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POST OFFICE AUDIT COMMITTEE**13 March 2001****minutes of meeting**

Present: Rosemary Thorne (Chair)
Neville Bain
Mike Kinski
Miles Templeman
Jonathan Evans (Secretary)

In attendance: Marisa Cassoni, Group Finance Director
Douglas Hill, Group Director Financial Management & Control
Garry Savage, Director Internal Audit
Nigel McDonald, Ernst & Young
Ian Francis, Ernst & Young
James Dean, Ernst & Young

Also present: Richard Dykes, Group Managing Director Mails Services, and Kieron Moloney, Finance Director, Cash Handling and Distribution, for item 5

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CHAIR'S BUSINESS

The Chair, on behalf of the Committee:

welcomed Neville Bain as a member of the Committee and Jonathan Evans as Secretary of the Committee. Both had been appointed following the Post Office Board meeting that day;

welcomed Marisa Cassoni, Group Finance Director, to her first meeting of the Committee.

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The previous meeting of the Committee, held on 1st December 2000, had not had a quorum of members present. The absent members, Mike Kinski and Miles Templeman, had subsequently been briefed by the Chair of the Committee, and both understood and supported the business which had been conducted at that meeting and the decisions made. With their support, the Chair approved the minutes as a true record of proceedings of the Committee;

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MATTERS ARISING

Irrelevant

Irrelevant

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EXTERNAL AUDIT EARLY WARNING REPORT

- (i) The External Auditors presented their advance report on the issues relating to the 2000-2001 year end, which were primarily;-

Irrelevant

- (iii) the requirement for first year and follow up impairment reviews for **IRRELEVANT**, **IRRELEVANT**, Horizon **IRRELEVANT**, **IRRELEVANT**

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no further business.

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DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The Committee agreed the change to future meeting dates as follows:

Wednesday 30th May (am)
Tuesday 11th September (pm)
Monday 26th November (pm)