



"Delivering another year of progress"

Preliminary results for the year ended 31 March 2012



# Business overview Bill Halbert, Executive Chairman

### Delivering another year of progress

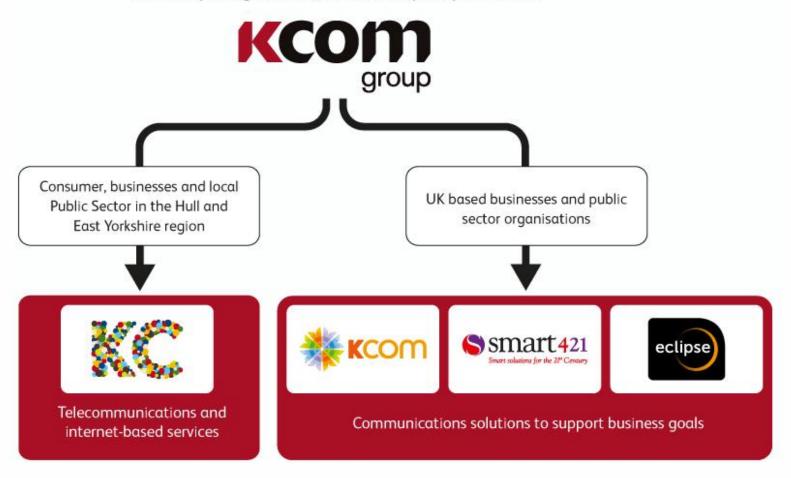


- Revenue of £387.3 million (2011: £395.4 million)
- EBITDA <sup>1</sup> improves to £77.9 million (2011: £76.0 million)
- Profit before tax<sup>1</sup> increases 24.0% to £51.1 million (2011: £41.2 million)
- Strong cash generation reduces net debt further
- Proposed full year dividend increased in line with existing commitment

### **Business focus**



The Group is organised around its two principal markets



## Operational highlights



### KC segment

- revenue growth bucks national trends
- continued demand for subscription-based services
- next generation fibre deployment delivering 100mbps



### Operational highlights



### Kcom segment

- leading organisations increasingly recognising Kcom's capability
- maintained market position in Public Services Network (PSN)
- targeted investment in focus areas























# Financial overview Paul Simpson, Chief Financial Officer

## Summary financial results



	Mar 12 £m	Mar 11 £m	Movement
Revenue	387.3	395.4	(2%)
EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	77.9	76.0	2%
EBITDA %	20%	19%	
Operating profit <sup>1</sup>	57.8	48.6	19%
Profit before taxation <sup>1</sup>	51.1	41.2	24%
Basic EPS (pence)	7.41	4.44	67%
Adjusted basic EPS (pence) <sup>2</sup>	7.41	5.62	32%
Net cash inflow from operations	56.0	68.0	(18%)
Net debt	75.3	82.0	£6.7m
Full year dividend per share (pence)	4.00	3.60	11%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Amounts stated before exceptional items

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Adjusted basic EPS is Basic EPS adjusted for exceptional items (including the tax impact of the exceptional item)

# Debt reduction alongside increased investment, KCOM pension contributions and dividends



Reconciliation of Movement in debt	Mar 12 £m	Mar 11 £m	Movement £m
Net cash inflow from operations (pre-exceptional & pensions)	76.4	85.3	(8.9)
Exceptional items	(3.5)	(7.5)	4.0
Pensions	(16.9)	(9.8)	(7.1)
Net cash inflow from operations	56.0	68.0	(12.0)
Capex	(22.1)	(13.9)	(8.2)
Interest	(7.4)	(8.6)	1.2
Dividends	(19.8)	(12.1)	(7.7)
Other	0.0	1.4	(1.4)
Total	6.7	34.8	(28.1)
EBITDA	77.9	76.0	
Net cash inflow from operations (pre-exceptional & pensions)	76.4	85.3	
EBITDA conversion to cash	98%	112%	





	Mar 12 £m	Mar 11 £m	Movement
Revenue			
KC	93.8	92.4	2%
Contact & Publishing	9.8	10.1	(3%)
	103.6	102.5	1%
EBITDA	53.2	51.6	3%
EBITDA %	51%	50%	

# KC Growth in consumer and business



		Mar 12 £m	Mar 11 £m	Movement
Consumer	Voice Usage	7.9	9.1	(13%)
	Subscriptions – Voice & Broadband	40.0	37.3	7%
Business	Voice usage & rental	18.0	17.9	-
	Broadband & data	22.3	21.3	5%
Consumer & Business <sup>1</sup>	Other	5.6	6.8	(18%)
		93.8	92.4	2%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Includes one-off items of £1.1m in year ended 31 Match 2011

### Kcom



	Mar 12 £m	Mar 11 £m	Movement
Revenue	289.3	297.2	(3%)
EBITDA	31.0	32.0	(3%)
EBITDA %	11%	11%	

	Revenue		EBIT	DA
	Mar 12 £m	Mar 11 £m	Mar 12 £m	Mar 11 £m
Kcom & Smart	268.8	276.9	26.0	25.8
Eclipse	20.5	20.4	5.0	6.2
	289.3	297.3	31.0	32.0

# Kcom Growth focus



	Mar 12 £m	Mar 11 £m	Movement	
Revenue from strategic focus areas	247.7	244.9	1%	<ul> <li>Managed services</li> <li>Smart421 Growth</li> <li>Business Broadband</li> <li>PSN Contribution</li> <li>Growth in backlog of 14%</li> </ul>
Other Revenue	41.6	52.3	(20%)	
	289.3	297.2	(3%)	

# Kcom Other Revenue



	Mar 12 £m	Mar 11 £m	Movement	Comment
Network support	8.3	11.0	(25%)	Impact of strategic decision to exit product only activity
Network Build	11.7	13.1	(11%)	One-off contract with build activity complete in FY12
Consumer Broadband	8.8	10.5	(16%)	Focus on SME market in Eclipse
Premium Rate Services	12.8	17.7	(28%)	General market decline in low margin service
	41.6	52.3	(20%)	

#### **Pensions**



Movement in IAS19 Deficit	Mar 12 £m	Mar 11 £m	Movement £m
Assets	185.5	168.8	16.7
Liabilities	(199.4)	(175.7)	(23.7)
Deficit	(13.9)	(6.9)	(7.0)
IAS19 costs	Mar 12 £m	Mar 11 £m	Movement £m
Return on assets	(11.0)	(10.4)	0.6
Interest Cost	9.4	10.7	1.3
Charge/(Credit)	(1.6)	0.3	1.9
IAS19 assumptions	Mar 12 £m	Mar 11 £m	
CPI Inflation	2.4%	2.6%	
Discount Rate	4.7%	5.5%	
Expected return on assets	6.1%	6.9%	

- Increase in overall deficit driven by increase in liabilities as a result of fall in discount rates.
- Overall IAS19 credit arises due to reduction in interest costs – reflects impact of CPI in reducing liabilities at Mar 11.
- Changes to IAS19 means that from FY14 expected return on asset will be the same as discount rate. Therefore, no credit to P&L unless scheme in surplus.
- Reduction in expected return on scheme assets reflects de-risking approach agreed with main scheme trustees
- Next Actuarial valuation due 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013

# Illustrative tax position



	Tax Liability @ 24% £m	Comment
PBT	12.3	Based on PBT at FY12 levels
Pensions	(2.4)	Impact of £10m payment
Share Scheme satisfaction	(1.5)	Satisfaction of 9m shares for EIP (based on 70p share price)
Capital allowance pool	(5.0)	Existing capital allowance pool of c£200m (reflected in deferred tax asset). Writing down allowance @ 18% = £40m Less: Depreciation & Amortisation = £20m



### **Outlook**

Bill Halbert, Executive Chairman



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# **Appendices**



# Segmental Performance



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PLC	(5.6)	(4.3)	(30%)
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