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**Financial Statements**  
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# **The Cable Corporation Limited**

## **Financial Statements**

**Year ended 31 December 2008**

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# **The Cable Corporation Limited**

## **Company Information**

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<b>The board of directors</b>	Virgin Media Directors Limited Virgin Media Secretaries Limited
<b>Company secretary</b>	Virgin Media Secretaries Limited
<b>Registered office</b>	160 Great Portland Street London W1W 5QA
<b>Auditor</b>	Ernst & Young LLP 1 More London Place London SE1 2AF

# **The Cable Corporation Limited**

## **The Directors' Report**

**Year ended 31 December 2008**

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The directors present their report and the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2008.

### **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 8.

The company is a wholly-owned subsidiary undertaking of Virgin Media Inc. The Virgin Media group is a leading UK entertainment and communications business providing a "quad-play" offering of television, broadband, fixed line telephone and mobile telephone services.

At 31 December 2008, by customer numbers, the Virgin Media group was the UK's largest residential broadband provider and mobile virtual network provider and the second largest provider in the UK of pay television and fixed line telephone services by number of customers. The group owned and operated cable networks that passed approximately 12.6 million homes in the UK and at 31 December 2008 provided services to approximately 4.8 million cable customers on its network, approximately 56% of which were "triple-play" customers, receiving broadband, television and fixed line telephone services. In addition, at 31 December 2008 the Virgin Media group provided mobile telephone services to 2.7 million pre-pay customers and 0.6 million contract customers over third party networks.

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 leading next generation broadband service and one of the most advanced TV on-demand services available in the UK market.

Through ntl:Telewest 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.

Through Virgin Media Television, the Virgin Media group also provides a broad range of programming through its wholly-owned channels, such as Virgin1, Living and Bravo; and through UKTV, its joint ventures with BBC Worldwide.

### **Future developments**

The Virgin Media group's deep fibre access network has enabled it to take a leading position in the roll-out of next generation broadband access technologies in the UK. During 2008 the Virgin Media group further invested in its cable network with the deployment of the next generation of wideband cable broadband technology, which significantly increased both upstream and downstream transmissions speeds. This technology enables the Virgin Media group to offer high-speed broadband services of 50Mb and higher and provides a platform for incremental upgrades in line with consumer demand. The investment in the next generation broadband access technologies is the latest in a series of infrastructure investments to support its position at the forefront of communications and entertainment services in the UK. In 2009, the group expects to complete the roll-out of wideband cable broadband technology, allowing 50Mb services to be made available to over 96% of its network.

### **Results and dividends**

The loss for the financial year amounted to £20,524,000 (2007 - profit of £68,702,000). The directors have not recommended an ordinary dividend (2007 - £nil).

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## The Directors' Report *(continued)*

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### Directors

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

Virgin Media Directors Limited  
Virgin Media Secretaries Limited

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 will be re-appointed as the company's auditor in accordance with the elective resolution passed by the company under Section 386 of the Companies Act 1985.

### Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part VII of the Companies Act 1985.

Signed on behalf of the directors



R M Mackenzie  
For and on behalf of Virgin Media Secretaries Limited

Approved by the directors on 2 October 2009

# **The Cable Corporation Limited**

## **Statement of Directors' Responsibilities**

**Year ended 31 December 2008**

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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 elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required by law to 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 these 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 proper accounting records that 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 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.

# **The Cable Corporation Limited**

## **Independent Auditor's Report to the Member of The Cable Corporation Limited**

**Year ended 31 December 2008**

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We have audited the company's financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2008 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses, Balance Sheet and the related notes 1 to 17. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the company's member in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's member those matters we are required to state to it 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 member, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

### **Respective responsibilities of directors and auditor**

The directors' responsibilities for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) are set out in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you whether in our opinion the information given in the directors' report is consistent with the financial statements.

In addition we report to you if, in our opinion, the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and other transactions is not disclosed.

We read the directors' report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

### **Basis of audit opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) 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 judgments 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.

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## Independent Auditor's Report to the Member of The Cable Corporation Limited *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2008

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### Opinion

In our opinion:

- the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2008 and of its loss for the year then ended;
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985; and
- the information given in the directors' report is consistent with the financial statements.



Ernst & Young LLP  
Registered Auditor  
London

2 October 2009



# The Cable Corporation Limited

## Profit and Loss Account

Year ended 31 December 2008

	Note	2008 £000	2007 £000
Exceptional administrative expenses	4	(20,524)	68,760
Administrative expenses		(20,524)	68,760
<b>Operating (loss)/profit</b>		<b>(20,524)</b>	<b>68,760</b>
Interest receivable	5	5,143	—
Interest payable and similar charges	6	(5,143)	(58)
<b>(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before taxation</b>		<b>(20,524)</b>	<b>68,702</b>
Tax on (loss)/profit on ordinary activities	7	—	—
<b>(Loss)/profit for the financial year</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>(20,524)</b>	<b>68,702</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 loss of £20,524,000 attributable to the shareholder for the year ended 31 December 2008 (2007 - profit of £68,702,000).

The notes on pages 9 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

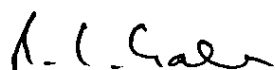
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## Balance Sheet

31 December 2008

	Note	2008 £000	2007 £000
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Investments	8	<u>89</u>	<u>162</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors due within one year	9	5,143	–
Debtors due after one year	9	<u>209,664</u>	<u>380,725</u>
		<u>214,807</u>	<u>380,725</u>
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	10	<u>(5,143)</u>	<u>(403,174)</u>
<b>Net current assets/(liabilities)</b>		<u>209,664</u>	<u>(22,449)</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>209,753</u>	<u>(22,287)</u>
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	11	(253,078)	–
<b>Provisions for liabilities</b>			
Other provisions	12	<u>–</u>	<u>(514)</u>
		<u>(43,325)</u>	<u>(22,801)</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Called-up equity share capital	15	11,056	11,056
Share premium account	16	93,067	93,067
Merger reserve	16	6,771	6,771
Profit and loss account	16	<u>(154,219)</u>	<u>(133,695)</u>
<b>Deficit</b>	16	<u>(43,325)</u>	<u>(22,801)</u>

These financial statements were approved by the directors on 2 October 2009 and are signed on their behalf by:



R C Gale  
For and on behalf of Virgin Media Directors Limited

The notes on pages 9 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2008

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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 228 of the Companies Act 1985 because it is a wholly owned subsidiary of another company incorporated in Great Britain which prepares group accounts (see note 17). These financial statements therefore present information about the company as an individual undertaking and not about its group.

#### *Investments*

Investments are recorded at cost, less any provision for impairment. The company assesses at each reporting date whether there is an indication that an investment may be impaired. If any such indication exists, the company makes an estimate of the asset's recoverable amount. Where the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount, the asset is considered impaired and is written down to its recoverable amount. A previously recognised impairment loss is reversed only if there was an event not foreseen in the original impairment calculations, such as a change in use of the assets or a change in economic conditions. The reversal of impairment loss would be to the extent of the lower of the recoverable amount and the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years.

#### *Cashflow*

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 17).

#### *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.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2008

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

#### *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. Auditor's and directors' remuneration

Auditor's remuneration of £1,000 (2007 - £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. The company is exempt from disclosing additional information regarding non-audit services, as the disclosures required under Regulation 4 (1) (b) of Section 390B of the Companies Act 1985, are made in the group accounts of Virgin Media Finance PLC on a consolidated basis.

The company has corporate directors which receive no remuneration.

### 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. Exceptional items

	2008 £000	2007 £000
Recognised in arriving at operating (loss)/profit:		
(Increase in)/release of provision against amounts owed by group undertakings	(20,451)	68,760
Value of investment impaired	(73)	-
	<u>(20,524)</u>	<u>68,760</u>

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 2008, there was an increase in provision of £20,451,000 (2007 - decrease of £68,760,000).

The impairment review of investments concluded that their carrying value was in excess of their recoverable amount. As a result, investments have been written down by £73,000 (2007 - £nil).

The primary driver for the change in the provisions is a decline in the valuation of the underlying assets in the Virgin Media group as shown by a third party valuation as at 31 December 2008.

### 5. Interest receivable

	2008 £000	2007 £000
Interest from group undertakings	<u>5,143</u>	<u>-</u>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

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### 6. Interest payable and similar charges

	2008	2007
	£000	£000
Unwinding of discount on lease dilapidations	-	58
On amounts owed to group undertakings	5,143	-
	<u>5,143</u>	<u>58</u>

### 7. Taxation

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

The tax charge is made up as follows:

	2008	2007
	£000	£000
<b>Current tax charge:</b>		
Current tax on (loss)/profit for the year	-	-
<b>Deferred tax:</b>		
Origination and reversal of timing differences	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total tax (credit)/charge on (loss)/profit on ordinary activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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

The tax assessed on the (loss)/profit on ordinary activities for the year differs from the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK. In 2008 the average tax rate was 28.50% (2007 - 30%).

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

	2008	2007
	£000	£000
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before taxation	<u>(20,524)</u>	<u>68,702</u>
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities multiplied by the rate of tax	(5,849)	20,611
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	5,849	(20,628)
Utilisation of tax losses	-	17
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total current tax (note 7(a))	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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

Deferred tax assets of £2,404,000 (2007 - £2,404,000) in respect of tax losses have not been recognised as there is currently no persuasive evidence that there will be suitable taxable profits against which these timing differences will reverse.

The UK Corporation tax rate decreased from 30% to 28% from 1 April 2008. This rate change will affect the amount of future tax payments to be made by the company. The unprovided deferred tax assets reflect this change.

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### 8. Investments

	Subsidiary undertakings
	£000
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 January 2008 and 31 December 2008	<u>87,423</u>
<b>Value impaired</b>	
At 1 January 2008	87,261
Written off in year	<u>73</u>
At 31 December 2008	<u>87,334</u>
<b>Net book value</b>	
At 31 December 2008	<u>89</u>
At 31 December 2007	<u>162</u>

In the opinion of the directors the aggregate value of the investments in subsidiary undertakings is not less than the amount at which they are stated in the financial statements.

The company has taken advantage of the exemption under Section 228 of the Companies Act 1985 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 17).

The company has taken advantage of Section 231(5) of the Companies Act 1985 and disclosed only those investments whose results or financial position principally affected the figures shown in the company's annual financial statements.

All of the material investments in which the company holds at least 20% of the nominal value of any class of share capital, all of which are unlisted, are dormant except for:

<i>Name of Company</i>	<i>Country of Incorporation</i>	<i>Holdings</i>	<i>Proportion Held</i>	<i>Nature of Business</i>
Windsor Television Limited	UK	Ordinary	100%	Telecoms
Middlesex Cable Limited	UK	Ordinary	100%	Telecoms

### 9. Debtors

	2008	2007
	£000	£000
Amounts owed by group undertakings	<u>214,807</u>	<u>380,725</u>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

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### 9. Debtors (continued)

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

	2008	2007
	£000	£000
Amounts owed by group undertakings	<u>209,664</u>	<u>380,725</u>

Amounts owed by group undertakings are:-

	2008	2007
	£000	£000
Loans advanced to group undertakings	63,348	—
Interest receivable from loans to group undertakings	5,143	—
Other amounts owed by group undertakings	261,854	475,812
Impairment provision	<u>(115,538)</u>	<u>(95,087)</u>
	<u>214,807</u>	<u>380,725</u>

Loans advanced to group undertakings are unsecured and are repayable on demand but are not expected to be repaid in full within one year. The rate of interest on the loans ranged from nil% to 8.4%.

Other amounts owed by group undertakings are unsecured, interest free and are repayable on demand but are not expected to be repaid in full within one year.

Interest receivable is unsecured, interest free and is repayable on demand.

### 10. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2008	2007
	£000	£000
Amounts owed to group undertakings	<u>5,143</u>	<u>403,174</u>

Amounts due to group undertakings are unsecured, repayable on demand and interest free.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

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

	2008 £000	2007 £000
Amounts owed to group undertakings	<u>253,078</u>	<u>—</u>
Amounts owed to group undertakings are:-		
	2008 £000	2007 £000
Loans advanced by group undertakings	63,348	—
Other amounts owed to group undertakings	<u>189,730</u>	<u>—</u>
Total	<u>253,078</u>	<u>—</u>

Loans advanced by group undertakings are unsecured and repayable on demand but are not expected to be repaid in full within five years. The rate of interest on the amounts advanced ranged from nil% to 8.4%.

Other amounts owed to group undertakings are unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand but are not expected to be repaid in full within five years.

### 12. Other provisions

	2008 £000
<b>Dilapidations to leasehold properties:</b>	
Balance brought forward	514
Movement for year	<u>(514)</u>
	<u>—</u>

This provision represented the expected cost of dilapidation to the Company's leasehold properties. At the start of the year the provision was transferred to the fellow group undertaking, Virgin Media Limited.

### 13. Contingent liabilities

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 2008 amounted to approximately £4,289 million (2007 - £4,905 million). Borrowings under the facility are secured against the assets of certain members of the group including those of the company.

On 3 June 2009 and 21 July 2009 Virgin Media Finance PLC, a parent undertaking, issued 9.5% Senior Notes due in 2016. The proceeds of the issues, together with existing cash balances, were used to repay £1,012.1 million of the Virgin Media group's obligations under its senior credit facility.

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



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### 14. 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 at least 90% controlled by the ultimate parent undertaking.

### 15. Share capital

#### Authorised share capital:

	2008	2007
	£000	£000
139,999,998 Ordinary shares of £0.25 each	35,000	35,000
10,000,000 Ordinary B shares of £6.50 each	65,000	65,000
2 Special shares of £0.25 each	-	-
	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>

#### Allotted, called up and fully paid:

	2008		2007	
	No	£000	No	£000
Ordinary shares of £0.25 each	18,225,389	4,556	18,225,389	4,556
Ordinary B shares of £6.50 each	1,000,000	6,500	1,000,000	6,500
Special shares of £0.25 each	2	-	2	-
	<u>19,225,391</u>	<u>11,056</u>	<u>19,225,391</u>	<u>11,056</u>

All shares rank pari passu with each other in all material respects.

### 16. Reconciliation of shareholder's funds and movement on reserves

	Share capital	Share premium account	Merger reserve	Profit and loss account	Total shareholder's funds
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
At 1 January 2007	11,056	93,067	6,771	(202,397)	(91,503)
Profit for the year	-	-	-	68,702	68,702
At 31 December 2007 and 1 January 2008	11,056	93,067	6,771	(133,695)	(22,801)
Loss for the year	-	-	-	(20,524)	(20,524)
At 31 December 2008	<u>11,056</u>	<u>93,067</u>	<u>6,771</u>	<u>(154,219)</u>	<u>(43,325)</u>

# **The Cable Corporation Limited**

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### **17. Parent undertaking and controlling party**

The company's immediate parent undertaking is General Cable Holdings 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 2008 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.