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NTL KIRKLEES HOLDINGS LIMITED

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021



COMPANY INFORMATION

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STRATEGIC REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Principal activities and business review

ntl Kriklees holdings, (the 'company') is a wholly-owned subsidiary of VMED O2 UK Limited (the group).

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

VMED O2 is an integrated communications provider of mobile, broadband internet, video and fixed-line telephony to residential customers and businesses in the United Kingdom (UK). As of 31 December 2021, the primary subsidiaries of VMED O2 include (i) Virgin Media Inc. and its subsidiaries (collectively, Virgin Media), (ii) VMED O2 UK Holdco 1 Limited and its subsidiaries (collectively, O2) and (iii) VMED O2 UK Financing I plc.

VMED 02 is a 50:50 joint venture formed on 1 June 2021 between Liberty Global plc (Liberty Global) and Telefonica, SA (Telefonica) (the JV Transaction). Combining the operations of Virgin Media Inc. and its subsidiaries in the UK with the operations of O2 Holdings Limited and its subsidiaries in the UK (the joint venture). Further detail of the joint venture is provided in the Consolidated Annual Report of VMED O2 UK Holdings Limited, which is available from the company secretary at 500 Brook Drive, Reading, United Kingdom RG2 6UU.

VMED O2 is an integrated communications provider of mobile, broadband internet, video and fixed-line telephony services to residential customers and businesses in the UK.

At 31 December 2021, the group's fixed-line network passed 15.6 million homes and served 5.8 million fixed-line customers with 5.6 million customers taking a broadband internet product. In addition, at 31 December 2021, the group served 32.2 million retail mobile connections and 10.0 million wholesale mobile connections.

Under the Virgin Media brand, the group provides broadband internet, video, fixed-line telephony, mobile ("Mobile - Virgin Media MVNO based offerings") and broadcasting services in the UK. The group is one of the UK's largest providers of residential communications services in terms of the number of customers. The group believes its advanced, deep-fibre cable access network enables the group to offer faster and higher quality broadband internet services than digital subscriber line (DSL) market participants. As a result, the group provides its customers with a leading next generation broadband internet service and one of the most advanced interactive television services available in the UK market.

Virgin Media provides mobile services to customers in the UK using third-party networks through mobile virtual network operator (MVNO) arrangements. Following the formation of the joint venture, these services will migrate to the group's own mobile network and these MVNO arrangements will be unwound.

In addition, through the Virgin Media Business brand, the group provides broadband internet, fixed-line and mobile telephony and other connectivity services to businesses, public sector organisations and service providers in the UK across its fixed-line network.

The group's mobile network is operated under the O2 brand and is a leading UK mobile network operator (MNO), whose primary business is providing mobile telecommunications and related services, to consumer and business customers. Under the premium O2 brand, the group offers a comprehensive range of mobile services and products to consumer and business customers, including mobile voice, messaging and data services, and sales of handsets, tablets, wearable devices and other hardware. In addition, the group offers a wide range of value-add services and products including Wi-Fi services, security services, cloud services, digital payment services, certain fixed-line services for businesses and insurance products. O2 has also developed innovative value-add services and products, including services and products relating to the 'Internet of Things', insurance, and big-data and insight services for businesses. Through its digital loyalty program, Priority, O2 offers its customers a range of exclusive deals and perks and this program was extended to the group's fixed-line customers in November 2021.

In addition, O2 provides MVNO based offerings, through its digital brand giffgaff, providing telecommunications services to the consumer mobile segment.

Principle risks and uncertainties

Financial and operational risk management is undertaken as part of the group operations as a whole. The company's operations expose it to a variety of operational and financial risks. These are considered in more detail in the Consolidated Annual Report of VMED O2 UK Holdings Limited, which is available from the company secretary at 500 Brook Drive, Reading, United Kingdom, RG2 6UU.

Brexit

Following the UK's departure from the European Union (EU), the group has not identified any material adverse effect on the group's business, financial condition, results of operations or liquidity. The group does not anticipate any material effect going forwards and will continue to monitor any potential risk that may arise as the government continues to negotiate trade deals.

STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

COVID-19

The global COVID-19 pandemic continues to adversely impact the economy of the UK. However, during the year ended 31 December 2021, the adverse impact on the group was relatively minimal as demand for products and services remained strong. It is not currently possible to estimate the duration and severity of the COVID-19 pandemic or the full adverse economic impact resulting from the preventative measures taken to contain or mitigate its outbreak, therefore no assurance can be given that an extended period of global economic disruption would not have a material adverse impact on the group's business, financial condition and results of operations in future periods.

Key performance indicators (KPIs)

The directors do not use KPIs to assess the performance of the company as its principal activity is that of a holding company.

Future outlook

It is the intention of the directors that this entity will continue to operate as a holding company. The directors will continue to review management policies in light of changing trading and market conditions. Further detail of the future outlook of the group is provided in the Consolidated Annual Report of VMED O2 UK Holdings Limited, which is available from the company secretary at 500 Brook Drive, Reading, United Kingdom, RG2 6UU.

Section 172 Statement

As directors we have a responsibility to promote the success of the company in good faith for the benefit of our shareholders whilst having regard, at least, to the following matters:

- · the likely consequences of any decisions in the long term;
- · the interests of our employees;
- the need to foster the business relationships with suppliers, customers and others;
- the impact of our operations on the community and environment;
- · the desire to maintain high standard of reputation and business conduct; and
- the need to act fairly between our shareholders.

In discharging our responsibilities as directors of the company we have adopted the group's governance framework which includes best practice procedures to support the assessment of those matters necessary to make informed decisions in furtherance of the long-term success and sustainability of the company and the group as a whole.

The affairs of the group (including the company as an intermediate holding company) are conducted in accordance the provisions of the shareholders' agreement between the ultimate shareholders of the group and the articles of association VMED O2 UK Limited as well as the articles of association of the company, which in include processes to make sure that each shareholder's interests are taken into account in decision-making.

From the perspective of the directors, and as a result of the group governance framework, the matters that the directors are responsible for considering under section 172(1) of the Companies Act 2006, as set out above, have been considered to an appropriate extent by the board of VMED O2 UK Limited and the Executive Management of the group in relation to both group and the company. The directors have also considered the relevant matters were appropriate. As an intermediate holding company within the group structure the company has a sole shareholder (another company within the group) and does not have employees, or direct relationships with suppliers, or customers. However, as part of the wider group, the directors are committed to running the company's business in accordance with the same ethical standards across the group.

This report was approved by the board and signed on its behalf by:

Mark Hardman

M D Hardman

Director

Date: 22 September 2022

DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The directors present their report and non-audited financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2021

Results and dividends

The result for the year, after tax, amounted to £nil, (2020 - £nil).

The directors have not recommended an ordinary dividend (2020 - £nil).

Directors

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

J L Boyle (appointed 1 October 2021)

M D Hardman (appointed 1 October 2021)

M O Hifzi (resigned 1 November 2021)

G E James (resigned 1 November 2021)

R G McNeil (resigned 1 October 2021)

L Milner (appointed 1 March 2021, resigned 31 August 2021)

C B E Withers (resigned 1 October 2021)

The directors of the company have been indemnified 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 for directors serving during the financial year and as at the date of approving the Directors' Report.

Political donations

The company did not make any political donations during the year (2020 - £nil).

DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

UK employee engagement statement

The company does not have any employees in its own right; the group's employees are employed by Telefonica UK Limited or Virgin Media Limited, both of which solely operate in the UK and their respective employees are based in the UK with the exception of a handful which are seconded to other group companies from time to time. As part of the group governance framework the Board has delegated its duties in respect of the group's employees to the Executive Management Team of the group. The Board and the Executive Management Team have regard to the interest of employees, including the outcome of any engagement where appropriate, in the decisions taken (in particular in principal decisions) by the group during the financial year. Examples of the group's engagement with its employees include:

- CEO & executive live streams and roadshows: Through 2021 we continued regular CEO and Executive Management Team digital
 livestreams, in addition to face to face Roadshows. These events are an opportunity for the Executive Management Team to share
 important updates and provide an opportunity for our people to ask questions and to make comments.
- Employee network groups: Our six employee network groups (Enrich, Proudly, Gender Equality, Ultraviolet, Extra Ordinary and We
 Care) work to ensure the views, needs and sentiment of our diverse populations are represented on an on-going basis within and
 across the business. There are both formal and informal collaborative working sessions.
- Executive management team briefings: Each month the Executive Management Team brings together VMED O2's senior leaders to
 discuss a range of commercial, customer and leadership priorities. These forums are opportunities to invite questions, feedback, views
 and insights from the wider senior leadership community.
- Workplace: Our internal social media platform actively drives and encourages openness, communication and collaboration. All of our people have access to Workplace and are able to post comments, questions, ideas and set up groups. Workplace is a key vehicle in our communications and employee engagement approach, supporting business updates, dissemination of key information e.g. COVID-19 updates, and bespoke campaigns centred on key topics e.g. internal career opportunities. Workplace provides an always-on forum for people to share updates, feedback, ideas and news from around the business.
- Engagement survey and pulse surveys: These tools gather our people's views and enable everyone to have a voice through the year.
 The results provide a company-wide view of our people's levels of motivation and identify what is going well and what can be improved.
- Quarterly update: Each quarter, members of the Executive Management Team share our commercial and financial results and business strategy updates with all of our people. These have been held digitally via Workplace through 2021, are accessible to all of our people and provide the opportunity for questions or comments.
- Employee representatives for O2: We work continuously and in partnership with our Trade Unions (CWU and Prospect) and employee representatives on a broad range of employee related matters to maintain a positive and collaborative industrial climate within the business.
- Employee representatives for Virgin Media: We work continuously and in partnership with our Voice Forum on a broad range of employee related matters to maintain a positive and collaborative industrial climate within the business.

Further examples of how the group has had regard to the interests of its employees and the effect this has had on the decisions taken by the group can be found in the Consolidated Annual Report of VMED O2 UK Holdings Limited, which is available from the company secretary at 500 Brook Drive, Reading, United Kingdom, RG2 6UU.

Corporate governance

The company adopts the same governance framework for the group and full details of the governance arrangement can be found in the Corporate Governance Statement of VMED O2 UK Holdings Limited Consolidated Annual Report, which is available from the company secretary at 500 Brook Drive, Reading, United Kingdom, RG2 6UU.

Going concern

After making suitable enquiries, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing these financial statements. Consideration of the on-going impact of COVID-19 has not altered this conclusion.

Audit exemption

VMED O2 UK Holdings Limited issued a guarantee against all outstanding liabilities to which the company is subject as at 31 December 2021, until they are satisfied in full. The guarantee is enforceable against VMED O2 UK Holdings Limited by any person to whom the company is liable in respect of those liabilities. Since VMED O2 UK Holdings Limited is the smallest group to which the company's accounts are consolidated, the company has taken advantage of the exemption from audit of its individual accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021 by virtue of section 479A of the Companies Act 2006.

DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

This report was approved by the board and signed on its behalf.

J L Boyle Director

Date: 22 September 2022

Julia Boyle

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The directors are responsible for preparing the Strategic Report, 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 they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK accounting standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework.

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 these 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;
- assess the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern; and
- use the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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 and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the company's website. Legislation in the UK governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

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	Note	2021 £000	2020 £000
Fixed assets			
Investments in subsidiaries	5	77,000	77,000
Net assets	_	77,000	77,000
Capital and reserves			
Share capital	6	-	
Retained earnings	7	77,000	77,000
Total shareholder's funds	- · · · · ·	77,000	77,000
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The directors consider that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of section 479A of the Companies Act 2006 ("the Act") and members have not required the company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

The company's financial statements have been delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf by:

Mark Hardmain

M D Hardman

Director

Date: 22 September 2022

The notes on pages 9 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Share capital	Retained earnings	Total shareholder's funds
Balance as at 1 January 2021	£000	£000 77,000	£000 77,000
Balance as at 31 December 2021	-	77,000	77,000

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Share capital	Retained earnings	Shareholder's funds
	£000	£000	£000
Balance as at 1 January 2020	-	77,000	77,000
Balance as at 31 December 2020	<u> </u>	77,000	77,000

. The notes on pages 9 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Company information

ntl Kirklees Holding Limited (the 'company') was dormant for the year ended 31 December 2021.

The company is a private company incorporated, domiciled and registered in the UK. The registered number is 04169826 and the registered address is 500 Brook Drive, Reading, United Kingdom, RG2 6UU.

In accordance with s400 of the Companies Act 2006, consolidated financial statements for this company have not been prepared as the company and its subsidiaries are included in the consolidated financial statements of VMED O2 UK Holdings Limited for the period ended 31 December 2021 which is available from the company secretary at 500 Brook Drive, Reading, United Kingdom RG2 61 II I

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of accounting

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

The company was dormant (within the meaning of section 480 of the Companies Act 2006) throughout the year ended 31 December 2021. The company has not traded during the year or during the preceding financial year. During these periods, the company received no income and incurred no expenditure and therefore made neither profit nor loss.

These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis and under the historical cost basis in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and Financial Reporting Standard 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework ("FRS 101").

In preparing these financial statements, the company applies the recognition, measurement and disclosure requirements of International Accounting Standards in conformity with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, but makes amendments where necessary in order to comply with Companies Act 2006 and has set out below where advantage of the FRS 101 disclosure exemptions has been taken.

The company's intermediate parent undertaking, VMED O2 UK Holdings Limited, includes the company in its consolidated financial statements. The consolidated financial statements of VMED O2 UK Holdings Limited are prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standards in conformity with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and are available from the company secretary at 500 Brook Drive, Reading, United Kingdom, RG2 6UU.

In these financial statements, the company has applied the exemptions available under FRS 101 in respect of the following disclosures:

- a cashflow statement and related notes:
- comparative period reconcilliations for share capital;
- disclosures in respect of related party transactions with fellow group undertakings;
- disclosures in respect of capital management
- the effects of new but not yet effective IFRSs;
- disclosures in respect of the compensation of key management personnel; and
- disclosures of transactions with a management entity that provides key management personnel services to the company.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.2 Going concern

The financial statements have been approved on the assumption that the company remains a going concern. The following paragraphs summarise the basis on which the directors have reached their conclusion.

It is VMED O2's practice for operational and financial management to be undertaken at a group level rather than for individual entities that are wholly owned by the group. Treasury operations and cash management for all of VMED O2 UK Limited wholly owned subsidiaries are managed on a group basis. As part of normal business practice, regular cash flow forecasts for both short and long term commitments are undertaken at group level.

Forecasts and projections, which take into account of reasonably possible downsides in trading performance, prepared for the group as a whole, indicate that cash on hand, together with cash from operations and revolving credit facilities, are expected to be sufficient for the group's and hence the company's cash requirements through to at least 12 months from the approval of these financial statements. The group has indicated its intention to continue to make such funds available to the company as are needed. In addition VMED O2 UK Limited has formally indicated its intention to continue to support the company financially for at least this period.

Whilst the detailed cash flow forecasts are prepared at the group level, the directors have also assessed the position of the company. This assessment indicates that, taking account of reasonably possible downsides, the company will have sufficient resources, through funding from fellow subsidiary companies to meet its liabilities as they fall due for that period.

As with any company placing reliance on other group entities for financial support, the directors acknowledge that there can be no certainty that this support will continue although, at the date of approval of these financial statements, they have no reason to believe that it will not do so. Consequently, the directors are confident that the company will have sufficient funds to continue to meet its liabilities as they fall due for at least 12 months from the date of approval of the financial statements and have prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis. Consideration of the on-going impact of COVID-19 has not altered this conclusion.

2.3 Investments in subsidiaries

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.

3. Judgements in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In preparing these financial statements, management has made estimates and judgements that affect the application of the company's accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses.

Estimates and assumptions

Carrying value of investments

Investments are held at cost less any necessary provision for impairment. Where the impairment assessment did not provide any indication of impairment, no provision is required. If any such indications exist, the carrying value of an investment is written down to its recoverable amount.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

4. Employees

The company does not have any directly employed staff and is not charged an allocation of staff costs by the group. Details of staff numbers and staff costs of the group are disclosed in the Consolidated Annual Report of VMED O2 UK Holdings Limited which is available from the company secretary at 500 Brook Drive, Reading, United Kingdom, RG2 6UU.

The directors received no remuneration for the qualifying services as directors of this company. All directors' remuneration for those which were in office during 2021 and 2020 is disclosed in the Consolidated Annual Report of VMED O2 UK Holdings Limited, which is available from the company secretary at 500 Brook Drive, Reading, United Kingdom, RG2 6UU.

5. Investments in subsidiaries

	Investments in subsidiary companies £000
Cost	
At 1 January 2021	293,835
At 31 December 2021	293,835
Impairment	
At 1 January 2021	216,835
At 31 December 2021	216,835
Net book value	•
At 31 December 2021	77,000
At 31 December 2020	77,000

Subsidiary undertakings

The 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	Holdings	held	business
Direct shareholdings			
ntl Kirklees	'B' Ordinary	97.55%	Telecoms

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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

6. Share capital

	2021	2020
Allotted, called up and fully paid	.	L
5,000 (2020 - 5,000) Ordinary shares of £0.0001 each	1	1

7. Retained earnings

Share capital

The balance classified as share capital represents the nominal value on issue of the company's share capital, comprising £0.0001 ordinary shares.

Retained earnings

Inciùdes all current and prior period retained profits and losses net of dividends paid.

8. Guarantees

Fellow group undertakings are party to a senior secured credit facility with a syndicate of banks. As at 31 December 2021, this comprised term facilities that amounted to £5,916 million (2020 - £3,982 million) and revolving credit facilities of £1,378 million (2020 - £1,000 million), which were undrawn as at 31 December 2020 and 2021. Borrowings under the facilities 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 secured credit facility. The amount outstanding under the senior secured notes at 31 December 2021 amounted to £8,066 million (2020 - £4,400 million). Borrowings under the notes are secured against the assets of certain members of the group.

Furthermore, a fellow group undertaking has issued senior notes for which certain fellow group undertakings, have guaranteed the notes on a senior subordinated basis. The amount outstanding under the senior notes as at 31 December 2021 amounted to approximately £1,103 million (2020 - £1,127 million).

The company is a member of the group, which manages its liquidity at the consolidated group level. As such, while the company is not itself a guarantor of the credit facilities, senior secured notes and senior notes discussed above, any action to enforce the guarantees and security given by fellow group undertakings could impact upon the company as a part of that group.

9. Controlling parties

The company's immediate parent undertaking was Virgin Media Operations Limited.

The smallest and largest groups of which the company is a member and into which the company's accounts were consolidated at 31 December 2021 are VMED O2 UK Holdings Limited and VMED O2 UK Limited, respectively.

The company's ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party at 31 December 2021 was VMED O2 UK Limited.

Copies of VMED O2 UK Limited and VMED O2 UK Holdings Limited accounts referred to above which include the results of the company are available from the company secretary at Griffin House, 161 Hammersmith Road, London, United Kingdom, W6 8BS and 500 Brook Drive, Reading, United Kingdom RG2 6UU, respectively.