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CABLE & WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS PLC HALF YEARLY REPORT FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2012

Trading in line, full year outlook maintained

Key Highlights

- Mobile revenue up 9%, including mobile data revenue growth of 36%
- Strong mobile subscriber growth in Jamaica reflecting new competitive environment
- Mobile leadership in Panama extended
- Good performance in Macau and operational progress in The Bahamas
- Caribbean restructuring programme underway; operating costs down 7%
- Discussions on portfolio reshaping
- Interim dividend of US1.33 cents per share

US\$m	Six months ended 30 September 2012	Change
Revenue	1,431	1% ¹
EBITDA	445	2% ¹
Net income	120	11%
Earnings per share (adjusted)	3.4c	(0.4)c
Earnings per share	1.7c	(0.4)c

¹ At constant currency

Note: EBITDA and adjusted earnings per share are defined in the footnotes on the following pages, reconciliations of EBITDA and adjusted earnings per share are provided on page 27

Outlook

We maintain the guidance given at the full year, and expect:

- Group EBITDA to be similar to 2011/12
- Capital expenditure approximately US\$350 million in 2012/13
- Cash exceptional costs in 2012/13 between US\$30 million and US\$35 million
- Dividend guidance for FY 2012/13 at US4 cents per share

Commenting on the Group results, Tony Rice, Chief Executive of Cable & Wireless Communications Plc, said:

"We have delivered a respectable performance in the first half. Despite a challenging period for the telecoms industry as a whole, our Group has posted a balanced performance, with EBITDA rising 2%.

"We have seen momentum continuing to build for our mobile data services, and this is driving our mobile service revenue. Significant investments in high speed, mobile data capable networks across the Group last year are already delivering returns, and we expect the growth to continue. Voice revenue, however, continues to decline and we are delivering on our plan to reduce costs to mitigate this.

"Private sector and government enterprise pipelines retain a healthy potential although governments continue to be hesitant before launching the new programmes which we are there to support.

"We saw improving results in Jamaica, where our 'fightback' campaign is gathering momentum following regulatory changes made by the Government. We have seen good traction in the key market of prepaid mobile and the business is re-energised. We are also delivering on our potential in The Bahamas, where we have been investing in new networks and introducing new services, particularly mobile data.

"We have also made progress on our strategy to reshape the business. During the first half we exited our West African enterprise business, and confirmed discussions regarding possible transactions involving our Monaco & Islands and Macau business units. These steps are in line with our stated plan to focus our management capability and future investment on the Pan-American region where we have scale, synergy and strong market positions as well as several growth economies.

"Despite continuing competitive and economic pressures in many markets, we are well placed to achieve the outlook indicated at the 2011/12 results."

Analysis of Group results

US\$m	Six months ended 30 September 2012	Six months ended 30 September 2011	% change
Revenue	1,431	1,442	(1)%
Gross margin	933	966	(3)%
Operating costs	(488)	(523)	7%
EBITDA¹	445	443	0%
Depreciation and amortisation	(170)	(175)	3%
Net other operating expense	(5)	(7)	29%
Joint ventures and associates	12	13	(8)%
Total operating profit before exceptional items	282	274	3%
Exceptional items	(26)	(58)	55%
Total operating profit	256	216	19%
Finance income	14	5	nm
Finance expense	(91)	(78)	(17)%
Other non-operating (expense)/income	(15)	2	nm
Profit before tax	164	145	13%
Income tax expense	(44)	(37)	(19)%
Net profit	120	108	11%
<i>Net profit before exceptional items</i>	<i>144</i>	<i>163</i>	<i>(12)%</i>
<i>Net profit attributable to:</i>			
Owners of the Parent Company	43	52	(17)%
Non-controlling interests	77	56	38%
Capital expenditure ²	(177)	(153)	(16)%
Operating cash flow ³	268	290	(8)%
EPS	1.7c	2.1c	
Adjusted EPS ⁴	3.4c	3.8c	
<u>Customers in subsidiaries (000s)</u>			
Mobile	4,391	4,907	
Broadband	552	553	
Fixed	1,391	1,425	

¹ EBITDA is defined as earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation, net other operating and non-operating income/(expense) and exceptional items

² Cash capital expenditure

³ Operating cash flow is defined as EBITDA less capital expenditure

⁴ Adjusted EPS is before exceptional items, gains/(losses) on disposals, amortisation of acquired intangibles and transaction costs

Revenue was in line with the prior year at US\$1,431 million. Across the Group, mobile revenues increased by 9%, boosted by growth in mobile data services. Macau, our most developed mobile data business, posted a 20% rise in total revenue, driven by mobile services and smartphone sales.

Group EBITDA was similar to the prior year at US\$445 million following an improved performance in the Caribbean and continued strength in Macau. The Caribbean performance was driven by mobile customer growth in Jamaica, further operating performance gains in The Bahamas and a region-wide cost reduction programme.

Adjusting for currency, revenue for the Group was 1% higher and EBITDA 2% higher than last year.

Total operating profit increased by 19% to US\$256 million. There was an exceptional charge of US\$26 million related to the Caribbean restructuring programme we commenced at the start of the year and where we have made good progress in the first half.

Net profit for the period was up 11% to US\$120 million and adjusted earnings per share were US3.4 cents. The Board has declared an interim dividend of US1.33 cents per share, in line with our intentions outlined at the full year results in May.

The Group made good progress in its strategic growth businesses, particularly mobile data. Non-voice revenue rose by 36% and now accounts for 26% of Group mobile service revenue. Our Panama business saw a 63% increase in mobile data revenue during the first half as smartphone penetration rose to 26%. Macau, the Caribbean and Monaco also delivered strong mobile data revenue growth. We expect further growth from this segment across the portfolio.

We continued to roll out triple-play services, with pay TV as a key component, launching a service in Barbados during the period, and in the Channel Islands and Isle of Man in October.

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REVIEW OF CWC OPERATIONS

Income statement

	Panama			Caribbean ¹			Macau			Monaco & Islands ²			Other ³			Total		
	H1 12/13 US\$m	H1 11/12 US\$m	Change %	H1 12/13 US\$m	H1 11/12 US\$m	Change %	H1 12/13 US\$m	H1 11/12 US\$m	Change %	H1 12/13 US\$m	H1 11/12 US\$m	Change %	H1 12/13 US\$m	H1 11/12 US\$m	Change %	H1 12/13 US\$m	H1 11/12 US\$m	Change %
Mobile	159	156	2%	262	266	(2)%	213	151	41%	118	120	(2)%	-	-	-	752	693	9%
Broadband & TV	30	30	-	60	62	(3)%	29	28	4%	25	24	4%	-	-	-	144	144	-
Fixed voice	61	72	(15)%	149	169	(12)%	35	38	(8)%	36	41	(12)%	1	-	nm	282	320	(12)%
Enterprise, data and other	36	50	(28)%	82	79	4%	33	41	(20)%	101	115	(12)%	1	-	nm	253	285	(11)%
Revenue	286	308	(7)%	553	576	(4)%	310	258	20%	280	300	(7)%	2	-	nm	1,431	1,442	(1)%
Cost of sales	(93)	(106)	12%	(126)	(131)	4%	(192)	(144)	(33)%	(86)	(95)	9%	(1)	-	nm	(498)	(476)	(5)%
Gross margin	193	202	(4)%	427	445	(4)%	118	114	4%	194	205	(5)%	1	-	nm	933	966	(3)%
Operating costs	(78)	(75)	(4)%	(290)	(313)	7%	(31)	(30)	(3)%	(100)	(108)	7%	11	3	nm	(488)	(523)	7%
EBITDA⁴	115	127	(9)%	137	132	4%	87	84	4%	94	97	(3)%	12	3	nm	445	443	0%
Depreciation and amortisation	(38)	(37)	(3)%	(76)	(80)	5%	(16)	(16)	-	(34)	(38)	11%	(6)	(4)	(50)%	(170)	(175)	3%
Net other operating (expense)/income	-	-	-	(1)	(10)	nm	-	-	-	(1)	1	nm	(3)	2	nm	(5)	(7)	29%
Operating profit before joint ventures and exceptional items	77	90	(14)%	60	42	43%	71	68	4%	59	60	(2)%	3	1	nm	270	261	3%
Capital expenditure	(58)	(49)	(18)%	(61)	(50)	(22)%	(19)	(17)	(12)%	(35)	(33)	(6)%	(4)	(4)	-	(177)	(153)	(16)%
Operating cash flow⁵	57	78	(27)%	76	82	(7)%	68	67	1%	59	64	(8)%	8	(1)	nm	268	290	(8)%
Cash exceptional items	-	(6)	nm	(9)	(29)	69%	-	-	-	-	-	-	(2)	(2)	-	(11)	(37)	70%
Net cash interest	(5)	(3)	(67)%	(1)	(1)	-	-	-	-	1	(2)	nm	(69)	(56)	(23)%	(74)	(62)	(19)%
Cash tax	(52)	(27)	(93)%	(19)	(19)	-	(8)	(7)	(14)%	(6)	(5)	(20)%	(4)	(6)	33%	(89)	(64)	(39)%
Headcount ⁶	1,478	1,578	(6)%	3,677	3,971	(7)%	954	882	8%	1,523	1,642	(7)%	129	152	(15)%	7,761	8,225	(6)%

nm represents % change not meaningful

¹ Caribbean includes The Bahamas business from 6 April 2011

² Monaco & Islands comprises operations in Monaco, Maldives, the Channel Islands, Isle of Man, the Indian and Atlantic Oceans and Africa (Afinis disposed 3 August 2012)

³ Other includes management, royalty and branding fees, the costs of the corporate centre, net UK defined benefit pension charge or credit and intercompany eliminations

⁴ Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation, net other operating and non-operating income/(expense) and exceptional items

⁵ EBITDA less capital expenditure

⁶ Full time equivalents as at 30 September

Panama

- Maintained market leadership in mobile, broadband and domestic fixed voice
- Mobile revenue growth of 2% in a highly competitive market
- 63% growth in mobile non-voice revenue following launch of high speed data network
- Private sector and government enterprise pipelines retain healthy potential, continued delays

	6 months ended 30 Sep 2012	3 months ended 30 Sep 2012	3 months ended 30 Jun 2012	6 months ended 30 Sep 2011	3 months ended 30 Sep 2011	3 months ended 30 Jun 2011
Subscribers (000s)						
Mobile ¹	1,785	1,785	1,656	2,454	2,454	2,038
Broadband	127	127	129	140	140	141
Fixed	381	381	386	396	396	395
ARPU (US\$) ²						
Mobile	15.1	15.9	14.4	13.2	12.4	14.0
Broadband	28.1	29.0	27.2	27.2	27.2	27.3
Fixed	26.3	26.5	26.2	30.3	30.6	30.0
Revenue (US\$m)	286			308		
EBITDA (US\$m)	115			127		
Margin%	40%			41%		

¹Active subscribers are defined as those having performed a revenue-generating event in the previous 60 days

²ARPU is average revenue per user per month, excluding equipment sales

Revenue at US\$286 million was 7% lower than the same period last year due to lower enterprise and fixed voice revenue.

Mobile revenue at US\$159 million rose 2% despite the competitive four player market and introduction of mobile number portability in November 2011. An increase in data penetration from 14% to 26% fuelled strong growth in non-voice revenue, particularly in the prepaid segment. This growth more than offset the decline in mobile voice revenue as the rate per minute remained under pressure due to competition. Following the deactivation of low value, promotion driven customers in the first quarter, total mobile subscribers were 27% lower than last year.

Broadband & TV revenue of US\$30 million was in line with the prior period. Subscribers declined, but ARPU increased as the business focussed on greater value customers, taking higher speed broadband and premium TV packages. The number of pay TV subscribers taking more than one service was over 70%.

Fixed voice revenue declined by 15% to US\$61 million following a reduction in the volume of international transit traffic and lower national calling rates. The rate of decline in subscriber numbers has slowed as households value retaining a fixed line to complement other fixed services.

Enterprise, data and other revenue at US\$36 million was lower than last year as a result of delayed government programmes in Panama. This half we announced both a government project to supply, install and support new systems to share documents electronically and a two year contract to introduce a Hospital Information System to improve the administration and patient care in all of Panama's state funded hospitals. We continue to explore opportunities outside Panama.

Gross margin decreased by 4% to US\$193 million principally due to lower fixed voice revenue. As a percentage of revenue, gross margin improved by two percentage points.

Operating costs increased by 4% to US\$78 million reflecting higher network and property costs following expansion of our mobile network.

Due to reduced fixed voice and enterprise revenue and higher operating costs, EBITDA reduced by 9% to US\$115 million.

Our proportionate ownership of Panama EBITDA for the six months ended 30 September 2012 was 49%.

Caribbean

- Mobile non-voice revenue up 32%, continued roll out of high speed mobile data networks
- Mobile subscriber growth of 20% in Jamaica
- 4G/HSPA+ mobile network established and NGN fixed network launched in The Bahamas
- Cost reduction programme progressing – headcount down 7% across the region

	6 months ended 30 Sep 2012	3 months ended 30 Sep 2012	3 months ended 30 Jun 2012	6 months ended 30 Sep 2011	3 months ended 30 Sep 2011	3 months ended 30 Jun 2011
Subscribers (000s)						
Mobile ¹	1,594	1,594	1,491	1,505	1,505	1,529
Broadband	222	222	221	222	222	223
Fixed	713	713	714	728	728	735
ARPU (US\$) ²						
Mobile	28.0	27.7	28.3	28.7	29.1	28.4
Broadband	42.1	42.6	41.7	42.6	42.7	42.5
Fixed	34.9	34.3	35.4	38.5	38.8	38.3
Revenue (US\$m)	553			576		
EBITDA (US\$m)	137			132		
Margin%	25%			23%		

¹Active subscribers are defined as those having performed a revenue-generating event in the previous 60 days

²ARPU is average revenue per user per month, excluding equipment sales

Caribbean revenue was 4% down on the prior year leading to a similar decline in gross margin. EBITDA improved by 4% following progress in reducing the cost base.

Mobile revenue was 2% lower in the first half at US\$262 million. Handset sales increased as the business introduced several successful promotions, although service revenues were weaker mainly as a result of lower postpaid traffic volumes. In Jamaica we received an excellent customer response to the launch of our new reduced rate mobile packages ahead of long awaited changes to the regulatory environment in July. To date we have increased our Jamaican subscriber base by 20% compared to the first half of last year and mobile service revenue also rose as call volumes and data usage have grown. Across the rest of the Caribbean there was continued growth in the postpaid customer base although prepaid voice revenue was lower as usage decreased. Mobile data has seen strong growth with non-voice revenue for the region growing by 32%.

LIME TV was launched in Barbados during the first half of this year and we have added almost 1,300 customers. Broadband subscribers increased by 3% excluding Jamaica, where we saw increased competition. There was a small reduction in ARPU as rate reductions were introduced to drive customer adoption resulting in Broadband & TV revenue falling slightly to US\$60 million.

Fixed line revenue at US\$149 million declined by 12%. There was a 2% decline in the subscriber base and a fall in ARPU as usage continued to reduce in favour of alternatives such as mobile and VoIP solutions. Revenue in Jamaica was further impacted late in the first half by regulatory changes which resulted in reduced fixed to mobile retail rates and interconnect revenue.

Enterprise, data and other revenue rose by 4% to US\$82 million as we saw growth in corporate data solutions and increased capacity lease revenue generated from our regional cable investments.

Gross margin at US\$427 million tracked the revenue performance and was 4% down compared to last year.

Operating costs reduced by 7% compared to the prior period as we realised efficiencies particularly in our Bahamas business. In our other businesses we have commenced a restructuring programme which was announced at our full year results in May.

EBITDA increased by 4% to US\$137 million driven principally by operational progress in The Bahamas and the early benefits from the wider Caribbean programme.

Our proportionate ownership of Caribbean EBITDA for the six months ended 30 September 2012 was 74%.

Macau

- Mobile service revenue up 14%, continued data growth with non-voice now 35% of service revenue
- Economic growth continues, gaming revenue up 15%
- EBITDA up 4% on prior year driven by strong mobile performance

	6 months ended 30 Sep 2012	3 months ended 30 Sep 2012	3 months ended 30 Jun 2012	6 months ended 30 Sep 2011	3 months ended 30 Sep 2011	3 months ended 30 Jun 2011
Subscribers (000s)						
Mobile ¹	460	460	434	417	417	402
Broadband	142	142	140	136	136	134
Fixed	173	173	174	176	176	177
ARPU (US\$) ²						
Mobile	21.8	24.4	19.3	20.9	20.9	21.0
Broadband	33.6	34.0	33.1	33.3	33.0	33.6
Fixed	33.4	33.1	33.6	36.0	36.9	35.0
Revenue (US\$m)	310			258		
EBITDA (US\$m)	87			84		
Margin%	28%			33%		

¹Active subscribers are defined as those having performed a revenue-generating event in the previous 60 days

²ARPU is average revenue per user per month, excluding equipment sales

Revenue increased by 20% on last year largely due to strong mobile handset sales.

Mobile revenue of US\$213 million was 41% higher driven by the sale of smartphones, particularly the iPhone. Excluding handset sales, revenue was up 14% driven by subscriber growth of 10% whilst data penetration within our customer base remained above 46%. Data usage grew by over 50% driving non-voice revenue higher and supporting the ARPU. Roaming revenue was in line with last year as lower settlement rates with a major international roaming counterparty were offset by higher traffic volumes.

Broadband revenue of US\$29 million was 4% higher than the same period last year due to a 4% increase in subscribers. The broadband ARPU also improved as subscribers upgraded to higher speed packages including our 250Mbps fibre offering. We anticipate the introduction of a new fixed line data competitor in the market and an application is currently under review by the regulator.

Fixed voice revenue of US\$35 million was 8% lower than last year largely due to reduced international revenue.

Enterprise, data and other revenue of US\$33 million was 20% lower principally due to the higher volume of contracts last year.

Gross margin at US\$118 million was up 4% compared to the same period last year reflecting the strong growth in mobile non-voice service revenue.

Operating costs of US\$31 million were 3% higher than last year largely due to higher marketing spend and inflationary pressure on property and staff costs.

EBITDA of US\$87 million was 4% higher than in the same period last year. Adjusting for handset sales the underlying EBITDA margin was 44%.

Our proportionate ownership of Macau EBITDA for the six months ended 30 September 2012 was 51%.

Monaco & Islands (M&I)

- EBITDA 2% higher at constant currency
- Afinis disposal in August 2012
- Roll out of fibre to the curb in the Seychelles

	6 months ended 30 Sep 2012	3 months ended 30 Sep 2012	3 months ended 30 Jun 2012	6 months ended 30 Sep 2011	3 months ended 30 Sep 2011	3 months ended 30 Jun 2011
Subscribers (000s)						
Mobile ¹	552	552	549	531	531	534
Broadband	61	61	58	55	55	53
Fixed	124	124	125	125	125	128
ARPU (US\$) ²						
Mobile	33.1	33.3	32.9	34.3	34.5	34.2
Broadband	60.9	61.2	60.6	62.7	63.3	62.1
Fixed	48.7	47.7	49.6	53.5	52.9	54.2
Revenue (US\$m)	280			300		
EBITDA (US\$m)	94			97		
Margin%	34%			32%		

¹Active subscribers are defined as those having performed a revenue-generating event in the previous 60 days

²ARPU is average revenue per user per month, excluding equipment sales

Revenue at US\$280 million was in line with the same period last year at constant currency. On a reported basis, revenue was 7% lower reflecting the weakness in the Euro and Seychelles Rupee compared to the prior year.

Monaco revenue remained in line with the prior year at constant currency. Mobile service revenue was driven by non-voice services which increased by 29%, higher roaming revenues and a 7% growth in subscribers. There was also growth in Broadband & TV revenue boosted by additional subscribers. This was balanced by a fall in enterprise revenue as transit traffic rates reduced.

Revenue in the Maldives was 3% lower. In April 2012, damage caused to a submarine cable by a third party resulted in lower mobile roaming revenue and fixed international traffic after customers were compensated for the service outage.

In Guernsey, revenue decreased by 4% at constant currency mainly due to the loss of an enterprise contract. We continue to seek new opportunities and are looking to grow our market leading data centre business. In Guernsey, we grew our mobile subscriber base and service revenue increased by 4% compared to prior year. Both Jersey and the Isle of Man exhibited double digit revenue growth following improved performance in mobile.

In the Seychelles we completed the rollout of a nationwide fibre network supported by the country's first subsea cable network, the Seychelles East Africa System. We also saw a good performance in broadband and mobile revenue with double digit growth on last year on a constant currency basis.

Gross margin at US\$194 million increased by 1% at constant currency compared to the same period last year, reflecting the revenue trend. On a reported basis it was 5% lower.

Operating costs were US\$100 million, in line with last year at constant currency and 7% better on a reported basis. Lower Monaco staff costs following headcount reductions in the Afinis business were offset by additional cable repair costs incurred in the Maldives.

EBITDA at US\$94 million was 2% higher than the prior period at constant currency and 3% lower on a reported basis.

Operations in the Maldives, Monaco and Guernsey represented approximately 82% of M&I revenue and approximately 87% of EBITDA in the first half.

Our proportionate ownership of Monaco & Islands EBITDA for the six months ended 30 September 2012 was 65%.

Afinis disposal

Our subsidiary Monaco Telecom SAM completed the sale of its West African-based enterprise business Afinis Communications to SkyVision Global Networks Limited on 3 August 2012 for a total cash consideration of US\$3 million.

Other

Other includes management, royalty and branding fees, the costs of the corporate centre, net UK defined benefit pension credit or charge and intercompany eliminations. EBITDA was US\$12 million, US\$9 million higher than last year, following a pension credit related to the CWSF scheme and reduced costs in the corporate centre.

Joint ventures and associates

Our share of profit after tax from joint ventures was US\$12 million, US\$1 million lower than the prior period.

	Effective ownership as at 30 September 2012 %	CWC share of revenue		CWC share of profit after tax	
		Six months ended 30 September 2012	Six months ended 30 September 2011	Six months ended 30 September 2012	Six months ended 30 September 2011
		US\$m	US\$m	US\$m	US\$m
Trinidad & Tobago (TSTT)	49%	110	111	6	6
Afghanistan (Roshan)	37%	57	59	3	6
Solomon Telekom	33%	4	7	3	2
Others ¹		-	7	-	(1)
Total		171	184	12	13

¹Includes results of Fintel and Telecom Vanuatu disposed of in the prior period and the new Seychelles cable associate

'000s	Mobile subscribers ¹		Broadband subscribers		Fixed line subscribers	
	As at 30 September 2012	As at 30 September 2011	As at 30 September 2012	As at 30 September 2011	As at 30 September 2012	As at 30 September 2011
Trinidad & Tobago (TSTT)	848	883	114	88	267	274
Afghanistan (Roshan)	5,935	5,347	-	-	-	-
Solomon Telekom	174	147	1	1	8	8
Telecom Vanuatu	-	51	-	2	-	6
Total	6,957	6,428	115	91	275	288

¹Active subscribers which are defined as those having performed a revenue-generating event in the previous 60 days

Roshan grew mobile subscribers by 11%, however ARPU came under pressure due to the introduction of 3G services by competitors. This resulted in a US\$3 million reduction in profit after tax attributable to CWC.

Capital expenditure

Capital expenditure was US\$177 million, 16% higher than the same period last year, representing 12% of revenue.

Our principal customer facing investments continue to be in 4G/HSPA+ mobile data networks supporting smartphone sales in Panama, Macau, The Bahamas, Barbados, BVI and Cayman, selective pay TV investments, and improvements to our fixed broadband network. The fixed broadband investment has included continuing our fibre roll outs in Macau and the Caribbean and completing the Next Generation Network in The Bahamas. We have also continued with strategic investments in transmission capacity and cable systems to support both retail and carrier sales. Finally, we continue to advance our billing and customer relationship management systems.

This is the second year of our investment in The Bahamas. We continue to focus on providing an improved service to our customers and preparing for future market competition. In the Maldives we have entered the final year of investment in a domestic cable network that will allow us to provide data services to the population and tourist resorts.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation and amortisation at US\$170 million was US\$5 million lower than H1 2011/12 following the accelerated depreciation of legacy mobile assets in the prior year.

Other Group items

Net other operating expense

The US\$5 million net other operating expense incurred in the first half of the year included losses on the sale of fixed assets. In the prior period, the US\$7 million expense comprised stamp duty in connection with the purchase of a 51% stake in BTC in The Bahamas and US\$3 million hurricane restoration costs also in The Bahamas, partially offset by a gain on the retranslation of sterling based pension funds.

Exceptional items

Exceptional items in the period comprised charges for the Caribbean cost initiative of US\$26 million. Our expectation that this programme will result in between US\$30 million and US\$35 million of cash exceptional costs in 2012/13 remains unchanged. The prior period charge was associated with redundancy and restructuring programmes in The Bahamas and Panama.

Net finance expense

The US\$77 million net finance expense for the Group consists of finance income of US\$14 million (US\$5 million in H1 2011/12) and finance expense of US\$91 million (US\$78 million in H1 2011/12). Compared to the prior period the net interest expense is higher primarily due to increased debt.

Other non-operating expense

The US\$15 million other non-operating expense charge reflected the loss on the disposal of Afinis.

Income tax expense

The income tax charge of US\$44 million (US\$37 million for H1 2011/12) is in respect of overseas taxes. This charge represents an effective tax rate of 24%.

Group cash flow

US\$m	2012/13		2011/12	
	H1	H2	H1	H2
EBITDA¹	445	458	443	
Capital expenditure ²	(177)	(230)	(153)	
Operating cash flow before exceptionals	268	228	290	
Movement in working capital and other provisions	(50)	38	(44)	
Net investment income ³	6	7	6	
Underlying free cash flow	224	273	252	
<i>Fixed charges</i>				
Income taxes paid ⁴	(77)	(26)	(64)	
Interest paid ⁵	(50)	(59)	(66)	
Dividends and shareholder loans to non-controlling interests ⁶	(104)	(63)	(120)	
Underlying equity free cash flow	(7)	125	2	
Dividends paid to shareholders	(133)	(68)	(136)	
Net cash flow before non-recurring items and exceptionals	(140)	57	(134)	
<i>Non-recurring items and exceptionals</i>				
Cash exceptionals	(11)	(32)	(37)	
Coupon for sterling unsecured bond redeemed August 2012	(27)	n/a	n/a	
Panama tax brought forward	(12)	n/a	n/a	
Share buyback	-	-	(70)	
LTIP	-	(3)	(6)	
Acquisitions and disposals ⁶	(1)	22	(144)	
Pension funding	-	(2)	-	
Net cash flow after non-recurring items and exceptionals	(191)	42	(391)	
Net proceeds from borrowings	147	(44)	343	
Net cash flow	(44)	(2)	(48)	

¹ Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation, net other operating and non-operating income/(expense) and exceptional items

² Balance sheet capital expenditure, excluding movement of capex accruals, was US\$135 million and US\$160 million in H1 2012/13 and H1 2011/12 respectively

³ Includes dividends received from joint ventures of US\$1 million in H1 2012/13 (US\$2 million in H1 2011/12)

⁴ Excludes US\$12 million impact on timing of payments following change in Panama tax legislation

⁵ Excludes US\$27 million coupon in H1 2012/13 on sterling unsecured bond of £200 million redeemed in August 2012

⁶ Monaco Telecom dividend paid to minority interest of US\$7 million in H1 2012/13 (US\$8 million in H1 2011/12) has been reallocated to dividends paid to non controlling interests, but for IFRS purposes is included in acquisitions and disposals

The Group generated operating cash flow before exceptional items of US\$268 million in the six months ended 30 September 2012, 8% lower than the same period last year following the Group's decision to invest heavily in its mobile data networks. As a result US\$177 million was invested in capital expenditure compared to \$153 million in the same period last year in part reflecting the timing differences between commitment and expenditure. The outflow from movements in working capital and provisions largely reflects the cyclical nature of our payments profile.

Investment income of US\$6 million included dividends received from joint ventures of US\$1 million, US\$3 million of interest received on cash balances and the proceeds on disposal of Cable & Wireless Worldwide plc shares.

Fixed charges

As in the prior period our fixed charges are more weighted to the first half of the year. We paid US\$77 million relating to income tax in the first half of 2012/13, excluding US\$12 million of tax brought forward due to a change in Panama tax legislation (see non-recurring items and exceptionals below). Interest of US\$50 million was paid on our external borrowings, excluding US\$27 million of increased borrowing costs arising from the timing of refinancing our 2012 sterling unsecured bond. We paid dividends and loans to non-controlling interests of US\$104 million in the period. This was US\$16 million lower than last year due to timing differences in upstream dividend payments.

Dividends to our shareholders were in line with the prior year as the final dividend which was paid in this period was based on US8 cents per share for the financial year 2011/12.

Non-recurring items and exceptionals

The net cash outflow included US\$11 million for exceptional items which related to restructuring costs in the Caribbean, where our cost initiative has progressed faster than anticipated. We also incurred additional borrowing costs of US\$27 million due to the timing of refinancing our 2012 sterling unsecured bond. A recent tax legislation change in Panama has led to the timing of payments being brought forward. As a result there were US\$12 million of additional tax payments in the first half and we anticipate this change will also result in an increased outflow in the second half.

Group cash and debt

	As at 30 September 2012			As at 31 March 2012		
	Subsidiaries	Central	Group	Subsidiaries	Central	Group
	US\$m	US\$m	US\$m	US\$m	US\$m	US\$m
Cash and cash equivalents	253	13	266	265	47	312
Sterling unsecured bonds repayable in 2012	-	-	-	-	(317)	(317)
Sterling unsecured bonds repayable in 2019	-	(238)	(238)	-	(234)	(234)
US\$500 million secured bonds due 2017	-	(493)	(493)	-	(492)	(492)
US\$400 million secured bonds due 2020	-	(390)	(390)	-	(390)	(390)
US\$600 million Revolving Credit Facility (RCF)	-	(330)	(330)	-	-	-
Other central	-	(48)	(48)	-	-	-
Other regional debt facilities	(355)	-	(355)	(274)	-	(274)
Total debt	(355)	(1,499)	(1,854)	(274)	(1,433)	(1,707)
Total net debt	(102)	(1,486)	(1,588)	(9)	(1,386)	(1,395)

Net debt reconciliation

US\$m	As at 31 March 2012	Underlying equity free cash flow ¹	Dividends to CWC share holders	Cash exceptionals	Coupon for sterling bond due 2012	Panama tax brought forward	Other ²	As at 30 September 2012
Total net debt	(1,395)	(7)	(133)	(11)	(27)	(12)	(3)	(1,588)

¹Before one-offs, exceptionals and financing

²Other includes: acquisitions and disposals outflow of US\$1 million, positive exchange movements of US\$3 million, and amortised borrowing costs of US\$5 million

During the period the sterling unsecured bonds repayable in August 2012 were redeemed at par using cash balances and drawings on the US\$600 million revolving credit facility. The revolving credit facility has a margin of 2.50% over LIBOR and a maturity date of October 2016. As at 30 September 2012, US\$330 million of this facility was drawn.

Pensions

As at 30 September 2012, the defined benefit section of the Cable & Wireless Superannuation Fund (CWSF) had an IAS 19 deficit of £84 million, compared to a deficit of £81 million as at 31 March 2012.

Cash contributions have been agreed with the trustees from 2014 to 2016 in order to eliminate the actuarial deficit. These payments are subject to the outcome of the next actuarial valuation as at March 2013. This future deficit funding constitutes a minimum funding agreement and, in accordance with accounting standards, we are required to account for this within our IAS 19 deficit. The increase in the IAS 19 deficit in the period is mainly due to a fall in index-linked gilt yields resulting in an increase to this minimum funding commitment. The IAS 19 deficit recorded at 30 September 2012 represents the present value of the maximum amount committed under the minimum funding agreement.

The fund assets at 30 September 2012 were approximately invested 74% in the bulk annuity policy, 19% in equities, and 7% in bonds, property, swaps and cash.

There are other unfunded pension liabilities in the UK of £27 million (£26 million at 31 March 2012). The Group holds investments in gilts of £22m to partially back the UK unfunded pension liabilities. Other schemes in Cable & Wireless Communications have a net IAS 19 surplus of US\$14 million (US\$22 million surplus at 31 March 2012).

Dividend

We are declaring an interim dividend of US1.33 cents per share.

The interim dividend of US1.33 cents per share will be paid on 11 January 2013 to ordinary shareholders on the register at the close of business on 16 November 2012. Subject to financial and trading performance in the second half of 2012/13, we expect to recommend a final dividend of US2.67 cents per share, resulting in a full year dividend of US4 cents per share.

A currency option and the dividend reinvestment plan will be offered in respect of the interim dividend. The default currency for payment is GBP sterling. Shareholders wishing to receive their dividend in US dollars or wishing to participate in the dividend reinvestment plan should make an election using CREST Input Message or return a completed Currency Mandate Form or Dividend Reinvestment Plan Mandate Form to: Equiniti Ltd, Aspect House, Spencer Road, Lancing, West Sussex, BN99 6DA by 11 December 2012. Copies of the mandate forms are available from Equiniti Ltd. UK callers: 0871 384 2104; overseas callers: +44 (0)121 415 7052 or from our website www.cwc.com.

The sterling dividend payment amount per share will be announced on 17 December 2012, and will be based on the prevailing GBP sterling to US dollar exchange rate at 2pm GMT on that date.

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Condensed consolidated interim income statement

	For the six months ended 30 September 2012			For the six months ended 30 September 2011		
	Pre- exceptional items US\$m	Exceptional items US\$m	Total US\$m	Pre- exceptional items US\$m	Exceptional items US\$m	Total US\$m
Revenue	1,431	-	1,431	1,442	-	1,442
Operating costs before depreciation and amortisation	(986)	(26)	(1,012)	(999)	(58)	(1,057)
Depreciation	(141)	-	(141)	(146)	-	(146)
Amortisation	(29)	-	(29)	(29)	-	(29)
Other operating income	-	-	-	3	-	3
Other operating expense	(5)	-	(5)	(10)	-	(10)
Group operating profit/(loss)	270	(26)	244	261	(58)	203
Share of profits of joint ventures and associates	12	-	12	13	-	13
Total operating profit/(loss)	282	(26)	256	274	(58)	216
(Loss)/gain on disposal of businesses	(15)	-	(15)	2	-	2
Finance income	14	-	14	5	-	5
Finance expense	(91)	-	(91)	(78)	-	(78)
Profit/(loss) before income tax	190	(26)	164	203	(58)	145
Income tax (expense)/credit	(46)	2	(44)	(40)	3	(37)
Profit/(loss) for the period	144	(24)	120	163	(55)	108
Attributable to:						
Owners of the Parent Company	63	(20)	43	83	(31)	52
Non-controlling interests	81	(4)	77	80	(24)	56
	144	(24)	120	163	(55)	108
Earnings per share attributable to the owners of the Parent Company during the period (cents per share)						
– basic			1.7c			2.1c
– diluted			1.7c			2.1c

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Condensed consolidated interim statement of comprehensive income

	For the six months ended 30 September 2012 US\$m	For the six months ended 30 September 2011 US\$m
Profit for the period	120	108
Other comprehensive income for the period comprised:		
Actuarial losses in the value of defined benefit pension schemes	(23)	(52)
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	(6)	(52)
Fair value gain on available-for-sale assets	-	3
Other comprehensive expense for the period	(29)	(101)
Income tax relating to components of other comprehensive income	-	-
Other comprehensive expense for the period, net of tax	(29)	(101)
Total comprehensive income for the period	91	7
Attributable to:		
Owners of the Parent Company	13	(25)
Non-controlling interests	78	32
	91	7

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Condensed consolidated interim statement of financial position

	30 September 2012 US\$m	31 March 2012 US\$m	30 September 2011 US\$m
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Intangible assets	522	528	564
Property, plant and equipment	1,751	1,786	1,963
Investments in joint ventures and associates	265	253	256
Available-for-sale financial assets	56	55	54
Other receivables	52	55	58
Deferred tax asset	17	5	4
Retirement benefit assets	40	40	42
	2,703	2,722	2,941
Current assets			
Trade and other receivables	727	602	700
Inventories	107	103	111
Cash and cash equivalents	266	312	314
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	3	18	15
	1,103	1,035	1,140
Total assets	3,806	3,757	4,081
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	819	832	854
Loans and borrowings	199	460	504
Financial liabilities at fair value	243	251	118
Provisions	85	61	82
Current tax liabilities	162	203	186
	1,508	1,807	1,744
Net current liabilities	(405)	(772)	(604)
Non-current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	30	31	25
Loans and borrowings	1,655	1,247	1,235
Financial liabilities at fair value	-	-	148
Deferred tax liabilities	42	30	37
Provisions	38	37	36
Retirement benefit obligations	205	189	177
	1,970	1,534	1,658
Net assets	328	416	679
EQUITY			
Capital and reserves attributable to the owners of the Parent Company			
Share capital	133	133	133
Share premium	97	97	97
Reserves	(426)	(307)	(83)
	(196)	(77)	147
Non-controlling interests	524	493	532
Total equity	328	416	679

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Condensed consolidated interim statement of changes in equity

	Share capital US\$m	Share premium US\$m	Foreign currency translation and hedging reserve US\$m	Capital and other reserves US\$m	Retained earnings US\$m	Total US\$m	Non-controlling interests US\$m	Total equity US\$m
Balance at 1 April 2011	133	97	108	3,516	(3,488)	366	445	811
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	52	52	56	108
Net actuarial losses recognised (net of taxation)	-	-	-	-	(51)	(51)	(1)	(52)
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	-	-	(29)	-	-	(29)	(23)	(52)
Fair value gain on available-for-sale assets	-	-	-	3	-	3	-	3
Total comprehensive (expense)/income for the period	-	-	(29)	3	1	(25)	32	7
Share-based payment expenses	-	-	-	-	8	8	-	8
Own shares purchased	-	-	-	-	(66)	(66)	-	(66)
Dividends	-	-	-	-	(136)	(136)	-	(136)
Total dividends and other transactions with Cable & Wireless Communications Plc shareholders	-	-	-	-	(194)	(194)	-	(194)
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests	-	-	-	-	-	-	(81)	(81)
Non-controlling interest arising on business combination	-	-	-	-	-	-	136	136
Total dividends and other transactions with non-controlling interests	-	-	-	-	-	-	55	55
Balance at 30 September 2011	133	97	79	3,519	(3,681)	147	532	679
Balance at 1 April 2012	133	97	61	3,321	(3,689)	(77)	493	416
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	43	43	77	120
Net actuarial losses recognised (net of taxation)	-	-	-	-	(23)	(23)	-	(23)
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	-	-	(7)	-	-	(7)	1	(6)
Total comprehensive (expense)/income for the period	-	-	(7)	-	20	13	78	91
Share-based payment expenses	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1
Dividends	-	-	-	-	(133)	(133)	-	(133)
Total dividends and other transactions with Cable & Wireless Communications Plc shareholders	-	-	-	-	(132)	(132)	-	(132)
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests	-	-	-	-	-	-	(47)	(47)
Transfers on sale of subsidiary	-	-	-	(4)	4	-	-	-
Total dividends and other transactions with non-controlling interests	-	-	-	(4)	4	-	(47)	(47)
Balance at 30 September 2012	133	97	54	3,317	(3,797)	(196)	524	328

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Condensed consolidated interim statement of cash flows

	For the six months ended 30 September 2012 US\$m	For the six months ended 30 September 2011 US\$m
Cash flows from operating activities		
Cash generated from operations	382	356
Income taxes paid	(89)	(64)
Net cash from operating activities	293	292
Cash flows from investing activities		
Finance income	3	4
Other expense	(2)	-
Dividends received	1	2
Decrease in financial assets at fair value	10	-
Proceeds on disposal of property, plant and equipment	2	1
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(165)	(124)
Purchase of intangible assets	(12)	(29)
Proceeds on disposal of businesses (net of cash disposed)	(3)	3
Acquisition of subsidiaries and non-controlling interests (net of cash received and transaction costs)	(7)	(156)
Net cash used in investing activities	(173)	(299)
Net cash flow before financing activities	120	(7)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Dividends paid to owners of the Parent Company	(133)	(136)
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests	(47)	(74)
Shareholder loans to non-controlling interests	(50)	(38)
Repayments of borrowings	(485)	(94)
Finance costs	(77)	(66)
Proceeds from borrowings	632	437
Purchase of own shares	-	(70)
Other financing	(4)	-
Net cash used in financing activities	(164)	(41)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents:	(44)	(48)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April	312	379
Exchange differences on cash and cash equivalents	(2)	(17)
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 September	266	314

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Reconciliation of net profit to net cash flow from operating activities

	For the six months ended 30 September 2012 US\$m	For the six months ended 30 September 2011 US\$m
Profit for the period	120	108
Adjustments for:		
Tax expense	44	37
Depreciation	141	146
Amortisation	29	29
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	2	-
Loss/(gain) on disposal of businesses	15	(2)
Finance income	(14)	(5)
Finance expense	91	78
Other income and expenses	-	5
Increase in provisions	17	22
Employee benefits	(5)	3
Defined benefit pension scheme contributions	(2)	(4)
Share of post-tax profit of joint ventures	(12)	(13)
Operating cash flows before working capital changes	426	404
Changes in working capital (excluding the effects of acquisitions and disposals of subsidiaries)		
Increase in inventories	(4)	(19)
Increase in trade and other receivables	(75)	(41)
Increase in trade and other payables	35	12
Cash generated from operations	382	356

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Notes to the condensed consolidated interim financial statements

1. Reporting entity

Cable & Wireless Communications Plc (the Company) is a company registered in England and Wales. The condensed consolidated interim financial statements as at and for the six months ended 30 September 2012 comprise the Company and its subsidiaries (together referred to as the Group) and the Group's interests in joint venture and associate entities.

The consolidated financial statements of the Group as at and for the year ended 31 March 2012 are available upon request from the Company's registered office at 3rd Floor, 26 Red Lion Square, London WC1R 4HQ or at www.cwc.com.

2. Statement of compliance

These condensed consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 *Interim Financial Reporting* as adopted by the European Union. They do not include all of the information required for full annual financial statements and should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements of the Group as at and for the year ended 31 March 2012.

The comparative figures for the financial year ended 31 March 2012 are not the Group's statutory accounts for that financial year. Those accounts have been reported on by the Group's auditors and delivered to the Registrar of Companies. The report of the auditors was (i) unqualified, (ii) did not include a reference to any matters to which the auditors drew attention by way of emphasis without qualifying their report, and (iii) did not contain a statement under section 498 (2) or (3) of the Companies Act 2006.

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 7 November 2012.

3. Significant accounting policies and principles

The accounting policies applied by the Group in these condensed consolidated interim financial statements are the same as those applied by the Group in its consolidated financial statements as at and for the year ended 31 March 2012, with the exception of new and revised accounting standards and interpretations effective from 1 April 2012 and the specific requirements of IAS 34 *Interim Financial Reporting*.

There was no material effect on the Group from the adoption of new and revised accounting standards and interpretations.

After making enquiries, the Directors have a reasonable expectation that the Group has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Income tax expense in the interim period is based on our best estimate of the weighted average annual income tax rate expected for the full financial year.

4. Estimates

The preparation of the condensed consolidated interim financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expense. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

In preparing these condensed consolidated interim financial statements, the significant judgements made by management in applying the Group's accounting policies and the key sources of estimation uncertainty were the same as those that applied to the consolidated financial statements as at and for the year ended 31 March 2012.

5. Segment information

Cable & Wireless Communications Group is an international telecommunications service provider. It operates integrated telecommunications companies offering mobile, broadband, TV, fixed line and enterprise services to residential and business customers. It has four principal operations which have been identified as the Group's reportable segments, being the Caribbean, Panama, Macau and Monaco & Islands.

The Group also has a London corporate centre (London) that does not meet the definition of an operating segment as it does not earn revenue from its activities. This function primarily acts as a portfolio manager and operational support provider for the reportable segments.

The Board (the chief operating decision maker of the Group) considers the performance of each of these operations in assessing the performance of the Group and making decisions about the allocation of resources. Accordingly, these are the operating segments disclosed. There are no other operating segments identified by the Board. The operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with the internal reporting provided to the Board.

The operating segment results for the six months ended 30 September 2012, as provided to the Cable & Wireless Communications Plc Board, are presented below. The non-operating London corporate centre is also disclosed within 'other and eliminations' in order to reconcile the reportable segment results to the Group results.

	Caribbean US\$m	Panama US\$m	Macau US\$m	Monaco & Islands US\$m	Other and eliminations ¹ US\$m	Total US\$m
Revenue	553	286	310	280	2	1,431
Cost of sales	(126)	(93)	(192)	(86)	(1)	(498)
Gross margin	427	193	118	194	1	933
Pre-exceptional operating costs	(290)	(78)	(31)	(100)	11	(488)
EBITDA²	137	115	87	94	12	445
Depreciation and amortisation	(76)	(38)	(16)	(34)	(6)	(170)
Net other operating (expense)/income	(1)	-	-	(1)	(3)	(5)
Operating profit before joint ventures and exceptional items	60	77	71	59	3	270
Share of post-tax profit of joint ventures	-	-	-	3	9	12
Operating exceptional items	(26)	-	-	-	-	(26)
Total operating profit	34	77	71	62	12	256
Net other expense						(15)
Net finance expense						(77)
Profit before income tax						164
Income tax expense						(44)
Profit for the period						120

There are no differences in the measurement of the reportable segments' results and the Group's results.

¹Other and eliminations includes London expenses, eliminations for inter-segment transactions and the results of our joint ventures and associates (with the exception of our joint venture in Afghanistan, which is reported within Monaco & Islands).

²EBITDA is used in management reporting as it is considered by management to be a key financial metric. It is defined as earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation, net other operating and non-operating income/(expense) and exceptional items (note 6)

6. Exceptional items

Exceptional operating expenses totalled US\$26 million comprising entirely of redundancy and restructuring costs in the Caribbean.

7. Provisions for liabilities and charges

The table below represents the movements in significant classes of provisions during the six month period ended 30 September 2012:

	Redundancy	Network, property & asset retirement obligations	Legal and other	Total
	US\$m	US\$m	US\$m	US\$m
At 1 April 2012	7	40	51	98
Current portion	7	10	44	61
Non-current portion	-	30	7	37
Additional provision	26	2	8	36
Amounts used	(9)	(4)	(1)	(14)
Transfer	(1)	1	-	-
Effect of discounting	-	1	1	2
Exchange differences	-	-	1	1
At 30 September 2012	23	40	60	123
Current portion	23	10	52	85
Non-current portion	-	30	8	38

Redundancy

Provision has been made for the total employee related costs of redundancies announced prior to the reporting date. Amounts provided for and spent during the period presented primarily relate to regional transformation activities. The provision is expected to be used within one year.

Network, property and asset retirement obligations

Provision has been made for the best estimate of the unavoidable costs associated with redundant leased network capacity and vacant properties. The provision is expected to be used over the shorter of the period to exit and the lease contract life.

Provision has also been made for the best estimate of the asset retirement obligation associated with office sites, technical sites, mobile cell sites and domestic and subsea cabling. This provision is expected to be used at the end of the life of the related asset on which the obligation arises.

Legal and other

Legal and other provisions include amounts relating to specific legal claims against the Group together with amounts in respect of certain employee benefits and sales taxes.

8. Property, plant and equipment

During the period, US\$124 million of property, plant and equipment was acquired. There were disposals of property, plant and equipment with a net book value of US\$6 million. The Group's capital commitments at 30 September 2012 were US\$107 million (US\$93 million at 31 March 2012).

9. Changes in net funds

	At 1 April 2012 US\$m	Cash flow US\$m	Bond amortisation US\$m	Transfer US\$m	Exchange movements US\$m	At 30 September 2012 US\$m
Cash at bank and in hand	188	23	-	-	(1)	210
Short-term deposits	124	(67)	-	-	(1)	56
Total funds	312	(44)	-	-	(2)	266
Debt due within one year	(460)	278	(3)	(23)	9	(199)
Debt due after one year	(1,247)	(425)	(2)	23	(4)	(1,655)
Total debt	(1,707)	(147)	(5)	-	5	(1,854)
Total net debt	(1,395)	(191)	(5)	-	3	(1,588)

10. Pensions

As at 30 September 2012, the Cable & Wireless Superannuation Fund defined benefit scheme (CWSF) had an IAS 19 *Employee Benefits* deficit of US\$135 million compared with a deficit of US\$129 million at 31 March 2012. The deficit takes account of the recovery funding plan agreed with the Trustees of the CWSF in the prior year. This funding plan constitutes a minimum funding requirement and the IAS 19 accounting deficit has therefore been calculated in accordance with IFRIC 14 *The Limits on a Defined Benefit Asset, Minimum Funding Requirements and their Interaction*.

Further, the Group has unfunded pension liabilities in the UK of US\$44 million (US\$42 million at 31 March 2012). Other defined benefit schemes have a net IAS 19 surplus of US\$14 million (US\$22 million surplus at 31 March 2012).

11. Weighted average number of ordinary shares

The weighted average number of ordinary shares used in the calculation of basic and diluted earnings per share was as follows:

	Six months ended 30 September 2012	Six months ended 30 September 2011
Basic weighted average number of ordinary shares	2,493,017,000	2,520,899,000
Diluted weighted average number of ordinary shares	2,503,566,000	2,532,538,000
Treasury shares	137,489,000	137,489,000

The number of ordinary shares in issue as at 30 September 2012 was 2,665,611,727.

On 20 July 2012, the Group's shareholders approved a resolution at the AGM for the Group to purchase up to 252 million ordinary shares. This authority will expire at the conclusion of the Company's AGM in 2013 or 30 September 2013, whichever is the earlier. Under the resolution, no shares have been purchased since the AGM on 20 July 2012.

At 30 September 2012 a total of 137,488,873 shares were classified as treasury shares. This represented 5% of called-up share capital at the beginning of the period.

12. Dividends paid and proposed

The interim dividend proposed for the six month period ended 30 September 2012 is US\$33 million (US1.33 cents per share). The proposed dividend was approved by the Board of Directors on 7 November 2012. The interim dividend paid for the corresponding six month period ended 30 September 2011 was US\$66 million (US2.67 cents per share).

The final dividend paid on 10 August 2012 for the full year ended 31 March 2012 was US\$133 million (US5.33 cents per share). The final dividend paid on 12 August 2011 for the corresponding full year ended 31 March 2011 was US\$136 million (US5.33 cents per share).

13. Related parties

The nature of the related party transactions of the Group has not changed from those described in the Group's consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2012.

Transactions with joint ventures and associates

All trade transactions with joint ventures and associates arise in the normal course of business and primarily relate to fees for use of the Group's products and services, network and access charges.

During the six months ended 30 September 2012, the Group received dividends of US\$1 million from joint ventures and associates (US\$2 million for the six months ended 30 September 2011). At 30 September 2012, joint ventures and associates owed net US\$3 million (net US\$2 million at 31 March 2012) in respect of trading balances.

There were no other material trade transactions with joint ventures and associates during the year.

Transactions with key management personnel

At 31 March 2012, a Director's spouse held bonds issued by Cable & Wireless Limited with a nominal value of US\$15,967 (£10,000). This Director retired on 30 June 2012. The interest earned on these bonds during the period 1 April 2012 to 30 June 2012 was US\$344 which has been paid in full.

A Director's spouse holds bonds issued by Cable and Wireless International Finance BV with a nominal value at 30 September 2012 of US\$777,454 (£480,000). The interest earned on these bonds during the six months ended 30 September 2012 was US\$32,729 and US\$33,620 remains unpaid at 30 September 2012.

Two children of a Director hold bonds issued by Cable and Wireless International Finance BV. These bonds had a nominal value at 30 September 2012 of US\$809,848 (£500,000). The interest earned on those bonds during the six months ended 30 September 2012 was US\$34,093 and US\$35,020 remains unpaid at 30 September 2012.

Transactions with other related parties

There are no controlling shareholders of the Group. There have been no material transactions with the shareholders of the Group.

Other than the parties disclosed above, the Group has no other material related parties.

14. Operating lease expenditure and guarantees

As at 30 September 2012, the aggregate future minimum lease payments under operating leases are:

	As at 30 September 2012 US\$m	As at 31 March 2012 US\$m
No later than one year	44	39
Later than one year but not later than five years	108	92
Later than five years	44	39
Total minimum operating lease payments	196	170

Guarantees at the end of the period for which no provision has been made in the financial statements are as follows:

	As at 30 September 2012 US\$m	As at 31 March 2012 US\$m
Trading guarantees	49	47
Other guarantees	39	39
Total guarantees	88	86

Other guarantees at 30 September 2012 include US\$2 million (US\$2 million at 31 March 2012) relating to guarantees to third parties in respect of trading contracts between third parties and the Cable & Wireless Worldwide Group. The Cable & Wireless Worldwide Group (a wholly owned subsidiary of Vodafone Group plc) has agreed a fee schedule with Cable & Wireless Communications Group for the benefit of these guarantees. To date, the Group has not been required to make any payments in respect of its obligations under these trading guarantees.

15. Reconciliation of GAAP to non-GAAP items

Total operating profit to EBITDA

	Six months ended 30 September 2012	Six months ended 30 September 2011
	US\$m	US\$m
Total operating profit	256	216
Depreciation and amortisation	170	175
Net other operating expense	5	7
Share of post tax profit of joint ventures and associates	(12)	(13)
Exceptional items	26	58
EBITDA	445	443

The Group uses EBITDA as a key performance measure as it reflects the underlying operational performance of the businesses. EBITDA is not a measure defined under IFRS. It is calculated as earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation, net other operating and non-operating income and expense and exceptional items.

Basic Earnings Per Share (EPS) to Adjusted EPS

	Six months ended 30 September 2012	Six months ended 30 September 2011
	US cents	US cents
Profit per share attributable to owners of the Parent Company	1.7	2.1
Exceptional items ¹	0.8	1.2
Amortisation of acquired intangibles ¹	0.3	0.3
Transaction costs and loss/(gain) on disposal of businesses	0.6	0.2
Adjusted EPS attributable to owners of the Parent Company	3.4	3.8
Weighted average number of shares (million)	2,493	2,521

¹ Excluding amounts attributable to non-controlling interests

Adjusted EPS is before exceptional items, transaction costs, gain/(loss) on disposal of businesses and amortisation of acquired intangibles.

RISKS TO OUR FUTURE SUCCESS

As with any business, there are a number of potential risks to our future success. These risks and our plans to mitigate them are outlined in further detail in the consolidated financial statements of the Group as at and for the year ended 31 March 2012 (pages 28 to 31 of the Annual Report). A summary of those risks (in no particular order) is as follows:

- **Investment** - Possibility of unsuccessful investment, mergers and acquisitions and/or potential new sources of growth prove insufficient or fail to develop.
- **Business Development** – Development of mobile data, pay TV and value added services fail to perform as anticipated or failure to identify and mobilise into new business lines with sufficient time.
- **Competitive Activity** – Competitor activity, new entrants and further liberalisation could reduce market share and margins which in turn could impact revenue, cash flow and profit.
- **Business Change** – Our business change and business improvement strategies fail to achieve business improvement, which in turn affect the carrying value of our investments.
- **Economic Conditions** – A worsening of the global economic climate or poor local/national economic conditions may impact our operations, trading and profitability.
- **Licenses, Regulation and Political Risk** – Renewal of regulatory licences and operating agreements; licence revocation or amendment; changes in regulation; inability to obtain new or additional licences and loss of large corporate or Government clients due to changes in the political environment.
- **Technology** – Increased level of investment/changes to competitive landscape from new technologies and possible health risks relating to mobile phones and transmitters.
- **Service Disruption** – Disruption to our network and IT systems from events such as natural disasters, fire, security breaches or human error.
- **Counterparty** – Insolvency of a customer or supplier, or a default of their organisation.
- **Litigation** – Risk of litigation against our business units or corporate centre.
- **Network and Data Security** – Third parties may gain unauthorised access to the network and to sensitive data.
- **People** – Risks including retention of key senior managers, business disruption through industrial action or national emergency.
- **Corporate Ethics** – Risk of people or third parties not complying with the company's strong ethical culture and procedures.
- **Foreign Exchange and Taxation** – Exchange rate fluctuations and changes to tax law.
- **Liquidity** – Liquidity risks around not being able to meet obligations or access to funding only at excessive cost. Exceptional market events could adversely impact our business units.
- **Funding** – Risk of breaching covenants included in financial agreements.
- **Pensions** – Changes in our liability to the UK defined benefit pension scheme.
- **Shared Brand** – Risks associated with the shared use of the 'Cable & Wireless' brand with Cable & Wireless Worldwide (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Vodafone Group plc).
- **Joint Ventures** – Performance of joint ventures where we do not have management control.

The Group did not identify any additional risks in the six months ended 30 September 2012.

INDEPENDENT REVIEW REPORT BY KPMG AUDIT PLC TO CABLE & WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS PLC

Introduction

We have been engaged by the company to review the condensed set of financial statements in the half yearly financial report for the six months ended 30 September 2012 which comprises the condensed consolidated interim income statement; condensed consolidated interim statement of comprehensive income; condensed consolidated interim statement of financial position; condensed consolidated interim statement of cash flows; condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity and the related explanatory notes. We have read the other information contained in the half yearly financial report and considered whether it contains any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the information in the condensed set of financial statements.

This report is made solely to the company in accordance with the terms of our engagement to assist the company in meeting the requirements of the Disclosure and Transparency Rules ("the DTR") of the UK's Financial Services Authority ("the UK FSA"). Our review has been undertaken so that we might state to the company those matters we are required to state to it in this 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 for our review work, for this report, or for the conclusions we have reached.

Directors' responsibilities

The half yearly financial report is the responsibility of, and has been approved by, the Directors. The Directors are responsible for preparing the half yearly financial report in accordance with the DTR of the UK FSA.

The annual financial statements of the Group are prepared in accordance with IFRS as adopted by the EU. The condensed set of financial statements included in this half-yearly financial report has been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 *Interim Financial Reporting* as adopted by the EU.

Our responsibility

Our responsibility is to express to the company a conclusion on the condensed set of financial statements in the half yearly financial report based on our review.

Scope of review

We conducted our review in accordance with International Standard on Review Engagements (UK and Ireland) 2410 *Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity* issued by the Auditing Practices Board for use in the UK. A review of interim financial information consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the condensed set of financial statements in the half yearly financial report for the six months ended 30 September 2012 is not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with IAS 34 as adopted by the EU and the DTR of the UK FSA.

Peter Meehan

For and on behalf of KPMG Audit Plc

Chartered Accountants

15 Canada Square, London, E14 5GL

7 November 2012

RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

This interim management report has been approved by the Directors of Cable & Wireless Communications Plc. In accordance with the requirements of the Disclosure and Transparency Rules, the Directors confirm that to the best of their knowledge:

- The condensed set of financial statements has been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 *Interim Financial Reporting* as adopted by the EU;
- The interim management report includes a fair review of the information required by:
 - (a) DTR 4.2.7R of the *Disclosure and Transparency Rules*, being an indication of important events that have occurred during the first six months of the financial year and their impact on the condensed set of financial statements; and a description of the principal risks and uncertainties for the remaining six months of the year; and
 - (b) DTR 4.2.8R of the *Disclosure and Transparency Rules*, being related party transactions that have taken place in the first six months of the current financial year and that have materially affected the financial position or performance of the entity during that period; and any changes in the related party transactions described in the last annual report that could do so.

The current Directors of Cable & Wireless Communications Plc are as follows:

Chairman:

Sir Richard Laphorne

Executive Directors:

Nick Cooper – Corporate Services Director

Tim Pennington – Chief Financial Officer

Tony Rice – Chief Executive

Non-executive Directors:

Simon Ball – Deputy Chairman, Senior Independent Director, Chairman of the Remuneration Committee

Ian Tyler – Chairman of the Audit Committee

Mark Hamlin

Alison Platt

By order of the Board

Tony Rice
Chief Executive

Tim Pennington
Chief Financial Officer

7 November 2012

IMPORTANT DISCLAIMER

This announcement contains forward-looking statements that are based on current expectations or beliefs, as well as assumptions about future events. These forward-looking statements can be identified by the fact that they do not relate only to historical or current facts. Forward-looking statements often use words such as anticipate, target, expect, estimate, intend, plan, goal, believe, will, may, should, would, could or other words of similar meaning. Undue reliance should not be placed on any such statements because, by their very nature, they are subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties and can be affected by other factors that could cause actual results, and Cable & Wireless Communications' plans and objectives, to differ materially from those expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements.

There are several factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in forward-looking statements. Among the factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements are changes in the global, political, economic, business, competitive, market and regulatory forces, future exchange and interest rates, changes in tax rates and future business combinations or dispositions. A summary of some of the potential risks faced by Cable & Wireless Communications is set out in the Group's most recent Annual Report.

Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made and Cable & Wireless Communications undertakes no obligation to revise or update any forward-looking statement contained within this announcement, or any other forward-looking statements it may make, regardless of whether those statements are affected as a result of new information, future events or otherwise (except as required by the UK Listing Authority, the London Stock Exchange, the City Code on Takeovers and Mergers or by law).

H1 2012/13 CWC CONSTANT CURRENCY¹ RESULTS DETAIL

	Panama ²			Caribbean			Macau ²			Monaco & Islands			Other ³			Total		
	H1 12/13 US\$m	H1 11/12 US\$m	Change %	H1 12/13 US\$m	H1 11/12 US\$m	Change %	H1 12/13 US\$m	H1 11/12 US\$m	Change %	H1 12/13 US\$m	H1 11/12 US\$m	Change %	H1 12/13 US\$m	H1 11/12 US\$m	Change %	H1 12/13 US\$m	H1 11/12 US\$m	Change %
Mobile	159	156	2%	262	266	(2)%	213	151	41%	118	113	4%	-	-	-	752	686	10%
Broadband & TV	30	30	-	60	61	(2)%	29	28	4%	25	23	9%	-	-	-	144	142	1%
Fixed voice	61	72	(15)%	149	167	(11)%	35	38	(8)%	36	39	(8)%	1	-	nm	282	316	(11)%
Enterprise, data and other	36	50	(28)%	82	79	4%	33	41	(20)%	101	104	(3)%	1	-	nm	253	274	(8)%
Revenue	286	308	(7)%	553	573	(3)%	310	258	20%	280	279	0%	2	-	nm	1,431	1,418	1%
Cost of sales	(93)	(106)	12%	(126)	(130)	3%	(192)	(144)	(33)%	(86)	(87)	1%	(1)	-	nm	(498)	(467)	(7)%
Gross margin	193	202	(4)%	427	443	(4)%	118	114	4%	194	192	1%	1	-	nm	933	951	(2)%
Operating costs	(78)	(75)	(4)%	(290)	(312)	7%	(31)	(30)	(3)%	(100)	(100)	-	11	3	nm	(488)	(514)	5%
EBITDA⁴	115	127	(9)%	137	131	5%	87	84	4%	94	92	2%	12	3	nm	445	437	2%
Depreciation and amortisation	(38)	(37)	(3)%	(76)	(79)	4%	(16)	(16)	-	(34)	(36)	6%	(6)	(4)	(50)%	(170)	(172)	1%
Net other operating (expense)/income	-	-	-	(1)	(10)	nm	-	-	-	(1)	-	nm	(3)	3	nm	(5)	(7)	29%
Operating profit before joint ventures and exceptional items	77	90	(14)%	60	42	43%	71	68	4%	59	56	5%	3	2	nm	270	258	5%
Headcount ⁵	1,478	1,578	(6)%	3,677	3,971	(7)%	954	882	8%	1,523	1,642	(7)%	129	152	(15)%	7,761	8,225	(6)%

nm represents % change not meaningful

¹ Prior year comparison translated at current year rates

² As these currencies are US dollar denominated or linked to the US dollar, there is no difference between the reported and constant currency changes

³ Other includes management, royalty and branding fees, the costs of the corporate centre, net UK defined benefit pension charge and intercompany eliminations

⁴ Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation, net other operating and non-operating income/(expense) and exceptional items

⁵ Full time equivalents as at 30 September

KPI DETAIL

	2010/11				2011/12				2012/13	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
Subscribers (000s)										
Panama										
Mobile ¹	2,336	2,501	2,306	2,531	2,038	2,454	2,347	2,227	1,656	1,785
Broadband	141	142	140	141	141	140	133	132	129	127
Fixed line	415	405	401	398	395	396	393	389	386	381
Caribbean²										
Mobile ¹	1,339	1,332	1,323	1,287	1,529	1,505	1,450	1,517	1,491	1,594
Broadband	213	210	207	208	223	222	223	225	221	222
Fixed line	634	624	617	617	735	728	722	719	714	713
Macau										
Mobile ¹	397	396	387	402	402	417	427	454	434	460
Broadband	129	131	132	133	134	136	138	139	140	142
Fixed line	179	178	178	177	177	176	176	175	174	173
M&I										
Mobile ¹	484	497	509	526	534	531	543	543	549	552
Broadband	48	49	50	52	53	55	56	57	58	61
Fixed line	242	242	239	128	128	125	126	125	125	124
ARPU (US\$)³										
Panama										
Mobile	10.6	10.5	11.3	11.8	14.0	12.4	13.1	13.9	14.4	15.9
Broadband	28.4	28.1	27.1	27.4	27.3	27.2	27.4	27.5	27.2	29.0
Fixed line	30.9	30.9	30.4	30.2	30.0	30.6	27.8	26.6	26.2	26.5
Caribbean²										
Mobile	19.4	18.5	19.6	19.5	28.4	29.1	28.9	29.3	28.3	27.7
Broadband	36.9	38.7	38.8	39.8	42.5	42.7	41.5	42.4	41.7	42.6
Fixed line	36.3	37.8	37.0	37.1	38.3	38.8	37.6	33.3	35.4	34.3
Macau										
Mobile	18.9	19.4	20.9	20.3	21.0	20.9	19.2	16.7	19.3	24.4
Broadband	30.6	33.2	32.5	33.6	33.6	33.0	33.2	32.1	33.1	34.0
Fixed line	37.4	38.6	33.9	36.6	35.0	36.9	32.3	34.1	33.6	33.1
M&I										
Mobile	37.2	36.2	36.3	37.7	34.2	34.5	32.8	31.4	32.9	33.3
Broadband	59.6	62.9	72.3	63.1	62.1	63.3	61.9	62.0	60.6	61.2
Fixed line	35.4	31.6	34.1	41.0	54.2	52.9	52.1	51.7	49.6	47.7

¹ Active subscribers are defined as those having performed a revenue-generating activity in the previous 60 days

² Caribbean does not include The Bahamas business in 2010/11 (acquired 6 April 2011)

³ ARPU is average revenue per user per month, excluding equipment sales

EXCHANGE RATES

	Actual rates for 6 months ended 30 September 2012	Actual rates for 6 months ended 30 September 2011	Percentage change US dollar appreciation / (depreciation)
Sterling : US dollar			
Average	0.6342	0.6161	3%
Period end	0.6174	0.6370	(3)%
Euro : US dollar			
Average	0.7942	0.6990	14%
Period end	0.7743	0.7334	6%
Seychelles rupee : US dollar			
Average	13.98	12.25	14%
Period end	13.04	12.44	5%
Jamaican dollar : US dollar			
Average	87.62	85.40	3%
Period end	89.35	85.78	4%
Maldivian Rufiyaa : US dollar			
Average	15.36	15.23	1%
Period end	15.36	15.40	0%
US dollar : Sterling			
Average	1.5769	1.6234	
Period end	1.6197	1.5699	

Cable & Wireless Communications EBITDA by currency

	H1 2012/13	
	US\$m	% of total
US dollar, pegged or linked	378	85%
Sterling	16	4%
Euro	38	8%
Jamaican Dollar	7	2%
Seychelles Rupee	6	1%
Total	445	100%