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**Q3 2012 results** 

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## Q3 2012 group results

Revenue	£4,774m	(5%)	$\forall$
<ul> <li>underlying ex transit</li> </ul>		(3%)	×
EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	£1,524m	3%	<b>^</b>
Profit before tax <sup>1</sup>	£628m	18%	<b>^</b>
EPS <sup>1</sup>	6.1p	13%	<b>^</b>
Free cash flow <sup>2</sup>	£634m	£65m	<b>^</b>
Net debt	£7,736m	down £938m	×

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> before specific items



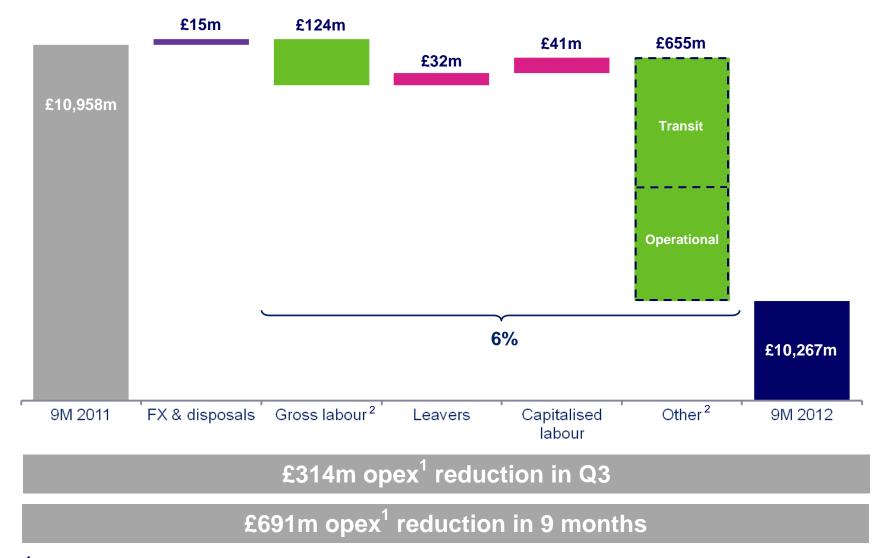
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> before specific items and pension deficit payments

## Free cash flow

£m	Q3 2012	Change	Key points
EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	1,524	40	
Capex	(639)	31	expect c.£2.6bn FY
Interest & tax	(363)	(2)	lower debt, higher tax
Working capital & other	112	(4)	<ul><li>working capital timing</li><li>lower regular pension contributions</li></ul>
Free cash flow before specifics	634	65	
Specific items	(48)	6	expect c.£180m FY
Free cash flow after specifics	586	71	



## Q3 2012 YTD cost transformation



before specific items, depreciation & amortisation and other operating income



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> adjusted for labour related costs of £67m in the nine months which were treated as Other costs in 2011

## Outlook 2012

**EBITDA**<sup>1</sup>

▶ above £6bn – a year early

Free cash flow<sup>2</sup>

around £2.4bn



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> before specific items

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Ian Livingston, Chief Executive

#### **Global Services**

	Q3 2012	Change <sup>1</sup>
Revenue	£1,894m	(4%)
Underlying revenue ex transit		(1%)
EBITDA	£144m	2%

#### **Financial**

- Underlying revenue ex transit down 1%
  - c.£60m milestones achieved in Q2 rather than Q3
  - flat YTD
- Net operating costs down 5%
  - down 2% ex transit
- ▶ EBITDA up 2%
  - up 8% YTD
- Capex up 9%
  - delivery of new contracts

#### **Operational**

- Q3 order intake £1.6bn
  - lower levels of renewals account for all of YTD decline
- Progress in AsiaPac & LatAm
  - combined order intake up >50% YTD



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> prior year restated for the impact of customer account moves

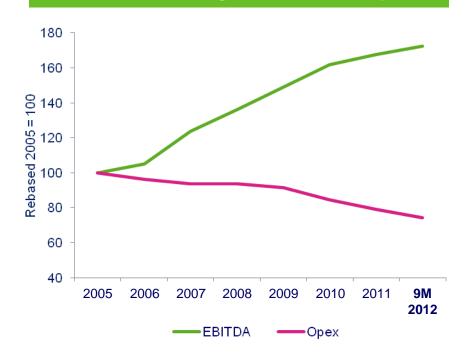
#### Retail

	Q3 2012	Change <sup>1</sup>
Revenue	£1,849m	(5%)
EBITDA	£453m	0%

#### **Financial**

- Consumer revenue down 6%
  - improving metrics
  - comparatively warmer weather impacted call volumes
- Business revenue down 6%
  - almost all due to lower IT hardware sales
  - focus on higher margin products & services
- Net operating costs down 7%

#### **Cumulative change in EBITDA & opex<sup>2</sup>**







#### Retail

#### **Operational**

#### Consumer

- Active consumer line loss at lowest level for 5 years at 93,000
- ▶ 56% share of broadband net adds¹
- Currently >400,000 BT Infinity customers
  - Q3 net adds at 7.3k/week, up 16% vs Q2
- ▶ BT Vision base 679,000 at Q3
  - Q3 net adds 39,000
- Consumer ARPU up 5% YoY to £337

## QoQ movement in active consumer lines





#### **Wholesale**

	Q3 2012	Change <sup>1</sup>
Revenue	£979m	(8%)
Underlying revenue ex transit		(3%)
EBITDA	£303m	(8%)

#### **Financial**

- Underlying revenue ex transit down 3%
  - migration to LLU
  - ongoing transition towards IP-based products
- Net operating costs down 9%
  - flat ex transit
  - lower labour costs offset by changes in product mix and network migration costs

#### **Operational**

- Q3 order intake c.£340m
- MEAS available at over 12,000 mobile sites
- ▶ IP Exchange minutes up >50%



### **Openreach**

	Q3 2012	Change <sup>1</sup>
Revenue	£1,300m	5%
EBITDA	£591m	7%

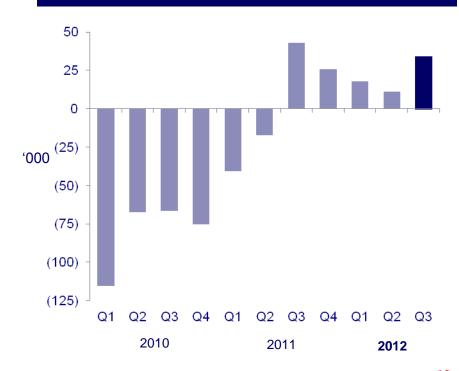
#### **Financial**

- Revenue up 5%
  - growth in Ethernet, LLU and fibre
- Net operating costs up 3%
  - efficiency improvements offset by higher labour costs due to engineering activity

#### **Operational**

- ▶ 5<sup>th</sup> successive quarter of line growth
- Over 7m premises passed with fibre
- ▶ FTTC speeds to roughly double
- 'FTTP on demand' in FTTC areas

#### **QoQ** change in total copper lines





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### **Pension**

- ▶ IAS 19 net deficit £4.1bn
  - impact of recent higher inflation has increased liabilities
  - RPI/CPI differential more prudent than Office for Budget Responsibility assumption
  - discount rates impacted by quantitative easing
- Work commenced on triennial valuation



## In summary

- Growth in profits and cash flow
- Continuing investment programmes
- Fibre roll-out progressing well
- More to do!





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