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Announcement

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Cable & Wireless - Statement re. Bahrain Telecom

Cable and Wireless plc (Cable & Wireless) confirms today that it is in discussions concerning the potential disposal of its 20 per cent holding in Bahrain Telecom (Batelco) to a third party or parties.

The process is at a preliminary stage and there can be no certainty that it will lead to a transaction.

Further announcements will be made as and when appropriate.

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