Annual Report

For the year ended 31 December 2008

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Directors' report For the year ended 31 December 2008

The Directors present the report and audited financial statements of COLT Telecom Finance Limited ("the Company") for the year ended 31 December 2008.

Principal activities and business review

The Company's principal activity is to act as a finance company within the group comprising COLT Telecom Group Limited and its subsidiaries ("the Group"). COLT Telecom Group Limited is a Company incorporated in England and Wales. The results of the Company are included in the consolidated financial statements of COLT Telecom Group Limited for the year ended 31 December 2008.

The Company has not traded on its own account during the year and, in the opinion of the Directors, this situation is unlikely to change in the foreseeable future. Therefore, the Company has no material recognised gains and losses. Hence no profit or loss account and separate statement of total recognised gains and losses have been presented.

Results and dividends

The result on ordinary activities before taxation was £nil (2007: £nil). The Directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (2007: £nil).

Directors

The Directors of the Company who held office during the year and up to the signing date of the financial statements were:

C Griffin Pain

M Harrison (appointed 17 March 2008)

C Jarvis

L Patmore (appointed 14 January 2008)

D Spang

P Smee (resigned 31 March 2008)

The Company Secretaries who held office during the year were:

E Chengapen (appointed 1 October 2008)

S Hornbuckle (resigned 1 October 2008)

Directors' report (continued) For the year ended 31 December 2008

Statement of directors' responsibilities in respect of the Annual Report and 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 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 year.

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 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, in which case there should be
 supporting assumptions or qualifications as necessary.

The directors confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements.

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.

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each person who is a director at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware; and
- they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a Director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information.

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of section 234ZA of the Companies Act 1985.

Qualifying third party indemnity provisions for the benefit of Directors

The Company has provided an indemnity for its directors and the secretary, which is a qualifying third party indemnity provision for the purposes of the Companies Act 1985.

Directors' report (continued) For the year ended 31 December 2008

Independent Auditors

The Company has passed an Elective Resolution in accordance with the Companies Act 1985 to dispense with the holding of annual general meetings, the laying of accounts and reports before general meetings and the annual reappointment of Auditors. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP will, accordingly, continue in office as Auditors of the Company pursuant to Section 386 of the Companies Act 1985. However, pursuant to Section 253 (2) of the Companies Act 1985, any member or the Auditors of the Company may require the accounts and reports to be laid before a general meeting by depositing a notice to that effect at the registered office of the Company not later than 28 days after the despatch of the accounts to the members.

By order of the board

M Harrison

20 October 2009

Independent auditors' report to the members of COLT Telecom Finance Limited

We have audited the financial statements of COLT Telecom Finance Limited for the year ended 31 December 2008, which comprise the Balance Sheet and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

Respective responsibilities of Directors and auditors

The directors' responsibilities for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom 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). This report, including the opinion, has been prepared for and only for the Company's members as a body in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving this opinion, 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.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and whether the financial statements have been 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 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, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 December 2008;
- 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.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

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London

October 2009

Balance sheet As at 31 December 2008

	Notes	2008 £	2007 £
Current assets Debtors Total assets	5	9,144,544 9,144,544	9,144,544 9,144,544
Capital and reserves Called up share capital Profit and loss account Shareholders' funds	6 7 7	2 9,144,542 9,144,544	9,144,542 9,144,544
Total liabilities, capital and reserves		9,144,544	9,144,544

The financial statements on pages 5 to 7 were approved by the board on 20 October 2009 and signed on its behalf by

Director

Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 31 December 2008

1. Principal accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Companies Act 1985 and applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom. The Directors believe that it is appropriate for the financial statements to be prepared on a going concern basis, which assumes that the Company will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The principal accounting policies which have been applied consistently throughout the year are set out below.

Financial instruments presentation

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption provided by FRS 25 for subsidiary undertakings of which 90% or more of the voting rights are controlled within the group of an ultimate parent that publishes consolidated financial statements which comply with the disclosure requirements of the standard, and therefore the disclosure requirements of the standard have not been adopted in these financial statements.

Debtors

Debtors are shown at their book value less any provision for bad or doubtful debts.

Related party disclosures

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption provided by FRS 8 for subsidiary undertakings of which 90% or more of the voting rights are controlled within the group of the ultimate parent which publishes its consolidated financial statements and has not disclosed transactions with other group companies.

Cash flow statements

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption offered by FRS 1 (revised) and has not produced a cash flow statement as it is a more than 90% owned subsidiary of a parent publishing consolidated financial statements.

2. Profit on ordinary activities before taxation

The Company's audit fees of £2,750 (2007: £2,750) have been paid by a group company.

The Company had no employees during the years ended 31 December 2007 and 31 December 2008.

3. Directors' emoluments

No Director received emoluments in respect of services provided to the Company during the year (2007: £nil).

Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 31 December 2008

4. Taxation

The standard rate of Corporation Tax in the UK changed from 30% to 28% with effect from 1 April 2008.

There is no tax charge arising in the years ended 31 December 2008 and 2007 due to the Company having no taxable profits for the year. Losses are surrendered to other group companies as group relief. No payment is required for the group relief surrendered.

5. Debtors

	At 31 December	At 31 December
	2008	2007
	£	£
Amounts due from immediate parent company	9,144,544	9,144,544

Amounts due from immediate parent company are unsecured, interest free and due within less than one year.

6. Called up share capital

	At 31 December 2008 £	At 31 December 2007 £
Authorised 100 (2007: 100) ordinary shares of £1 each	100	100
Allotted, called up and fully paid 2 (2007: 2) ordinary shares of £1 each	2	2

7. Reconciliation of movement in Shareholders' funds

	Share Capital	Profit and loss account	Total
	£	£	£
At 1 January and 31 December	2	9,144,542	9,144,544

8. Ultimate parent company and controlling party

The ultimate parent company and controlling party is COLT Telecom Group S.A., which is the parent undertaking of the largest group to consolidate these financial statements and is registered in Luxembourg. The immediate parent company and smallest group to consolidate these financial statements is COLT Telecom Group Limited, a company incorporated in the UK and registered in England and Wales.

Copies of COLT Telecom Group Limited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2008 are available from the Company's registered office at Beaufort House, 15 St. Botolph Street, London EC3A 7QN. Copies of COLT Telecom Group S.A.'s financial statements are available from its registered office at K2 Building, Forte 1, 2a rue Albert Borschette, L-1246 Luxembourg, or from the Company's registered office as set out above.