

THE TAKEOVER PANEL

**OFFER BY
CABLE & WIRELESS HOLDCO LIMITED (“CABLE & WIRELESS”)
FOR
THUS GROUP PLC (“THUS”)**

OFFER TIMETABLE EXTENDED

Rule 31.9 of the Code requires that all material new information should ordinarily be published by the offeree company by the 39th day following the posting of the offer document. Normally, therefore, the last day for publication by Thus of material new information in the context of the offer by Cable & Wireless (the “Offer”) would be Friday, 22 August. Cable & Wireless has made a submission to the Office of Fair Trading (“OFT”) though as at the date of this announcement the OFT has not announced its decision as to whether or not the Offer is to be referred to the Competition Commission.

In these circumstances, pursuant to Note 3 on Rule 31.6, the Executive has ruled that “Day 39” will be deemed to be the second day after the announcement of that decision.

“Day 46” (the last date for the posting of a revised offer) and “Day 60” (the date by which an offer must become unconditional as to acceptances) will also be extended accordingly. The next closing date of the Offer will not be affected by this extension.

Each of the parties has accepted the Executive’s ruling.

21 August 2008