

Cable & Wireless Appoints Executive Director

Cable and Wireless plc today (27 July 2004) announced the appointment of George Battersby as an executive Board member and as Group Human Resources Director. His appointment takes immediate effect.

George Battersby has held senior human resources positions in a number of FTSE 100 companies over the past 20 years. From 2000 - 2004 he was Group Human Resources Director and a member of the board of Amersham plc. Prior to joining Amersham he was Human Resources Director of Laporte plc, Group Human Resources Director for Fisons plc and Director of Organisation and Management Development for ICL. He is also a non-executive director of SHL Group plc, a leading international HR consultancy (where he is Chairman of the Remuneration Committee and the senior independent non-executive director).

He will report to Group Chief Executive Francesco Caio.

Commenting on the appointment, Francesco Caio said: "I am delighted to welcome George Battersby to the Board. He brings with him more than twenty years' experience of leading organisational change in major science and technology based businesses operating in global markets."

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