

26 July 2012

Suspension of Cable & Wireless Worldwide plc ("CWW") Shares

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

Following an application by CWW to the UK Listing Authority and the London Stock Exchange, CWW announces that 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 has been suspended with effect from 7:30 a.m. (London time) today, 26 July 2012.

Pending the outcome of the Court Hearing today and the delivery of the Court Order to the Registrar of Companies, CWW has also applied for de-listing of CWW Shares from the Official List and cancellation of admission to trading on the London Stock Exchange with effect from 8:00 a.m. (London time) on 30 July 2012.

A further announcement shall be made following the Scheme becoming effective (which is expected to be tomorrow, 27 July 2012).

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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