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Financial Statements

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Company Information

The board of directors	R C Gale C B E Withers
Company secretary	G E James
Registered office	Bartley Wood Business Park Hook Hampshire RG27 9UP
Auditor	Ernst & Young LLP Chartered Accountants 1 More London Place London SE1 2AF

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The Directors' Report

Year ended 31 December 2012

The directors present their report and the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2012

Principal activities and business review

The principal activity of the company during the year was, and will continue to be, that of holding company

At 31 December 2012 the company was a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking of Virgin Media Inc. On 5 February 2013, Liberty Global, Inc and Virgin Media Inc entered into a merger agreement ("the Merger Agreement"). Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, Liberty Global, Inc and Virgin Media Inc completed a series of mergers on 7 June 2013 that resulted in the surviving corporations in the mergers becoming wholly owned subsidiaries of Liberty Global plc. This is referred to in more detail in the financial statements of Virgin Media Inc which are available from the company secretary at Virgin Media, Bartley Wood Business Park, Hook, Hampshire, RG27 9UP.

The Virgin Media group ("the group") will continue to operate under the Virgin Media brand in the UK.

The group is a leading entertainment and communications business, being a "quad play" provider of broadband internet, television, mobile telephony and fixed line telephony services.

As of 31 December 2012, the group provided services to approximately 4.9 million residential cable customers on its network. The group is also one of the UK's largest mobile virtual network operators by number of customers, providing mobile telephony service to 1.7 million contract mobile customers and 1.3 million prepaid mobile customers over third party networks. As of 31 December 2012, 85% of residential customers on the group's cable network received multiple services from the group, and 65% were "triple play" customers, receiving broadband internet, television and fixed line telephony services from the group.

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

Through Virgin Media Business, the group provides a complete portfolio of voice, data and internet solutions to businesses, public sector organisations and service providers in the UK.

Future outlook

Detail of the future outlook of the group is provided in Virgin Media Inc's financial statements and annual report for 2012, which are available from the company secretary at Virgin Media, Bartley Wood Business Park, Hook, Hampshire, RG27 9UP.

Results and dividends

The profit for the financial year amounted to £44,000 (2011 - loss of £139,000). The directors have not recommended an ordinary dividend (2011 - £nil).

Directors

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

R C Gale

C B E Withers

J C Tillbrook

(Appointed 31 December 2012)

(Resigned 31 December 2012)

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The Directors' Report *(continued)*

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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.

Going concern

After making suitable enquiries, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing these financial statements.

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/she is obliged to take as a director in order to make himself/herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

Small company provisions

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

Signed on behalf of the directors



R C Gale
Director

Approved by the directors on 19th September 2013

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Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

Year ended 31 December 2012

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' 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). 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 year.

In preparing those 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 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.

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Member of ntl CableComms Group Limited

Year ended 31 December 2012

We have audited the financial statements of ntl CableComms Group Limited for the year ended 31 December 2012 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, Balance Sheet and the related notes 1 to 12. 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).

This report is made solely to the company's member, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's member those matters we are required to state to them 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

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities 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.

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 report and financial statements 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 December 2012 and of its profit for the year then ended,
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Opinion on other matters 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.

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Member of ntl CableComms Group Limited *(continued)*

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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



J I Gordon (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Ernst & Young LLP, Statutory Auditor
London

19 September 2013

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Profit and Loss Account

Year ended 31 December 2012

	Note	2012 £000	2011 £000
Administrative income/(expenses)		44	(139)
Operating profit/(loss)	2	44	(139)
Attributable to			
Operating profit before exceptional items		44	11
Exceptional items	2	—	(150)
		44	(139)
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation		44	(139)
Tax on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities	4	—	—
Profit/(loss) for the financial year		44	(139)

The company has no other gains or losses and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains or losses is presented

All results relate to continuing operations

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

ntl CableComms Group Limited**Balance Sheet****31 December 2012**

	Note	2012 £000	2011 £000
Fixed assets			
Investments	5	—	—
Current assets			
Debtors due within one year	6	43,016	42,524
Cash at bank		3	3
		<u>43,019</u>	<u>42,527</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	7	(20,779)	(20,331)
Net current assets		22,240	22,196
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>22,240</u>	<u>22,196</u>
Capital and reserves			
Share capital	10	117,683	117,683
Share premium account	11	617,206	617,206
Profit and loss account	11	(712,649)	(712,693)
Total shareholder's funds	11	<u>22,240</u>	<u>22,196</u>

These financial statements were approved by the directors on 19th September 2013 and are signed on their behalf by



R C Gale
Director

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 2012

1. Accounting policies

A summary of the principal accounting policies is set out below. All accounting policies have been applied consistently, unless noted below.

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, and applicable UK accounting standards.

Group accounts

The company has taken advantage of the exemption from preparing group accounts afforded by Section 400 of the Companies Act 2006 because it is a wholly owned subsidiary of another company incorporated in the United Kingdom which prepares group accounts (see note 12). 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 provision for impairment as appropriate. 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 investment's recoverable amount. Where the carrying amount of an investment exceeds its recoverable amount, the investment 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 investment 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 investment in prior years.

Cash flow statement

The company is exempt from publishing a cash flow statement as permitted by FRS 1 "Cash flow statements (revised 1996)", as it is a wholly owned subsidiary of its ultimate parent company.

Deferred tax

Deferred tax is recognised, as appropriate, 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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1. Accounting policies *(continued)*

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.

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 amount is fully written off when the probability for recovery of a balance is assessed as being remote.

2. Operating profit/(loss)

Operating profit/(loss) is stated after (crediting)/charging

	2012	2011
	£000	£000
Net profit on foreign currency translation	(44)	(11)
Increase in provision against amounts owed by group undertakings	—	150
	<u> </u>	<u> </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 increase or decrease as a result of that review. The impairment review of inter-company indebtedness as at 31 December 2012 concluded that no change in the provision against amounts due from group undertakings is required (2011 - increase of £150,000).

Auditor's remuneration of £1,000 (2011 - £1,000) represents costs attributed to the company, all of which is borne by a fellow group undertaking that pays all auditor's remuneration on behalf of the group.

The directors received remuneration for the year of £500 (2011 - £500) in relation to qualifying services as directors of this company, all of which was paid by Virgin Media Limited.

3. Staff costs

The company does not have any directly employed staff and is not charged an allocation of staff costs by the group.

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4. Taxation on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities

The tax charge is made up as follows

	2012 £000	2011 £000
Current tax charge:		
Current tax on profit/(loss) for the year	-	-
Total current tax	-	-
Deferred tax:		
Origination and reversal of timing differences	-	-
Total deferred tax	-	-
Total tax charge on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities	-	-

The tax assessed on the profit/(loss) on ordinary activities for the year is lower than (2011 - higher) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 24.50% (2011 - 26.50%). The differences are explained below

	2012 £000	2011 £000
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation	44	(139)
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities multiplied by rate of tax	11	(37)
Effects of		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	-	40
Group relief claimed without payment	(11)	(3)
Total current tax	-	-

Factors affecting current and future tax charges

During the year the main rate of corporation tax reduced from 26% to 24% with effect from 1 April 2012. A number of changes to the UK corporation tax system were announced in the March 2013 Budget Statement. The Finance Act 2012, which was enacted and received Royal Assent on 17 July 2012, reduced the main rate of corporation tax to 23% from 1 April 2013.

Legislation to reduce the main rate of corporation tax from 23% to 21% from 1 April 2014 and to 20% from 1 April 2015 was included in the Finance Act 2013 which was enacted in July 2013. These rate reductions had not been substantively enacted at the balance sheet date and therefore are not included in these financial statements. The rate changes will affect the amount of future tax payments to be made by the company.

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5. Investments

	Subsidiary undertakings
	£000
Cost	
At 1 January 2012 and 31 December 2012	<u>711,988</u>
Amounts written off	
At 1 January 2012 and 31 December 2012	<u>711,988</u>
Net book value	
At 31 December 2012 and 31 December 2011	<u>-</u>

The company has taken advantage of the exemption under Section 400 of the Companies Act 2006 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 12)

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5. Investments (continued)

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 as follows

Name of Company	Country of Incorporation	Holdings	Proportion Held	Nature of Business
Direct shareholdings				
ntl CableComms Group Inc	USA	Ordinary	100%	Telecoms
Indirect shareholdings				
ntl Derby Cablevision Holding Company	UK	Ordinary	100%(i)	Holding
ntl Bolton Cablevision Holding Company	UK	Ordinary	100%(i)	Holding
ntl Manchester Cablevision Holding Company	UK	Ordinary	100%(i)	Holding
ntl Wirral Telephone and Cable TV Company	UK	Ordinary	100%(i)	Telecoms
ntl CableComms Bolton	UK	Ordinary	100%(i)	Telecoms
ntl CableComms Bromley	UK	Ordinary	100%(i)	Telecoms
ntl CableComms Bury and Rochdale	UK	Ordinary	100%(i)	Telecoms
ntl CableComms Cheshire	UK	Ordinary	100%(i)	Telecoms
ntl CableComms Derby	UK	Ordinary	100%(i)	Telecoms
ntl CableComms Greater Manchester	UK	Ordinary	100%(i)	Telecoms
ntl CableComms Macclesfield	UK	Ordinary	100%(i)	Telecoms
ntl CableComms Oldham and Tameside	UK	Ordinary	100%(i)	Telecoms
ntl CableComms Solent	UK	Ordinary	100%(i)	Telecoms
ntl CableComms Staffordshire	UK	Ordinary	100%(i)	Telecoms
ntl CableComms Stockport	UK	Ordinary	100%(i)	Telecoms
ntl CableComms Surrey	UK	Ordinary	100%(i)	Telecoms
ntl CableComms Sussex	UK	Ordinary	100%(i)	Telecoms
ntl CableComms Wessex	UK	Ordinary	100%(i)	Telecoms
ntl CableComms Wirral	UK	Ordinary	100%(i)	Telecoms
ntl CableComms East Lancashire	UK	Ordinary	100%(i)	Holding
ntl CableComms Limited	UK	Ordinary	100%	Telecoms

(i) unlimited company

All companies are registered in England and Wales unless otherwise noted

The company has taken advantage of Section 409 of the Companies Act 2006 and disclosed only those investments whose results or financial position materially affected the figures shown in the company's annual financial statements

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6. Debtors

	2012	2011
	£000	£000
Amounts owed by group undertakings	42,817	42,164
Prepayments and accrued income	199	360
	<u>43,016</u>	<u>42,524</u>

The analysis of amounts owed by group undertakings is

	2012	2011
	£000	£000
Amounts owed by group undertakings	42,981	42,328
Impairment provision on amounts owed by group undertakings	(164)	(164)
	<u>42,817</u>	<u>42,164</u>

Amounts owed by group undertakings are unsecured and repayable on demand

7. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2012	2011
	£000	£000
Amounts owed to group undertakings	<u>20,779</u>	<u>20,331</u>

Amounts owed to group undertakings are unsecured and repayable on demand

8. Contingent liabilities

Fellow group undertakings are party to a senior secured credit facility with a syndicate of banks. As at 31 December 2012 this comprised a term facility of £750 million and a revolving facility of £450 million. Borrowings under the facility are secured against the assets of certain members of the group.

In addition, a fellow group undertaking has issued senior secured notes which, subject to certain exceptions, share the same guarantees and security which have been granted in favour of the senior credit facility. The amount outstanding under the senior secured notes at 31 December 2012 amounted to £2,582 million (2011 - £2,575 million). Borrowings under the notes are secured against the assets of certain members of the group.

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8. Contingent liabilities (continued)

On 7 June 2013, fellow group undertakings entered into a new senior secured credit facility agreement, pursuant to which the lenders agreed to provide the borrowers with i) a £375 million term loan (Facility A), ii) a \$2,755 million term loan (Facility B), iii) a £600 million term loan (Facility C) and iv) a £660 million revolving credit facility. With the exception of the revolving credit facility, all available amounts were borrowed under the new senior secured credit facility in June 2013, with an equivalent aggregate value of £2,733 million. The new senior secured credit facility ranks pari passu with the group's existing senior secured notes, and subject to certain exceptions, shares in the same guarantees and security granted in favour of its existing senior secured notes. The borrowings on the new senior secured credit facility were used in part to repay in full the borrowings on the previous senior secured credit facility.

On 7 June 2013, upon completion of the merger, two senior secured notes issued by a subsidiary of Liberty Global, Inc. on 22 February 2013, with an equivalent aggregate principal amount of £1,744 million due in 2021, were pushed down to Virgin Media Secured Finance PLC, a fellow group undertaking of the company. The notes are split into a \$1,000 million US dollar denominated tranche and a £1,100 million sterling denominated tranche. The new senior secured notes rank pari passu with the group's existing senior secured notes and senior secured credit facility, and subject to certain exceptions, share in the same guarantees and security granted in favour of its existing senior secured notes. On 11 June 2013, the net proceeds of the issuance of the senior secured notes were in part used to repay an equivalent aggregate amount of £55 million of the group's existing senior secured notes.

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

9. Related party transactions

In accordance with the exemptions offered by FRS 8 "Related Party disclosures" there is no disclosure in these financial statements of transactions with entities that are part of Virgin Media Inc., and its subsidiaries (see note 12).

10. Share capital

Authorised share capital:

	2012	2011
	£000	£000
2,500 Ordinary shares of £48,469 10 each	<u>121,173</u>	<u>121,173</u>

Allotted, called up and fully paid:

	2012		2011	
	No	£000	No	£000
Ordinary shares of £48,469 10 each	<u>2,428</u>	<u>117,683</u>	<u>2,428</u>	<u>117,683</u>

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11. Reconciliation of shareholder's funds and movement on reserves

	Share capital	Share premium account	Profit and loss account	Total share- holder's funds
	£000	£000	£000	£000
At 1 January 2011	117,683	617,206	(712,554)	22,335
Loss for the year	—	—	(139)	(139)
At 31 December 2011 and 1 January 2012	117,683	617,206	(712,693)	22,196
Profit for the year	—	—	44	44
At 31 December 2012	117,683	617,206	(712,649)	22,240

12. Parent undertaking and controlling party

The company's immediate parent undertaking is ntl (CWC) Limited

The smallest and largest groups of which the company is a member and in to which the company's accounts were consolidated at 31 December 2012 are Virgin Media Finance PLC and Virgin Media Inc , respectively

The company's ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party at 31 December 2012 was Virgin Media Inc , a company incorporated in the state of Delaware, United States of America

On 7 June 2013 pursuant to the merger agreement, Liberty Global, Inc and Virgin Media Inc completed a series of mergers, which resulted in the company's ultimate parent and controlling party changing to Liberty Global plc

Copies of all sets of group accounts which include the results of the company are available from the company secretary, Virgin Media, Bartley Wood Business Park, Hook, Hampshire, RG27 9UP