

TR-1: NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTEREST IN SHARESⁱ

1. Identity of the issuer or the underlying issuer of existing shares to which voting rights are attached:ⁱⁱ PORTA COMMUNICATIONS PLC

2 Reason for the notification (please tick the appropriate box or boxes):

An acquisition or disposal of voting rights ü

An acquisition or disposal of qualifying financial instruments which may result in the acquisition of shares already issued to which voting rights are attached

An acquisition or disposal of instruments with similar economic effect to qualifying financial instruments

An event changing the breakdown of voting rights ü

Other (please specify):

3. Full name of person(s) subject to the notification obligation:ⁱⁱⁱ HARGREAVE HALE LIMITED

4. Full name of shareholder(s)
(if different from 3.):^{iv} DISCRETIONARY CLIENTS

5. Date of the transaction and date on which the threshold is crossed or reached:^v 19 MARCH 2013

6. Date on which issuer notified: 20 MARCH 2013

7. Threshold(s) that is/are crossed or reached:^{vi, vii} 10%, 11%

8. Notified details:

A: Voting rights attached to shares^{viii, ix}

Class/type of shares if possible using the ISIN CODE	Situation previous to the triggering transaction		Resulting situation after the triggering transaction		Number of voting rights		% of voting rights ^x	
	Number of Shares	Number of Voting Rights	Number of shares Direct	Indirect	Direct ^{xi}	Indirect ^{xii}	Direct ^t	Indirect
GB00B71C7K21	6,480,000	6,480,000	16,480,000	0	16,480,000	0	11.1779	%

B: Qualifying Financial Instruments

Resulting situation after the triggering transaction

Type of financial instrument	Expiration date ^{xiii}	Exercise/ Conversion Period ^{xiv}	Number of voting rights that may be acquired if the instrument is exercised/ converted.	% of voting rights

C: Financial Instruments with similar economic effect to Qualifying Financial Instruments^{xv, xvi}

Resulting situation after the triggering transaction

Type of financial instrument	Exercise	Expiratio	Exercise/	Number of voting rights	% of voting rights

instrument	price	n date ^{xvii}	Conversion ^{xix, xx}	rights instrument	
			n period ^{xviii}	refers to	
					Nominal Delta
Total (A+B+C)					
Number of voting rights				Percentage of voting rights	
16,480,000				11.1779%	

9. Chain of controlled undertakings through which the voting rights and/or the financial instruments are effectively held, if applicable:^{xxi}

9,225,000 of these shares are held for a unit trust operated by Marlborough Fund Managers Ltd, for whom Hargreave Hale Ltd manages the investments on a discretionary basis. The remaining balance is held on behalf of other discretionary clients.

Proxy Voting:

10. Name of the proxy holder:

11. Number of voting rights proxy holder will cease to hold:

12. Date on which proxy holder will cease to hold voting rights:

13. Additional information:

14. Contact name:

David Clueit

15. Contact telephone number:

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