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## O2 (Europe) Limited

## Annual Report and Financial Statements Year ended 31 December 2015





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# O2 (Europe) Limited Company Information

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#### **Directors**

Robert Harwood Enrique Medina Malo Mark Hardman

### Secretary

**O2 Secretaries Limited** 

### **Registered office**

260 Bath Road Slough Berkshire SL1 4DX UK

#### **Auditor**

Ernst & Young LLP Apex Plaza Forbury Road, Reading RG1 1YE

# O2 (Europe) Limited Strategic Report

#### The Company

O2 (Europe) Limited (the "Company") is the indirect holding company of Telefonica's telecommunication companies in Germany. As such its strategy is integral with that of Telefonica Deutschland Holding AG

companies in Germany. As such its strategy is integral with that of Telefonica Deutschland Holding AG and its subsidiary companies (Telefonica Deutschland Group). With more than 48 million customer accesses as of 31 December 2015, Telefonica Deutschland Group is one of the three integrated network operators in Germany and is leading the German mobile telecommunications market with a total of over 43 million mobile customer accesses as of 31 December 2015. Telefonica Deutschland Group's marketing and sales approach follows a consequent and focused multi-brand strategy in order to address a broad range of customer types with its products and services. Telefonica Deutschland Group offers the majority of its mobile communications products in the post-paid customer market via its brands O2 and BASE. Fixed communication products and bundles are offered via its premium brand O2. Telefonica Deutschland Group continually strives for an improvement of the market positioning of its premium brand, particularly in order to gain high value customers in the consumer and the business market areas. Large international businesses are addressed through the Telefonica brand.

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With its secondary and partner brands and through its wholesale channels, Telefónica Deutschland Group reaches further groups of customers that it does not target with its O2 brand. Its secondary brands include Blau, BASE, Fonic, simyo, netzclub, AY YILDIZ and Ortel Mobile. Telefónica Deutschland Group also counts on brands from joint ventures and strategic partnerships such as TCHIBO mobil. Its multi-brand approach enables it to address a broad spectrum of customers and to maximise and also efficiently control itsr sales range with customised product offerings, sales and marketing.

Reference to "Group" means Telefonica SA and its subsidiaries including the Company.

#### **Performance and Development**

The Company's loss after tax for the year ended 31 December 2015 was €62m (2014: profit of €26.2m) largely due to interest on borrowings and impairment charge which was partly offset by dividend income.

The net assets of the Company at 31 December 2015 were €6,066m (31 December 2014: €6,129m).

Given that the Company operates as a holding company, the performance of the Company is integral to the performance of its principal trading subsidiaries and the Directors are of the opinion that analysis using key performance indicators is not necessary for understanding the Company's business itself.

#### Risks and uncertainties

The Company's principal risks and uncertainties are integral to the risks and uncertainties of its subsidiary companies ("The Business"). These are:

<u>Financial market risks:</u> The Business is exposed to various financial market risks in the course
of its business activities. These include market risk, currency risk, interest rate risk, credit risk
and liquidity risk.

### O2 (Europe) Limited Strategic Report (continued)

#### Risks and uncertainties (continued)

Regulatory: The Business operates in a highly regulated market where decisions by the regulatory authority may directly influence, services, products and prices. There is still high pressure on the reduction of termination rates and international roaming rates by the National and European Regulator. Currently, In Germany, there are pending decisions to be made on going lawsuits regarding fixed net termination rates. Planned business combinations, acquisitions and disposals or co-operations (e.g. E-Plus, Drillisch) are subject to supervision, approval and potential conditions by European and national authorities. Furthermore, the The Business has to follow increased requirements in regard to informing the customers about the cost and conditions of their contracts.

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- <u>Erosion of core services:</u> Increasing numbers of internet players, device manufacturers and IP-based players, plus a number of new applications that cannibalise voice/SMS business e.g. WAP app, viber, and OTT messaging systems could cannibalise our voice and SMS business.
- <u>Competition:</u> There is increasing competition from MNO's, MVNO's and alternative telecommunication providers particularly in the smartphone market. This could drive down prices and increase churn.
- Licences: The Business' licenses and assigned frequency usage have finite terms. Any inability to renew or obtain new licences and frequency usage rights necessary for the Business' operations as well as significant changes in the financial conditions for their usage could adversely affect the Business' operations.
- Legal: The Business may be unable to adequately protect its own intellectual property rights and may also be subject to claims on infringement of intellectual property rights of others.
- <u>Breach of Information Security:</u> Failing to maintain sufficient information security processes could lead to a data protection breach.
- Financial: The Business operation is capital intensive and requires significant amounts of investments. The ability to raise additional capital to fund the Business' operations can be influenced by factors such as changing market interest rates, restrictive covenants in the business' debt instruments or negative changes in the Business' credit rating or the credit rating of the Business' majority shareholder. Moreover, the risk from unexpected tax liabilities, for example as revealed by tax audits, exists as in every company. Also, while payment and delivery conditions and cash pooling and factoring conditions are overall favourable, there is no guarantee that these conditions will remain favourable in the future.
- <u>Economy:</u> The general economic conditions and other similar factors (access to credit, unemployment rates, consumer confidence and other macroeconomic factors) impact on the Business. A challenging economic and financial situation, uncertainty regarding potential economic recovery and any other factor could undermine customer demand. A loss of customers or a decline in sales could have an adverse effect on its financial position, results of operations and cash flow and may ultimately affect its ability to meet its growth targets. Similarly, outsourcing partners are also facing these challenges and there is an increased risk of losing vendors as a result of the economic crisis.
- <u>Managed Services/Outsourcing:</u> The reliance on outsourcing for the delivery of various services and the reduced control this gives over the quality and consistency of services could have a negative effect on its customer experience and brand.
- Network & IT Infrastructure: Inadequate resilience in the critical networks and systems could negatively affect service delivery to its customers.

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#### Strategic Report (continued)

#### Risks and uncertainties (continued)

Reliance on Third Party – The reliance on lease sites for technical facilities could affect the Business if there is an unexpected significant increase in the number of termination of the leases as sourcing for alternate sites may be cumbersome and expensive.

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- <u>Dependence on services of the major shareholder Telefónica and KPN</u> The Business obtains services and inputs including its brand from the Telefónica, S. A. Group and KPN which cannot be purchased on the open market on favourable terms.
- Operational risks: The Business needs to ensure high service quality by anticipating technical requirements and the desires of customers and by implementing them in good time. Furthermore, if suppliers do not make their products and services available when due, this could endanger the operation and expansion of the network. Termination of leases for technical sites by the lessor. Also, an unexpected increase of terminated leases would represent a significant risk, since new sites would have to be found and set up at considerable expense.
- Acquisition of E-Plus Group: The integration of the E-Plus Group is progressing and will continue to demand a great deal of time and attention on the part of employees and management. The risk are loss of expertise and management resources, failure to achieve the anticipated synergies, legal risks incurred by change-of-control clause or as revealed by due diligence investigations and or from lawsuits filed by competitors. Moreover, E-Plus group may ultimately be held liable for tax liabilities transferred to KPN.

The key subsidiaries have a series of controls in place to mitigate these risks, both within their internal operations and in the wider external market. Mitigation includes but is not limited to financial instruments, monitoring and legal action, overseeing and anticipating market behavior and technological innovations, contract reviews, compliance projects and insurance arrangements.

The key subsidiaries employ regulatory professionals to engage with the associated regulatory authorities on all aspects of their businesses to ensure that the impact on the subsidiaries profitability is not negatively impacted.

The key subsidiaries monitor products, prices and customer preferences so that they can compete with new products and services introduced by competitors and offer fair, pre-emptive pricing strategies which successfully deliver the cost-versus-service balance that their customers demand.

Mandatory Service Level Agreements and security controls are written into outsourcing contracts and the 'Customer Plan' focuses on positively differentiating customer experience. Governance meetings are also held with the key outsourced providers to ensure SLA's and KPI's are regularly monitored, reviewed and reported upon.

Data security is consistently monitored through the deployment of Network Access Control (NAC) and Data Loss Prevention (DLP) software. The "Security-in-Life" process is engaged with every project Incident Management process is in place and is initiated whenever a possible security incident is identified to ensure adequate security measures are taken to minimize the risk of data loss.

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#### Group reorganisation

During the year the Group undertook a reorganisation of its structure in order to simplify the Group and eliminate dormant companies, where possible. As part of the reorganisation the Company acquired certain group companies as detailed in notes 5 of the financial statements, from associate companies.

The Strategic Report has been approved by the Board on 27September 2016 By Order of the Board

Vivienne Aziba

for and on behalf of O2 Secretaries Limited

Company Secretary

#### O2 (Europe) Limited

#### **Directors' Report**

O2 (Europe) Limited ("the Company") is a private limited company registered in England and Wales under the number 4247143. The registered address is 260 Bath Road, Slough, Berkshire SL1 4DX. It is a wholly owned subsidiary of Telefonica S.A., a company incorporated in Spain.

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The Company act as an intermediate holding company in the Telefónica S.A. group (the "Group") which as at 31 December 2015 indirectly owns 63.22% Telefonica Deutschland Holding AG, a company listed on the German stock exchange.

#### **Directors and Secretary**

The Directors who held office during the year were as follows:

Robert Harwood

Mark Hardman

(appointed on 1 October 2015)

Enrique Medina Malo

Robert McBreen

(resigned on 30 September 2015)

The Secretary who held office during the year was O2 Secretaries Limited.

#### Directors' liability insurance and indemnities

Telefónica S.A., the Company's parent company, maintains Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance in respect of legal action that might be brought against Directors of companies within the Telefónica Group and the Directors of the Company are covered by this Insurance.

The Company has granted indemnities to certain Directors on the Board. The indemnities remain in place and continue until such time as any relevant limitation periods for bringing Claims (as defined in such indemnities) against the Director has expired, or for so long as the past Director, where relevant, remains liable for any losses (as defined in such indemnities).

#### **Dividend**

The Directors did not pay any dividend for the year ended 31 December 2015 (2014: nil)

#### Political contributions

The Company made no political contributions during the period (2014: nil).

#### Statement as to disclosure to Auditor

So far as each Director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware. The Directors have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as Directors in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information.

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### **Directors' Report (continued)**

#### Going concern

The Company's business activities together with the factors likely to affect the future development, performance and position are set out in the Strategic Report.

The Directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future, and thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements.

Additionally, the Company has received a letter of parental support from Telefonica S.A. which confirms that Telefonica S.A. will continue to provide financial support to the Company for a period of twelve months from the signing of the Auditor's Report in the financial statements.

The Directors' Report has been approved by the Board on 27 September 2016

By Order of the Board

Vivienne Aziba

For and on behalf of O2 Secretaries Limited

Company Secretary

### O2 (Europe) Limited Statement of Directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and those International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union.

Under Company Law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they present fairly the financial position, financial performance and cash flows of the Company for that period. In preparing the financial statements the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies in accordance with IAS 8: Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors and then apply them consistently;
- present information, including accounting policies, in a manner that provides relevant, reliable, comparable and understandable information;
- provide additional disclosures when compliance with the specific requirements in IFRSs is insufficient to enable users to understand the impact of particular transactions, other events and conditions on the Company's financial position and financial performance;
- state that the Company has complied with IFRSs, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.

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.

#### Independent Auditor's Report to the members of O2 Europe Limited

We have audited the financial statements of O2 Europe Limited for the year ended 2015 which comprise the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Statement of Cash Flow, the Statements of Changes in Equity and the related notes 1 to 11. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the European Union.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, 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 members 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 members as a body, 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 Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 10, 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 annual report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. 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 31st December 2015 and of its loss for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with IFRSs as adopted by the European Union; 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 Strategic Report and the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

## Independent Auditor's Report to the members of O2 Europe Limited (continued)

#### 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.

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Marcus Butler (Senior statutory auditor) for and on behalf of Ernst & Young LLP, Statutory Auditor Reading

28 September 2016

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## O2 (Europe) Limited Statement of comprehensive income Year ended 31 December 2015

	•.		Note	Year ended 31 December	Year ended
					•
	•			2015	2014
		·		€'000	€,000
*					•
Administrative expenses	•		•	(25)	
Other non-recurring expenses		•		(167,619)	• .
Operating loss	•			(167,644)	
Financial income		·	3	155,180	100,082
Financial expense			3 .	(53,472)	(104,019
Loss before taxation		•		(65,936)	(3,937
Taxation credit	٠.	•	4	3,724	30,165
(Loss) / profit for the year attributal of the parent	ole to equity	shareholders		(62,212)	26,228

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

## O2 (Europe) Limited Statement of financial position As at 31 December 2015

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•			•	•	•	
•		•			31 December	31 December
					2015	2014
	•			Note	€'000	€'000
Non-current assets				•		
Investments				5	8,571,221	8,506,826
		• .				
Current assets		•				•
Trade and other receivables	•			7	28,487	119,010
Cash and cash equivalents	•			8	7,644	43,728
Net current assets			•		36,131	162,738
					•	
Non-current liabilities	;				•	
Trade and other payables	• .			· 7	(2,540,953)	(2,540,953)
				. \		
Net assets					6,066,399	6,128,611
		•				
Equity		•	•		•	
Called up share capital				6	1,239,007	1,239,007
Retained earnings					4,827,392	4,889,604
Total equity					6,066,399	6,102,383

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

These financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 27 September 2016 and signed on its behalf by:

Robert Harwood

Director

## O2 (Europe) Limited Statement of changes in equity As at 31 December 2015

		Called up share capital	Share premium	Retained earnings	Total Equity
		€'000 .	€'000	€'000	€'000
At 1 January 2014		1,239,007	, · · · ·	4,863,376	6,102,383
Total comprehensive income for	or year	-	-	26,228	26,228
At 31 December 2014		1,239,007	<del>-</del> .	4,889,604	6,128,611
Total comprehensive loss for y	ear			(62,212)	(62,212)
At 31 December 2015		1,239,007	-	4,827,392	6,066,399

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

## O2 (Europe) Limited Statement of cash flows Year ended 31 December 2015

	•	Year ended	Year ended
		31 December	•
	•	2015	2014
	.Note	€'000	€'000
(Loss) before taxation		(65,936)	(3,937)
	•		
Adjustment for non-cash items:			
Financial income	3.	(155,180)	(100,082)
Financial expenses	3	53,472	104,019
Operating loss		(167,644)	-
Decrease in trade and other receivables	8	94,247	(30,165)
Other non-cash movements		167,619	30,165
Net cash flow (used in) / from operating activities		94,222	
	· .		<del></del>
			•
Interest received	3	26	82
Investments in subsidiary companies	5	(232,014)	
Dividends received from subsidiaries	3	155,154	100,000
Net cash flow from investing activities		(76,834)	100,082
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Interest paid		(53,265)	(104,019)
Net cash flow used in financing activities		(53,265)	(104,019)
Exchange loss on cash and cash equivalents		(207)	
			•
Net change in cash and cash equivalents		(36,084)	(3,937)
• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •			(-1-27)
Cash and cash equivalents at start of the year	9	43,728	47,665
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year	9	7,644	43,728

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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#### 1 Accounting policies

#### **Basis of preparation**

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") and International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee ("IFRIC") interpretations, as adopted for use in the EU. In addition the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with those parts of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies reporting under IFRS. The financial statements have been prepared using historical cost principles except that, as disclosed in the accounting policies below, certain items are measured at fair value.

The principal accounting policies of the Company applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. The IFRS accounting policies have been applied consistently to all periods presented.

#### Going concern

The Directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future, and thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements.

Additionally, the Company has received a letter of parental support from Telefonica Europe plc which confirms that Telefonica Europe plc will continue to provide financial support to the Company for a period of twelve months from the signing of the Auditor's Report in the financial statements.

#### Consolidated financial statements

In accordance with s400 of the Companies Act 2006, consolidated financial statements have not been prepared as the Company and its subsidiaries are included in the group financial statements of Group Telefonica. Copies of the financial statements of Group Telefonica may be obtained from Gran Via 28, Madrid, Spain.

#### **Taxation**

The charge for current tax is based on the results for the period as adjusted for items which are non-assessable or disallowed.

Deferred income tax is provided in full, using the statement of financial position liability method, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements. Deferred tax liabilities are recognised for all taxable temporary differences and deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable future taxable profits will be available against which deductible temporary differences can be utilised.

Deferred income tax is provided on temporary differences arising on investments in subsidiaries, except where the timing of the reversal of the temporary difference is controlled by the Company and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

Deferred income tax and current tax is determined using tax rates (and laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the statement of financial position date and are expected to apply when the related deferred income tax asset is realised or the deferred income tax liability is settled.

Income tax relating to items recognised directly in other comprehensive income is also recognised directly in other comprehensive income.

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#### 1. Accounting policies (continued)

#### **Investments**

Investments are stated at cost less provision for impairment. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the investment's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an investment's fair value less costs to sell and value in use.

#### Impairment of non-financial assets

Assets that have an indefinite useful life are not subject to amortisation and are tested annually for impairment. Assets with a definite useful life are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that their carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows ("cash-generating units").

#### Dividends

Dividend distributions to the Company's shareholders are recognised as a liability in the Company's financial statements in the period in which the dividends are approved by the Company's shareholders.

Income is recognised when the company's rights to receive the payment is established. Dividends received from subsidiary companies are recognised as finance income in the Company's financial statements in the period in which the dividends are received.

#### Trade and other receivables

Trade and other receivables are carried at original invoice amount less provision for doubtful debts. A provision for doubtful debts is established when there is objective evidence that the Company will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables. Provisions are made based on an analysis of balances by age, previous losses experienced, disputes and ability to pay. The amount of the provision is the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows. Changes in the provision against receivables are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income within cost of goods sold.

#### Functional currency

The Company financial statements are presented in euro, which is also the functional currency.

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rate on the day the transaction occurred to the functional currency of the entity. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rates ruling at the statement of financial position date.

Foreign exchange differences arising on translation are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income and allocated to categories most appropriate for the nature of the underlying transaction. Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currency are translated at the foreign currency exchange rate ruling at the dates the non monetary assets and liabilities are recognised.

#### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are carried in the statement of financial position at cost. Cash and cash equivalents includes cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the statement of financial position.

## 1 Accounting policies (continued)

# New IFRS and interpretations of the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (IFRIC)

	ods beginning after 1 January 2015	F6641 1 1
New Standards and ame	Effective date: annual periods beginning on or after	
Improvements to IFRS 201	2-2014 Cycle	1 January 2016
IFRS 14	Regulatory Deferral Accounts	1 January 2016
Amendments to IFRS 11	Accounting for Acquisitions of Interests in Joint Operations	1 January 2016
Amendments to IAS 16 and IAS 38	Clarification of Acceptable Methods of Depreciation and Amortisation	1 January 2016
Amendments to IAS 16 and IAS 41	Agriculture: Bearer Plants	1 January 2016
Amendments to IFRS 10 and IAS 28	Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture	1 January 2016
Amendments to IAS 1	Disclosure Initiative	1 January 2016
Amendments to IFRS 10, IFRS 12 and IAS 28	Investment Entities: Applying the Consolidation Exception	1 January 2016
Amendment to IAS 27	Separate Financial Statements	1 January 2016
Amendment to IAS 12	Income Taxes	1 January 2017
Amendment to IAS 7	Statement of Cash Flows	1 January 2017
IFRS 15	Revenues from Contracts with Customers	1 January 2018
IFRS 9	Financial instruments	1 January 2018
Amendments to IFRS 7	Disclosures - Transition to IFRS 9	1 January 2018
IFRS 16	Leases	1 January 2019

Based on the analysis made to date, the Company estimates that the adoption of most of these standards, amendments and improvements will not have a significant impact.

#### 2 Directors' emoluments and employees

The directors of the company are also directors of other companies within Telefonica Group. The directors received total remuneration for the year of €1.7 million, all of which was paid by other companies within Telefonica Group.

The directors do not believe that it is practicable to apportion this amount between their services as directors of the Company and their services as directors of the holding and fellow subsidiary companies.

During the year, four directors accrued retirement benefits under a defined contribution pension plan.

The Company had no employees during the period ended 31 December 2015.

	Year ended 31 December 2015	Year ended 31 December 2014
Aggregate emoluments	€'000	€'000
Remuneration in respect qualifying services	1,393	2,879
Contributions to pensions schemes	147	44
Amounts paid under long term incentive plan	197	-
Total net transactions	1,737	2,923
Aggregate emoluments of highest paid director	€'000	€'000
Remuneration in respect qualifying services	471	1,219
Contributions to pensions schemes	65	3
Amounts paid under long term incentive plan	130	· · · · · ·
Total net transactions	666	1,222

#### 3 Net financial income / (expense)

	Year ended 31 December 2015 €'000	Year ended 31 December 2014 €'000	
		<del></del>	
Interest income from group undertakings (note 7)	26	82	
Dividend received from subsidiary companies	155,154	100,000	
Financial income	155,180	100,082	
Interest expense from group undertakings (note 7)	(53,265)	(104,019)	
Foreign exchange loss	(208)	- a	
Financial expense	(53,472)	(104,019)	
Net financial income / (expense)	101,708	(3,937)	

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## O2 (Europe) Limited Notes to the financial statements (continued)

#### 4 Taxation

	Year ended 31 December 2015 €'000	Year ended 31 December 2014 €'000
Current tax (credit)	 (17,843)	(29,425)
Adjustments in respect of prior periods  Current tax credit	 14,118 (3,724)	(741)

The tax assessed for the period varied from the amount computed by applying the corporation tax standard rate to profit on ordinary activities before taxation. The difference was attributable to the following factors:

	Year ended 31 December	Year ended 31 December
	2015	2014
		€'000
Profit before taxation	(65,936)	(3,937)
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by the effective rate of UK corporation tax of 20.25% (2013: 21.5%)	(13,352)	(846)
Effects of:	•	
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	33,944	-
Non-taxable income	(31,419)	(21,500)
Foreign exchange movements	. (7,015)	(7,078)
Non-taxable income	14,118	(741)
Taxation (credit) for the year	(3,724)	(30,166)

#### 5 Investments

				Shares in subsidiary undertakings
Cost		•	•	€'000
At 1 January 2014				9,964,826
Movement during the year	·.			-
At 31 December 2014	. ,	•		9,964,826
Movement during the year				232,014
At 31 December 2015				10,196,840
Impairment				
At 1 January 2014	.′			1,458,000
Movement during the year				-
At 31 December 2014				1,458,000
Movement during the year	<b>€</b> \	•		167,619
At 31 December 2015	, ,			1,625,619
Net book value				
At 31 December 2015				8,571,221
At 31 December 2014	•			8,506,826

During the year the Group undertook a reorganisation of its structure in order to simplify the Group and eliminate dormant companies, where possible. As part of the reorganisation the Company acquired the following Group companies for a cash consideration.

For the year ended 31 December 2015, the Company has recognized an impairment loss in relation to its investments in O2 International Holdings Limited of €167,619 thousand. The impairment loss was triggered principally by the payment of dividends during the year by subsidiary company and lower recoverable amount as compared to the carrying value of investment.

Name				Consideration
O2 International Holdings Limited	•		•	£167,295,052
Kilmaine Limited	• •	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	•	£1,701,886
Telefonica Financial Services UK Limite	d ·			£1,000
O2 Investment Ireland				£500
O2 Communications Ireland	•		•	£500
Pacific Shelf 873 Limited		÷		£1
DX Communications (Edinburgh) Limited	d			£152
O2 Pine Limited			•	£2
O2 Willow Limited				£2
O2 Mobiles Limited		•		£2
Call Connections Limited				£1
O2 Solutions Limited	• •	•		£1
The Link Stores Limited	•			£1
O2 Third Generation Holdings Limited				£1
Jajah Limited				£1
O2 Credit Vouchers Limited			•	£1
Telefonica O2 (UK) Limited	• .		•	£1
Movistar Limited		•		£1
Genie Internet Limited	,			£1
O2 (Online) Limited		•		£1

## 5. Investments (continued)

A complete list of the Company's subsidiary undertakings at 31 December 2015 is given below.

Name	Country of incorporation	Principal activity	Shareholding (%)	
Telefonica Germany Holdings Limited	England and Wales	Intermediate holding company	100	
Telefónica Deutschland Holdings AG <sup>(1)</sup>	Germany	Holding company	63.22	
Telefónica Germany Customer Services GmbH <sup>(1)</sup>	Germany	Operation of services	63.22	
Telefónica Germany Management GmbH <sup>(1)</sup>	Gemany	Holding company	63.22	
Telefónica Germany GmbH & Co OHG <sup>(1)</sup>	Germany	Mobile cellular telephone system provider and operator	63.22	
Telefónica Germany 1. Beteiligungs-gesellschaft GmbH <sup>(1)</sup>	Germany	Holding company	63.22	
Wayra Deutschland GmbH <sup>(1)</sup>	Germany	Venture capitalist entity	63.22	
Fonic GmbH <sup>(1)</sup>	Germany	Mobile virtual network operator	63.22	
Tchibo Mobilfunk GmbH & Co KG <sup>(1)</sup>	Germany	Telecommunications equipment retailer	31.61	
Tchibo Mobilfunk Beteiligungs GmbH <sup>(1)</sup>	Germany	Holding company	31.61	
O2Telefonica Deutchsland Finanzierungs GmbH <sup>(1)</sup>	Germany	Provision of funds to finance Germany business	63.22	
E-Plus Mobilfunk GmbH & Co. KG <sup>(1)</sup>	Germany	Mobile cellular telephone system provider and operator	63.22	
E-Plus Services Treuhand GmbH	Germany	Holding company	63.22	
E-Plus Service GmbH & Co. KG	Germany	Operation of services	63.22	
E-Plus Customer Operations GmbH (1)	Germany	Operation of services	63.22	
E-Plus Customer Support GmbH	Germany .	Operation of services	63.22	
E-Plus Retail GmbH (1)	Germany	Telecommunications equipment retailer	63.22	
Erste MVV Mobilfunk Vermögensverwaltungsgesellsch aft mbHf <sup>(1)</sup>	Germany	Operation of services	63.22	
WiMee-Plus GmbH (1)	Germany	Operation of services	63.22	
WiMee-Connect GmbH, (1)	Germany	Operation of services	63.22	
AY YILDIZ Communications GmbH, D <sup>(1)</sup>	Germany	Operation of services	63.22	

## 5 Investments (continued)

Name	Country of incorporation	Principal activity	Shareholding (%)	
Cash & Phone GmbH <sup>(1)</sup>	Germany	Operation of services	63.22	
Gettings GmbH f <sup>(1)</sup>	Germany	Operation of services	63.22	
Ortel Mobile GmbH <sup>(1)</sup>	Germany	Operation of services	63.22	
Go Clever GmbH (1)	Germany	Operation of services	63.22	
E-Plus Financial Services GmbH 1)	Germany	Operation of services	63.22	
Shortcut I GmbH & Co. KG, 1)	Germany	Venture capitalist entity	56.90	
E-Plus 1 Beteiligungsgesellschaft mbH, <sup>(1)</sup>	Germany	Holding company	63.22	
TGCS Bremen Contact Centre GmbH	Germany	Customer care	15.81	
TGSC Hamburg Contact Centre GmbH	Germany	Customer care	63.22	
TGCS Numberg Contact Centre GmbH	Germany	Customer care	63.22	
MNP GbR <sup>1)</sup>	Germany	Operation of services	15.81	
O2 International Holdings Limited	England and Wales	Intermediate holding company	100	
Kilmaine Limited	Isle of Man	Active non- trading	100	
Telefonica Financial Services UK Limited	England and Wales	Active non trading	100	
O2 Investment Ireland	Ireland	active non trading	100	
O2 Communications Ireland	Ireland	Active non-trading company	100	
Pacific Shelf 873 Limited	Scotland	Active non-trading company	. 100	
DX Communications (Edinburgh) Limited	Scotland	Active non-trading company	100	
O2 Pine Limited	England and Wales	Active non-trading company	100	
O2 Willow Limited	England and Wales	Active non-trading company	100	
O2 Mobiles Limited	England and Wales	Active non-trading company	100	
Call Connections Limited <sup>(1)</sup>	England and Wales	Active non-trading company	100	
O2 Solutions Limited <sup>(1)</sup>	England and Wales	Active non-trading company	100	
The Link Stores Limited	England and Wales	Active non-trading company	. 100	

## 5 Investments ( continued )

Name	Country of incorporation	Principal activity	Shareholding (%)	
Telefonica Global Resources Limited <sup>(1)</sup>	England and Wales	Dormant company	100	
Telefonica Digital Limited <sup>(1)</sup>	Ireland	Active non-trading company	100	
Cellphones Direct International Holdings BV	Netherlands	Active non-trading company	100	
O2 Third Generation <sup>(1)</sup>	England and Wales	Active non-trading company	100	
O2 Third Generation Holdings Limited	England and Wales	Active non-trading company	100	
Jajah Limited	England and Wales	Active non-trading company	. 100	
O2 Credit Vouchers	England and Wales	Active non-trading company	100	
Telefonica O2 (UK) Limited	England and Wales	Dormant company	100	
Movistar Limited	England and Wales	Dormant company	100	
Genie Internet Limited	England and Wales	Dormant company	100	
O2 Transactions Limited <sup>(1)</sup>	England and Wales	Active non-trading company	100	
O2 (Online) Limited	England and Wales	Intermediate holding company	100	
O2 (Online) Netherlands BV <sup>(1)</sup>	Netherlands	Intermediate holding company	100	
O2 (Online) Hong Kong Limited <sup>(1)</sup>	Hong Kong	Active non-trading company	100	
O2 Limited <sup>(1)</sup>	England and Wales	Active non-trading company	100	
O2 UK Limited <sup>(1)</sup>	England and Wales	Dormant company	100	
O2 Redwood Limited <sup>(1)</sup>	England and Wales	Active non-trading company	100	
Link FS Limited <sup>(1)</sup>	England and Wales	Active non-trading company	100	
Lumina Holdings Limited <sup>(1)</sup>	England and Wales	Active non-trading company	100	
Cellphones Direct Holdings <sup>(1)</sup> Limited	England and Wales	Active non-trading company	100	
Cellphones Direct (Investments) Limited <sup>(1)</sup>	England and Wales	Active non-trading company	100	
Cellphones Direct Limited <sup>(1)</sup>	England and Wales	Active non-trading company	100	
The Mobile Phone Store Limited <sup>(1)</sup>	England and Wales	Dormant company	100	

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#### 6 Called up share capital

		31 December	31 December	
, ·	• •	2015	2014	
••	<u> </u>	€	€ .	
Called up and fully pa	id			
Ordinary shares of €1 e	each	1,239,007,100	1,239,007,100	

The Company has one class of issued share capital, comprising ordinary shares of €1 each. Subject to the Company's Articles of Association and applicable law, the Company's ordinary shares confer on the holder: the right to receive notice of and vote at general meetings of the Company; the right to receive any surplus assets on a winding-up of the Company; and an entitlement to receive any dividend declared on ordinary shares.

#### Capital management

The Company's capital comprises share capital, share premium and retained earnings.

The Company's objectives when managing capital are to safeguard the Company's ability to continue to operate as a going concern, to maintain optimal capital structure commensurate with risk and return and to reduce the cost of capital.

In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Group may pay dividends to its shareholders, return capital to its shareholders, issue new shares or sell assets to reduce debt or draw down more debt.

#### 7 Related party disclosures

	Year ended	Year ended
	31 December	31 December
	2015	. 2014
·	. €'000	.€,000
Financial income from related parties		
Telefonica Germany Holdings Limited	155,154	100,000
Telfisa Global	26	. 82
Telfisa		<u>.</u>
Total financial income from related parties	155,180	100,082
Financial expense from related parties	•	
Telfisa Global	1	-
Exchange losses on balances with related parties	208	
Telfin Ireland Ltd	53,264	104,019
Total financial expense from related parties	53,472	104,019
		. •
Financial assets with related parties		,
O2 Holdings Limited	24,763	119,010
Total receivables from related parties	24,763	119,010
Financial liabilities with related parties		•
Telfin Ireland Ltd	2,540,953	2,540,953
Total payables to related parties	2,540,953	2,540,953

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#### 7 Related party disclosures (continued)

The €25 million receivable due from O2 Holdings Limited relates to payment for tax losses surrendered by way of group relief and the balance is other receivables.

Amounts owed to Telfin Ireland Limited represent three Euro denominated loans which have an interest rate of 0.89% as of December 2014. The effective interest rate during 2015 was 2.09% (2014: 4.04%).

O2 Holdings Limited, Telefónica Ireland Limited and Telfin Ireland Limited are fellow subsidiaries in the Telefónica S.A. Group.

#### 8 Cash and cash equivalents

•				٠.		31	December 31	December
	•						2015	2014
·		<u> </u>	. •				€'000	€'000
Cash at Ir	ntra-grou	ip accounts		•			7,644	47,665
Cash and	l cash e	quivalents		•			7,644	47,665

The Company's cash at Intra-group accounts are funds deposited with Telfisa Global B.V., a related party.

#### 9 Auditor's remuneration

Audit fees for the Company were borne by another company within the Telefónica S.A. group and have been allocated across the group.

						Period ended 31 December 2015 €'000
Audit of fina	ancial statement	S				19

#### 10 Financial risk factors and management

The Company's operations expose it to a variety of financial risks including interest rate risk, credit risk, liquidity risk and risk related to the fair value of financial instruments.

The principal financial risks of the Company and how the Company managed these risks are discussed below.

#### Credit risk

The Company does not have a significant exposure to credit risk. All of the Company's credit balances are held with companies within the Telefónica S.A. group.

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#### 10 Financial risk factors and management (continued)

Liquidity risk

Management of the Company's liquidity risk is achieved mostly through being a part of the larger Telefónica group, which operates group wide policies in this area. The Company also maintains its own committed borrowing facilities, and holds financial assets primarily in short-term deposits with a central Telefónica group company that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash. These measures help keep liquidity risk low.

Interest rate risk

The Company's interest rate risk arises primarily from the effects of movements in interest rates on the value of the Company's borrowings and financial assets. During the year it was policy to fix or protect expected interest flows where Company profits or key financial ratios would be materially at risk from interest rate movements.

Fair value of financial instruments

The carrying value and fair value of the Company's financial assets and financial liabilities are not deemed to be materially different at 31 December 2015 and 31 December 2014.

#### 11 Parent company and controlling party

At 31 December 2015, the immediate parent company was Telefonica S.A., a company incorporated in Spain. Copies of the financial statements of Telefonica S.A. can be obtained from Gran Via 28, Madrid, Spain.