Scheme of Arrangement of Cable & Wireless Worldwide plc ("CWW")

Recommended Cash Offer for CWW By Vodafone Europe B.V. ("Vodafone")

On 23 April 2012, CWW and Vodafone announced that they had reached agreement on the terms of a recommended cash offer by Vodafone for the entire issued and to be issued ordinary share capital of CWW to be effected by means of a Court-sanctioned scheme of arrangement under Part 26 of the Companies Act 2006. The Court sanctioned the Scheme on 26 July 2012.

CWW and Vodafone are pleased to announce that the Scheme has now become effective in accordance with its terms. Holders of Scheme Shares are entitled to receive 38 pence for each Scheme Share held by them at the Scheme Record Time (6.00 p.m. on 25 July 2012). Settlement consideration will be sent to Scheme Shareholders by 10 August 2012.

CWW has made an application to the UK Listing Authority and the London Stock Exchange for the listing of CWW Shares on the Official List of the UK Listing Authority and admission to trading on the London Stock Exchange's main market for listed securities, in each case to be cancelled with effect from 8:00 a.m. (London time) on 30 July 2012.

In light of the above, CWW's annual general meeting, which was due to be held at 2 pm on 19 September 2012, has been cancelled. Shareholders will receive a letter confirming this fact within the next few days.

Defined terms used but not defined in this announcement have the meanings set out in the Scheme Document sent to CWW Shareholders on 21 May 2012.

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