

# Cable & Wireless Jamaica Limited 1998

(formerly Telecommunications of Jamaica Limited)

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## Directors' Report

To the Eleventh Annual General Meeting to be held at the Hilton Kingston Hotel, 77 Knutsford Boulevard, Kingston 5, on Thursday, December 3, 1998, commencing at 10:00 a.m. The Directors are pleased to submit their report and audited accounts for the year ended March 31, 1998. The company was incorporated on May 19, 1987

	12 Months ended March 31,1998 \$ Millions	12 Months ended March 31,1997 \$ Millions
Profit before taxation amounted to:	4,814.30	4,105.50
After charging:		
Directors' emoluments	7.5	6.7*
Auditors' remuneration	9.0	8.9
Less taxation	<u>1,675.50</u>	<u>1,439.7</u>
Attributable to stockholders of Cable & Wireless Jamaica reflected entirely in the financial statements of the company	3,138.8	2,665.8

Retained earnings at beginning of year	8,693.30	6,041.00
Transfer from capital reserve	907.0	527.3
Transfer to capital reserve	(198.9)	-
Bonus issue of shares	(1,399.80)	-
Appropriations have been made as follows:		
Interim dividend payable @ 4¢ per stock unit	(309.0)	(154.5)
Final dividend proposed @ 8 3/4¢ (1997:5¢) per stock unit	<u>(811.2)</u>	<u>(386.3)</u>
Retained earnings at end of year	<b><u>10,020.2</u></b>	<b><u>8,693.3</u></b>
Earnings per stock unit	Cents	Cents
	<b><u>40.63</u></b>	<b><u>34.51</u></b>

\* Restated to conform with 1998 comparative statements

#### Dividends

Your company paid an interim ordinary dividend of four cents per stock unit on May 26, 1998. The Directors are recommending payment of a further eight and three-quarters cents per stock unit for the period if approved by the Annual General Meeting.

#### The Board

Seven Directors will retire or vacate office at this meeting. Four are eligible for re-election. Of the Directors, Hon. Patrick Rousseau O.J., Mr. Richard Bainbridge, Hon. Shirley Tyndall O.J., C.D. and Mr. Trevor Patterson retire in accordance with the provisions of Article 91 of the Articles of Association. These provisions require that one-third of the Directors, or the number nearest one-third, where their number is not a multiple of three, shall retire from office each year.

The remaining Directors, Messrs. Carl Grivner, Mark Macfee and Hartland Paterson, were appointed since the last Annual General Meeting to fill casual vacancies.

In accordance with Article 97 of the Articles of Association, which requires any Director so appointed to hold office only until the next following Annual General Meeting, Messrs. Carl Grivner, Mark Macfee and Hartland Paterson are

eligible for election. Article 97 of the Articles of Association further provides that such Directors shall not be taken into account in determining the Directors who are to retire by rotation at such meetings.

The Directors who served the company during the period are:

Hon. Mayer Matalon, O.J.	- Retired, July 17, 1998
Mr. Carl Grivner	- Appointed, July 17, 1998
Mr. William Allan	- Resigned, July 22, 1998
Mr. Richard Bainbridge	
Mr. David Bamford	- Resigned, July 17, 1998
Mr. Nick Koumarianos	
Mr. Mark Macfee	- Appointed, July 17, 1998
Mr. Joseph M. Matalon	
Mr. Errald Miller J.P.	
Mr. Hartland Paterson	- Appointed, July 29, 1998
Mr. Trevor Patterson	
Hon. Patrick Rousseau, O.J.	
Hon. Shirley Tyndall, O.J., C.D.	
Mr. Milton Weise	

Auditors

In accordance with Section 153 of the Companies Act, a resolution proposing the appointment of KPMG Peat Marwick as Auditors will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

By Order of the Board

Clover L. Chung  
Secretary

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