



CABLE & WIRELESS

Announcement

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Cable & Wireless termination of US SEC registration

Cable and Wireless plc ("Cable & Wireless") today, 9 June 2006, filed a Form 15 with the US Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), certifying that it has fewer than 300 US shareholders, and thereby terminating the US registration of its Ordinary shares.

The SEC requires that the Company maintain the number of US Holders below 300 for the next 18 months to avoid automatic re-registration of its Ordinary shares. In order to meet this requirement, the Company may require US Holders below a certain threshold shareholding to dispose of their shares during that time. The threshold will be set from time to time, at the discretion of the Board, to achieve the objective of keeping the number of US shareholders below 300.

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Process to terminate SEC registration

Cable & Wireless originally announced, on 9 September 2005, its intention to terminate its American Depositary Receipt (“ADR”) programme, de-list from the New York Stock Exchange (“NYSE”) and thereafter terminate its registration with the SEC.

The Company then announced on 14 December 2005, that it had terminated its ADR programme and voluntarily de-listed from the NYSE, effective from 4pm Eastern Standard Time on 13 December 2005.

Subsequently, the Company held an Extraordinary General Meeting on 14 December 2005 to approve an amendment to its Articles of Association (the “Articles”), allowing the Board to restrict the number of US shareholders. As announced by the Company on 14 December 2005, the amendment was approved by 97.8% of the votes cast.

The Board has since exercised the authority in the amended Articles to require US shareholders with fewer than 100,000 shares to dispose of their shareholding to non-US residents.

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 wholesale and residential broadband services in the UK through Bulldog.

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