



CABLE & WIRELESS

Announcement

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NEW NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AT CABLE & WIRELESS

Cable and Wireless plc (Cable & Wireless) today (27 April 2006) announced the appointment of Simon Ball as a Non-executive director to the Board.

Simon Ball is Group Finance Director for 3i Group plc, the FTSE 100 private equity and venture capital business, and has served on its main Board since April 2005.

Prior to this, Simon held a series of senior finance and operational roles over 15 years at Dresdner Kleinwort Benson and Robert Fleming Group and, for two years, served as Director General, Finance for the UK Government's Department for Constitutional Affairs.

His appointment to the Cable and Wireless plc Board takes effect from 1 May 2006. He will also join the Audit and Remuneration committees of Cable & Wireless.

Richard Laphorne, Cable & Wireless Chairman, said: "I am delighted that we have attracted Simon Ball to our Board. He brings with him a wealth of financial acumen and investment experience."

Commenting on the appointment, Simon Ball said: "I am delighted to be joining the Cable & Wireless Board and very much look forward to working with the new executive team."

Notes to editors

About Cable & Wireless

Cable & Wireless is one of the world's leading international communications companies. It operates through two standalone business units – International and UK.

The International business unit operates integrated telecommunications companies in 33 countries offering mobile, broadband, domestic and international fixed line services to residential and business customers, with principal operations in the Caribbean, Panama, Macau, Monaco and the Channel Islands.

The UK business unit provides enterprise and carrier solutions to the largest users of telecoms services across the UK, US, continental Europe and Asia, and consumer and small business broadband services in the UK through Bulldog.

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