions. The Company also acquired the Group Investment in Switzerland.

#### **RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS**

The loss for the year amounted to £193,000. The Directors do not recommend payment of a dividend.

#### DIRECTORS

The following served as Directors during the year under review:

K.K.Claydon

R.J.Olsen

J.N.Gillespie, appointed on 14 February 1995

R.A.H.Wainright-Lee, apointed on 14 February 1995

J.K.Phillips, resigned on 16 January 1995

#### **DISCLOSABLE INTERESTS**

The interests of the Directors and their families in the shares of Cable and Wireless plc are shown below:

	Opening Balance	Shares	Shares	Closing Balance
	at 1 April, 1994	Acquired	Disposed	at 31 March, 1995
	(or later date of	or Options	or Options	
	appointment)	Granted	Exercised	
K.K.Claydon	95	2	-	97
	11,584(a)	-	-	11,584(a)
	73,420(b)	-	-	73,420(b)
R.J.Olsen	56,853	2,791	-	59,644
-	8,274(a)	1,009	1,588	7,695(a)
	271,502(b)	106,000	-	377,502(b)

### REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (CONTINUED)

### DISCLOSABLE INTERESTS (CONTINUED)

	Opening Balance	Shares	Shares	Closing Balance
	at 1 April, 1994	Acquired	Disposed	at 31 March, 1995
	(or later date of	or Options	or Options	
	appointment)	Granted	Exercised	
J.N.Gillespie	4,838(a)	-	-	4,838(a)
(appointed,14				
February,1995)				
R.A.H.Wainright-Lee	2,852(a)		-	2,852(a)
(appointed,14	57,746(b)	-	-	57,746(b)
February,1995)				

All interests are in fully paid ordinary shares, unless marked (a) which are options to purchase ordinary shares under the Savings Related Option Scheme for Employees or (b) which are options to purchase ordinary shares under the discretionary share option schemes.

### **AUDITORS**

On 6 February 1995 our auditors changed the name under which they practise to KPMG and, accordingly have signed their report in their new name. In accordance with Section 384 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution for the re-appointment of KPMG as auditors of the Company is to be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

By Order of the Board of Directors

K.K.Claydon.

Secretary

124 Theobalds Road

London WC1X 8RX

10 November 1995

#### **DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES**

in respect of the preparation of financial statements

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

- \* select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- \* make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- \* state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- \* prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the Company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

# AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CABLE AND WIRELESS (INVESTMENTS) LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 7 to 14.

# RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS

As described on page 5, the Company's Directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion to you.

#### 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 financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the Directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

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

#### OPINION

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at 31 March 1995 and of its loss for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

**KPMG** 

Chartered Accountants

Registered Auditors

London

10 November 1995

# PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

#### For the Year Ended 31 March

	Note	1995 £'000	1994 £'000
Turnover	2	24	366
Operating costs Operating loss	3	(649) (625)	(11,524) (11,158)
Exceptional items Surplus on sale of investments	4	-	5,222
Net interest and other similar income Loss on ordinary activities before taxation	5	(123)	(5,927)
Taxation Retained loss for the year	7 12	(70) (193)	(122)

There are no recognised gains or losses other than the loss for the year and the loss for the previous year.

There is no material difference between the Company's results as reported and on an historical cost basis. Accordingly no note of historical cost profits and losses has been prepared.

### **BALANCE SHEET**

### At 31 March

	Note	1995 £'000	1994 £'000
Fixed assets			
Investments	8	183,460	156,007
Current assets			
Debtors: amounts falling due within			
one year	9	3,882	2,857
Debtors: amounts falling due after			
more than one year	9	1,958	1,775
		5,840	4,632
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due			
within one year	10	114,941	87,087
Net current liabilities		(109,101)	(82,455)
Total assets less current liabilities		74,359	73,552
Creditors: amounts falling due			
after more than one year	10	4,101	3,101
Net assets		70,258	70,451
Capital and reserves	11	22.220	22 220
Called up share capital	11	23,238	23,238
Share premium account	12	23,212	23,212
Profit and loss account	12	23,808	24,001
Total shareholders' funds		70,258	70,451

The accounts on pages 7 to 14 were approved by the Board of Directors and signed on their behalf by:

K.K.Claydon Director 10 November 1995

# RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

	1995 £'000	1994 £'000
Loss for the financial year	(193)	(6,049)
Net decrease in shareholders' funds	(193)	(6,049)
Opening shareholders' funds	70,451	76,500
Closing shareholders' funds	70,258	70,451

#### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies of the Cable and Wireless (Investments) Limited are summarised below:

### (a) Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards on the historical cost basis.

### (b) Fixed Asset Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at cost less amounts written off.

#### (c) Deferred taxation

The Company does not provide for deferred taxation unless there is a reasonable probability that the liability will arise in the foreseeable future. Where deferred tax is provided, the liability method is used.

#### (d) Foreign currencies

Assets, liabilities and operating results in foreign currencies are translated into sterling on the following bases:

- i) Tangible fixed asset investments at rates ruling when purchased.
- ii) Operating results at average rates ruling during the year.
- iii) All other foreign currency assets and liabilities are translated at rates ruling at 31 March and all other exchange differences are dealt with through the profit and loss account.

#### 2. TURNOVER

Turnover arises from the Company's interests in its subsidiaries, associated companies and other investments

#### 3. OPERATING COSTS

	1995	1994
	£'000	£'000
Other operating costs	646	11,521
Auditors' remuneration-Audit work	3	3
	649	11,524

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

#### 4. EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS

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	1995	1994
	£'000	€'000
Profit on sale of investments in France		5,222
There is no tax associated with the exceptional item as the gain forward.	n is covered by capital losses bro	pught
5. NET INTEREST AND OTHER SIMILAR INCOME		
	1995	1994
	£'000	£'000
Interest received from group undertakings	502	-
Other Income	-	9
	502	9

#### 6. DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES

The Company had no employees during the year (1994 - nil). The Directors did not receive any emoluments from the Company (1994 - nil).

# 7. TAXATION

	1995 £'000	1994 £'000
The charge for taxation based on the results for the year, comprises:		
UK Corporation tax - 33% (1994 - 33%)	70	122
	70	122

If deferred taxation had been fully provided under the liability method in 1995, there would have been no change in the taxation charge (1994 - nil).

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

### 8. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Subsidiary Undertakin	Associ Underta		Other Investments	TOTAL
	Shares	Shares	Loans	Shares	
COST	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
At 1 April, 1994	11,809	163,549	464	1,623	177,445
Additions	5,226	13,616	8,833		27,675
Disposals		-	(222)	(49)	(271)
At 31 March, 1995	17,035	177,165	9,075	1,574	204,849
AMOUNTS WRITTEN OFF					
At 1 April, 1994	3,695	16,120		1,623	21,438
Amounts written back during year				(49)	(49)
At 31 March, 1995	3,695	16,120		1,574	21,389
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 March, 1995	13,340	161,045	9,075		183,460
At 31 March, 1994	8,114	147,429	464	-	156,007

Subsidiary and associated undertakings, the holdings in which consist of ordinary shares, are as follows:

Company	Country of	
	incorporation	%
Atack Fire (Robots) Ltd.	England	100
Cable and Wireless Business Networks Ltd.	England	100
Cable and Wireless Europe Ltd.	England	100
Cable and Wireless (India) Ltd.	England	100
Cable and Wireless Flightlink Ltd	England	100
Dictograph Telephones Ltd.	England	100
Cable and Wireless Ltd	Ireland	100
Cable and Wireless Acquisitions Inc.	U.S.A.	100
Cable and Wireless Switzerland AG.	Switzerland	100
Sakhalin Telecom Mobile Company	Russia	59
TR Services Ltd.	Canada	100

In the opinion of the Directors of the Company the aggregate value of the assets of the Company consisting of shares in, or amounts owing (whether on account of a loan or otherwise) from, the Company's subsidiary undertakings is not less than the aggregate of the amount at which those assets are stated or included in the balance sheet.

### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

# 8. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Associate Undertakings

Country of	
incorporation	%
Australia	50.0
England	50.0
Bermuda	50.0
Netherlands	50.0
Australia	24.5
USA	30.0
Russia	34.6
USA	32.0
	incorporation  Australia England Bermuda Netherlands Australia USA Russia

The major proportion of the investment in associated undertakings is represented by a 24.5% holding of ordinary shares in Optus Communications Pty Ltd. Optus Communications Pty Ltd is incorporated in Australia and operates as a provider of telecommunications services. The company's attributable share of the net assets of Optus Communications Pty Ltd ,calculated by using the equity method of accounting amounts to £145,719,000.

The Company is exempt from the requirement to prepare group accounts under Section 228 of the Companies Act 1985, being a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking of Cable and Wireless plc, a company registered in England & Wales.

#### 9. DEBTORS

1995	1994
£'000	£'000
137	137
153	154
1,404	351
2,188	2,215
3,882	2,857
1,958	1,775
5,840	4,632
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### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

#### 10. CREDITORS

	1995	1994
	£'000	£'000
Amounts falling due within one year		
Amounts owed to subsidiary undertakings	30	30
Amounts owed to holding company	114,897	86,709
Other creditors	14	348
	114,941	87,087
Amounts falling due after more than one year		
Amount owed to subsidiary undertakings	4,101	3,101
	119,042	90,188
11. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL		
	1995	1994
	£'000	£'000
Authorised:		
120,000,000 Ordinary shares of 25p each	30,000	30,000
Allotted, called up and fully paid:		
92,953,261 Ordinary shares of 25p each	23,238	23,238
12. RESERVES	Share premium	Profit and
	account	loss account
	£'000	£'000
At 1 April, 1994	23,212	24,001
Loss for the financial year	<u> </u>	(193)
At 31 March, 1995	23,212	23,808

#### 13. CASH FLOW STATEMENT

Under Financial Reporting Standard 1 the Company is exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking. A cash flow statement is included in the financial statements of Cable and Wireless plc.

#### 14. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Company has guaranteed overdraft, loan and other credit arrangements of certain of its subsidiary undertakings up to a maximum of £670,931 (1994 - £728,615).

#### 15. HOLDING COMPANY

The Company's holding company and ultimate parent company is Cable and Wireless plc registered in England and Wales. A copy of Cable and Wireless plc's published consolidated accounts can be obtained from The Secretary, Cable and Wireless plc, 124 Theobalds Road, London WC1X 8RX.