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## REGISTRATION DOCUMENT AND FINANCIAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

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In accordance with the General Regulations of the *Autorité des Marchés Financiers* (AMF), including article 212-13, the original French version of this registration document was deposited on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008 before the AMF.

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## GENERAL COMMENTS

In this registration document, unless stated otherwise, the terms “*Company*” and “*Iliad*” refer to Iliad S.A. and the term “*Group*” refers to the Company and its subsidiaries and associates.

Investors are urged to pay careful attention to the risk factors described in Section 4 “Risk Factors” of this registration document before making their investment decision. One or more of these risks could have an adverse effect on the Group’s activities, financial position, results of operations or on its objectives and targets. Furthermore, other risks not yet identified or not considered significant by the Group could have the same adverse effects, and investors could lose all or part of their investment.

This registration document contains statements about the Group’s objectives. Such statements may in certain cases be identified by the use of the future or conditional tense, or by forward-looking words, including but not limited to “*believes*”, “*targets*”, “*expects*”, “*intends*”, “*should*”, “*aims*”, “*estimates*”, “*considers*”, “*wishes*”, “*may*”, etc. These statements are based on data, assumptions and estimates that the Company considers to be reasonable. They may change or be amended due to uncertainties related to the economic, financial, competitive and regulatory environment. In addition, the Group’s business activities and its ability to meet its targets may be affected if certain of the risks described in Section 4 of this registration document were to materialize. In addition, meeting targets implies the success of the strategy presented in Section 6.1.1 “Strategy” of this registration document. The Company does not undertake to meet and does not give any guarantee that it will meet the objectives and targets presented in this registration document.

This registration document also contains details of the markets in which the Group operates. This information is notably taken from research carried out by external organizations. Given the very rapid pace of change in the Internet and telecommunication sectors in France and the rest of the world, this information may prove to be erroneous or out of date. Accordingly, trends in the Group’s business activities may differ from those set out in this registration document.

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## 1. PERSONS RESPONSIBLE

### 1.1 PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REGISTRATION DOCUMENT

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Maxime Lombardini, Chief Executive Officer of Iliad.

##### 1.2 STATEMENT BY THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REGISTRATION DOCUMENT

*"I hereby declare that having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case, the information contained in this registration document is, to the best of my knowledge, in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import.*

*I further declare that, to the best of my knowledge, the financial statements for 2007 have been prepared in accordance with the applicable accounting standards and give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the Company and the undertakings in the consolidation taken as a whole, and that the information contained in the Management Report presented in the concordance table on page 212 includes a fair review of the development and performance of the business, profit or loss and financial position of the Company and the undertakings in the consolidation taken as a whole, together with a description of the principal risks and uncertainties that they face.*

*I obtained a statement from the Statutory Auditors at the end of their engagement affirming that they have read the whole of the registration document and examined the information about the financial position and the accounts contained therein".*

*Maxime Lombardini  
Chief Executive Officer of Iliad*

##### 1.3 PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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##### 1.4 PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE FOR PUBLICATION OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION

May 29, 2008:	Annual Shareholders' Meeting
By August 14, 2008:	First-half 2008 revenues
By August 28, 2008:	First-half 2008 earnings
By November 14, 2008:	Revenues for the first nine months of 2008

## 2. AUDITORS

### 2.1 STATUTORY AUDITORS

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PricewaterhouseCoopers Audit  
Represented by Xavier Cauchois  
63 rue de Villiers  
92208 Neuilly sur Seine Cedex, France

First appointed at the Annual Shareholders' Meeting of October 19, 2000. Re-appointed at the Annual Shareholders' Meeting of May 29, 2006 for a term expiring at the close of the Annual Shareholders' Meeting to be held to approve the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2011.

#### Member of a professional organization:

PricewaterhouseCoopers Audit is a member of the Versailles *Compagnie Régionale des Commissaires aux Comptes*.

### 2.2 ALTERNATE AUDITORS

Etienne Boris  
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92208 Neuilly-sur-Seine cedex, France

First appointed at the Annual Shareholders' Meeting of May 29, 2006. Current term expires at the close of the Annual Shareholders' Meeting to be held to approve the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2011.

Boissière Expertise Audit  
Represented by Tita A. Zeitoun  
57, rue Boissière  
75016 Paris, France

First appointed at the Annual Shareholders' Meeting of December 30, 1997. Current term expires at the close of the Annual Shareholders' Meeting to be held to approve the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2008.

#### Member of a professional organization:

Boissière Expertise Audit is a member of the Paris *Compagnie Régionale des Commissaires aux Comptes*.

Fiduco  
Represented by Jean-Luc Cohen  
2-4, rue Adolphe Mille  
75019 Paris, France

First appointed at the Annual Shareholders' Meeting of December 30, 1997. Current term expires at the close of the Annual Shareholders' Meeting to be held to approve the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2008.

### 2.3 FEES PAID BY THE GROUP TO THE STATUTORY AUDITORS AND MEMBERS OF THEIR NETWORKS

#### ILIAD

Year ended December 31, 2007

#### Table of fees paid to the Statutory Auditors

(in € thousands)

	PricewaterhouseCoopers Audit				Boissière Expertise Audit			
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	2006	2007	2006
	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006
<b>Audit</b>								
Statutory and contractual audits .....	230.1	199.7	83%	75%	144.0	143.5	100%	94%
Issuer .....	101.6	96.8	37%	36%	80.0	70.0	56%	46%
Fully-consolidated subsidiaries .....	128.5	102.9	47%	39%	64.0	73.5	44%	48%
Audit-related work .....	36.1	65.8	17%	25%	0.0	9.0	0%	6%
Issuer .....	36.1	65.8	17%	25%	0.0	9.0	0%	6%
Fully-consolidated subsidiaries .....	0.0	0.0	0%	0%	0.0	0.0	0%	0%
<i>Sub-total</i> .....	<u>266.2</u>	<u>265.5</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>144.0</u>	<u>152.5</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>100%</u>
<b>Other services provided by the networks to fully-consolidated subsidiaries</b>								
Legal and tax advisory services .....								
IT consulting .....								
<i>Sub-total</i> .....	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0%</u>	<u>0%</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0%</u>	<u>0%</u>
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b><u>266.2</u></b>	<b><u>265.5</u></b>	<b><u>100%</u></b>	<b><u>100%</u></b>	<b><u>144.0</u></b>	<b><u>152.5</u></b>	<b><u>100%</u></b>	<b><u>100%</u></b>

### 3. SELECTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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(in € millions)	2005	2006	2006 <sup>1</sup>	2007
<b>INCOME STATEMENT</b>				
Revenues .....	724.2	950.3	935.1	1,212.4
Operating income and expense, net .....	(616.5)	(765.1)	(754.6)	(998.6)
Profit from ordinary activities .....	107.7	185.2	180.5	213.8
Other operating income and expense, net .....	—	(3.0)	(3.0)	(2.0)
Operating profit .....	107.7	182.2	177.5	211.8
Financial income and expense, net .....	(2.8)	(3.9)	(4.2)	(3.5)
Corporate income tax .....	(36.4)	(61.7)	(60.0)	(72.0)
Profit from discontinued operations .....	0.4	7.3	7.3	13.9
<b>Profit for the period .....</b>	<b>68.9</b>	<b>123.9</b>	<b>120.6</b>	<b>150.2</b>
Diluted earnings per share .....	1.26	2.27	2.21	2.73
EBITDA <sup>2</sup> .....	224.6	331.6	328.5	443.6
<b>BALANCE SHEET</b>				
Non-current assets .....	425.9	632.1	632.1	771.2
Current assets .....	157.8	405.5	405.5	375.9
<i>O/w cash and cash equivalents</i> .....	51.1	279.5	279.5	234.8
Assets held for sale .....	—	—	—	8.1
<b>Total assets .....</b>	<b>583.8</b>	<b>1,037.6</b>	<b>1,037.6</b>	<b>1,155.2</b>
Total equity .....	248.6	382.7	382.7	516.7
Non-current liabilities .....	77.2	345.0	345.0	362.5
Current liabilities .....	258.0	309.9	309.9	276.0
<b>Total equity and liabilities .....</b>	<b>583.8</b>	<b>1,037.6</b>	<b>1,037.6</b>	<b>1,155.2</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS</b>				
Net cash generated from operating activities .....	225.8	281.2	281.2	317.1
Net cash used in investing activities .....	(262.2)	(286.5)	(286.5)	(351.8)
Net cash generated from financing activities .....	62.7	232.1	232.1	(18.6)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents .....	26.3	226.9	226.9	(53.2)
Cash and cash equivalents at year-end .....	49.4	276.3	276.3	223.1

In 2007, the Group achieved strong financial and operating growth. The Group's consolidated revenues totaled €1,212.4 million, up 29.7%. The optional value-added services provided through Freebox generated revenues of €263.4 million in 2007 compared to €163.4 million in 2006.

The Group EBITDA increased by 35% to €443.6 million. The EBITDA margin stood at 36.6% compared to 35.1% the previous year.

The EBITDA for the broadband segment increased by 40.7% to €435 million. In 2007, the broadband segment EBITDA margin stood at 36.9% compared to 35.7% in 2006. The average gross profit per unbundled subscriber exceeded €20 per month in 2007. 81.5% of a total of 2,904,000 subscribers are unbundled subscribers.

Operating profit rose to €213.8 million, with a margin of 17.5%.

Profit increased by €29.6 million to €150.2 million in 2007, with a margin of 12.4%.

<sup>1</sup> The income statement for 2006 has been adjusted to reflect the sale of Kertel SA in February 2007 and Société SA in August 2006.

<sup>2</sup> Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) corresponds to profit from ordinary activities before depreciation and amortization (or provisions) recorded in relation to property, plant and equipment and intangible assets, as well as employee benefits.

## 4. RISK FACTORS

### 4.1 RISKS RELATING TO THE GROUP AND ITS STRUCTURE

## 4. RISK FACTORS

The Group carries on business in an environment which is undergoing rapid change and which poses a number of risks for the Group, some of which are outside its control. Investors are advised to give careful consideration to all the risks set out below and to all the information contained in this registration document. The risks and uncertainties set out below are not the only ones facing the Group. Other risks and uncertainties of which the Group is not currently aware or which it does not consider to be significant could also have a negative impact on its business, financial position or results.

### 4.1 RISKS RELATING TO THE GROUP AND ITS STRUCTURE

#### 4.1.1 *Dependence on managers and key employees*

The Group's success is highly dependent on maintaining its relationship with Xavier Niel, an Iliad director and the Group's majority shareholder, and with the other managers and key employees. The Group has a culture which fosters teamwork and motivation. Its key employees have an ownership stake in Iliad's share capital, which significantly contributes to employee loyalty. However, there can be no assurance that these key employees will remain with the Group in the strong growth environment that currently exists and is expected to continue.

In order to guarantee the long-term future of its business, the Group takes particular care to ensure that the engineers and technicians working on its platform and network, and on designing and developing the Freebox modem and Freebox DSLAM, are skilled in a number of different areas. The Group's future success will depend in particular on its ability to attract, train, retain and motivate highly qualified employees and managers. However, since competition to attract employees with such qualifications is intense, there can be no assurance that the Group will be able to do so.

The loss of one or more key employees or a manager or the Group's inability to replace them or to attract other qualified employees could have a material adverse effect on the Group's revenues, results and financial position.

#### 4.1.2 *Dependence on the principal shareholder*

Xavier Niel holds a substantial percentage of the Company's share capital and is Senior Vice-President. He is thus in a position to have a decisive influence over most of the Group's corporate decisions and in particular those requiring shareholder approval (such as the appointment and removal of directors, payment of dividends, amendments to the bylaws and decisions concerning important Group transactions, including share issues).

#### 4.1.3 *Risks relating to the availability of equipment for the development of the broadband Internet access offering*

The Group considers that the components used in its Freebox modems and DSLAMs are standardized and substitutable and that its component purchasing policy allows it to anticipate growth in demand for broadband Internet access. Nevertheless, a shortage in the availability of these components or a significant increase in their price could hinder the Group's ability to provide new customers, in a timely manner, with the Freebox modem required to access value-added broadband services, which could have an adverse effect on the Group's growth.

#### 4.1.4 *Risks relating to the impact of acquisitions or investments*

As part of its external growth strategy, which may take the form of acquisitions, partnerships or alliances, the Group may make acquisitions or investments in any of its business segments. Part of these acquisitions or investments could be paid for by the issuance of Iliad shares, which would result in dilution for the Group's existing shareholders. Such acquisitions and investments, whether paid for in cash or shares, could have an adverse effect on the market price of Iliad's shares.

#### 4.1.5 *Risks relating to the need to improve the technical features and functionality of the services offered by the Group*

The Internet market is characterized by very rapid changes in technology and in the types of services and features offered to customers. To remain competitive, the Group will continually have to improve the speed with which it

responds to technological or other changes, as well as the functionalities and features of its products and services. It will have to develop new products and services that are attractive to its customers. The Group may not succeed in making these improvements or developments in a timely manner, which would have an adverse effect on its business, financial position and results of operations, and on its ability to meet its objectives.

## **4.2 RISKS RELATING TO THE GROUP'S ACTIVITIES**

### ***4.2.1 Risks relating to the growth of the Internet market in France***

A major portion of the Group's revenues depend on the number of subscribers to its Internet access service, which is closely linked, directly or indirectly, to the increase in France in the number of Internet users in general and the number of broadband users in particular. The level of future revenues generated through subscriptions is therefore difficult to predict. If the number of Internet users in France does not increase as quickly as expected, the Group's business, results of operations and financial position could be seriously affected and the Group could be unable to meet all or some of its objectives.

### ***4.2.2 Risks relating to the difficulty in upgrading the capacity of the platform for online access to the Group's services in line with the growth in Internet traffic***

Until now the Group has been able to upgrade the capacity of its technical platform for online access in line with the growth in Internet traffic. Given the generally accepted forecasts for the growth of Internet traffic in France, however, and the objectives that the Group has set for itself in terms of both increasing the number of users of its services (particularly for broadband Internet access) and expanding its network, the Group will require the resources necessary to provide a corresponding increase in the capacity of its access infrastructures. There can be no assurance that the Group will be able to obtain such resources.

### ***4.2.3 Risks relating to the rapid changes in pricing and technical aspects of Internet access offerings***

The Internet access services market is characterized by very rapidly changing pricing structures (such as usage-based charges, unlimited use packages and free access) and technical access methods (such as dial-up access, ADSL, etc.). The Group's access services are currently available on or through almost all the pricing terms and technical methods described below. The development of new pricing structures and access methods based on different economic models, unforeseen changes in the relative importance of the various existing access service offerings or growth in use of existing replacement technologies could undermine the economic assumptions on which the Group's development plan is based. This in turn could have an adverse effect on the Group's business, results of operations and financial position and on its ability to meet its objectives.

### ***4.2.4 Risks relating to competition***

#### **Internet**

Competition for Internet access services customers is intense and is likely to increase significantly in the future. The Group anticipates that competition in its market will increase due to (i) the continued growth of Internet use in France, (ii) the further increase in the number of strategic and capital alliances among the Group's competitors, (iii) the introduction by some of the Group's competitors of pricing policies intended to counter Free's aggressive offerings and (iv) the presence in the market of certain multinational companies with greater economic resources than those of the Group.

#### **Telephony**

The fixed telephony sector in France is a mature market and therefore not likely to undergo rapid expansion. It is heavily dominated by the incumbent operator. Although the Group considers that it possesses a number of competitive advantages in this market, including in particular the use of its own network, it cannot guarantee that it will manage to continue to develop its fixed telephony business as planned in a sector where the players are principally multinational companies whose financial resources exceed those of the Group and whose capacity for investment, particularly in advertising, presents a considerable advantage.

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### 4.2 RISKS RELATING TO THE GROUP'S ACTIVITIES

#### Television – audiovisual content

In the ADSL broadband television and video sector, competition was fierce during 2007, and is likely to intensify. Although the Group considers that it has a competitive edge in this market, particularly through the use of its H.D. Freebox, which protects the transmission of audiovisual content, it cannot guarantee that it will be able to develop its audiovisual business as planned. Any such development will depend on the audiovisual content being broadcast and on being able to expand unbundling into new areas.

#### Other Services

The ANNU service is based essentially on the lists of subscribers provided by telephone service operators and on revenues from connections to the service via Minitel. Iliad can provide no assurance that its revenues from the Minitel market, which are already in decline, will not fall more rapidly than anticipated.

#### 4.2.5 Risks relating to security and confidentiality of information on the Internet

The need to secure communications and transactions on the Internet has been a major obstacle in the development of the Internet in general. Internet use may decrease if the level of protection of communications and transactions achieved proves to be inadequate or diminishes. The Group has taken and continues to take significant measures to guarantee the reliability of its security system and to limit problems that may be caused by security failures or a breach of the security system. Unauthorized persons may attempt to penetrate the Group's network security system and, if successful, may appropriate privileged information about the users of the Group's services or cause the service to be suspended. Some leading sites and suppliers of Internet services have suffered from "denial of service" attacks – in which very large numbers of requests for information are sent to the site with the aim of overloading its servers – or have been the victims of Internet viruses. Although the Group is taking the necessary steps to protect itself against such attacks, there can be no assurance that future attacks would not result in loss or damage for the Group, even if only in terms of image. Consequently, the Group might be required to increase its expenditures and its efforts to protect itself against these risks or to alleviate their consequences, which could have a material adverse effect on its business, financial position and results of operations and on its ability to meet its objectives.

#### 4.2.6 Risks relating to the roll-out of the optical fiber network

The roll-out of the optical fiber network is conditional upon (i) obtaining the necessary authorizations (occupancy of public property, right of entry into buildings, etc.) and (ii) the completion of the work entrusted to third party service providers.

Delays in obtaining such authorizations and in the completion of such work could hold up the roll-out schedule.

In the light of regulatory and operational uncertainties, the Group can provide no assurance that it will be able to meet its objectives.

## 4.3 FINANCIAL RISKS

### 4.3.1 Foreign exchange risk

The Iliad Group's functional currency is the euro. However, it purchases certain goods and services outside France and is therefore exposed to foreign exchange risks arising from various currency exposures, mainly with respect to the US dollar.

In 2007 the Group decided to set up a hedging strategy in relation to highly probable commercial transactions denominated in US dollars expected to take place over the coming 18 months. The instruments used for this purpose are zero-premium collars.

Detailed forecasts of the Group's future purchases denominated in US dollars are drawn up as part of the budget process. These transactions are hedged over a maximum period of one and a half years. Consequently, the Group's residual exposure after hedging foreign exchange risk on US dollar-denominated transactions was not material in 2007.

At December 31, 2007 all of these currency hedges qualified as cash flow hedges under IAS 39. Confidential and strategic information concerning US dollar hedges contracted by the Group is not disclosed.

#### Foreign exchange risk

(in € thousands)	USD
Assets .....	11,158
Liabilities .....	28,054
Net position before hedging .....	16,896
Off-balance sheet position .....	0
Net position after hedging .....	16,896
Closing rate .....	1.47185

#### Foreign exchange risk sensitivity

	USD
Net position after hedging .....	16,896
Net position after hedging based on the assumption that exchange rates change unfavorably for the Group by €0.01 .....	17,011
Sensitivity .....	115

#### 4.3.2 Interest rate risk

The Group has no significant interest rate exposure as its main financial liability is a fixed-rate OCEANE convertible/exchangeable bond. In 2006, Group companies obtained a confirmed syndicated line of credit representing a maximum amount of €220 million, available until June 2011. No drawdowns had been made under this facility at December 31, 2007.

Obligations under finance leases and equipment leasing arrangements amounted to €28 million at December 31, 2007 compared with €8.7 million at December 31, 2006. The majority of the financing arrangements entered into by Iliad in 2007 related to the roll-out of the Group's FTTH network. At December 31, 2007, the Group had €12.6 million in obligations under real estate finance leases entered into with Genefim (a subsidiary of Société Générale) to acquire Optical Nodes (ONs). At the same date, the Group's obligations under FTTH equipment leasing contracts entered into with Cisco Capital represented approximately €7.1 million.

The Group's surplus cash is held in risk-free investments. At December 31, 2007, the Group did not have any interest rate hedges. In addition, the Group has no significant financial assets (such as bonds, treasury bills, other money market securities, loans or advances) and no off-balance sheet commitments (such as repos, forward rate agreements, etc.) which expose it to interest rate risk.

The tables below show the Group's net interest rate exposure (at December 31, 2007) and an analysis of sensitivity to interest rate fluctuations.

(in € thousands)	Within 1 year	Between 1 and 5 years	Beyond 5 years
Financial liabilities .....	26,271	315,420	7,985
Financial assets .....	0	0	1,939
Net position before hedging .....	26,271	315,420	6,046
Off-balance sheet items .....	0	0	0
Net position after hedging .....	26,271	315,420	6,046
Net position to be rolled over within one year (in € thousands) .....			26,271
Change in interest rate .....			1%
Average remaining life (in months) .....			12
Sensitivity (in € thousands) .....			263

#### 4.3.3 Liquidity risks

The Group has historically financed its growth principally with internal resources, with limited recourse to borrowing from time to time to finance specific projects. On June 29, 2006, the Company issued €330.6 million

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### 4.3 FINANCIAL RISKS

worth of OCEANE convertible/exchangeable bonds. At December 31, 2007, the Group's net cash position stood at €223.1 million, compared with €276.3 million at December 31, 2006.

In view of the ratios set out below, the Group is not subject to any liquidity risk as a result of prepayment clauses in loan agreements entered into by Group companies or as a result of the breach of any financial covenants.

Certain of the Group's credit agreements contain covenants corresponding to financial ratios, particularly the confirmed syndicated line of credit representing a maximum amount of €220 million. As of December 31, 2007, the Group had never breached any of these covenants.

	Applicable financial ratios	Consequence of breach	Actual ratios at December 31, 2007
€220 million credit line (Borrower – Iliad)	Leverage ratio < 2.5 Interest cover ratio > 5.1	Default	Leverage ratio: 0.258 Interest cover ratio: 126.743

The Group's debt at December 31, 2007 can be analyzed as follows:

Type of borrowing	Interest rate	Total amount (in € millions)	Maturity	Hedging
Loan	Euribor	0.7	2008	None
Credit agreement	Euribor	220.0 <sup>3</sup>	2011	None
OCEANE bonds	Fixed rate (2.2%)	330.6	2012	None

#### 4.3.4 Equity risks

##### 4.3.4.1 Significant percentage of capital and voting rights held by the Company's principal shareholder

At the date this registration document was filed, Xavier Niel, the Company's principal shareholder held 65.70% of the capital and 62.66% of the voting rights. The fact that a significant portion of the Company's capital and voting rights is held by a single shareholder, and that said shareholder may freely dispose of all or part of his interest in the Company, could have a material adverse effect on the price of the Company's shares.

Equity risk is minimal as the Group does not have any significant equity portfolios.

##### 4.3.4.2 Share price volatility

The Company's share price may be volatile and could be impacted by a number of events affecting the Company, its competitors, the telecommunications and Internet industry or the financial markets. The Company's share price could fluctuate significantly in response to the following types of events:

- changes in the Group's financial performance or that of its competitors;
- the announcement by the Company of the success or failure of the commercial launch of a new product;
- announcements by competitors or announcements concerning the telecommunications or Internet industry;
- announcements regarding changes in the Group's management or key personnel.

In the last few years, the financial markets have experienced significant volatility that, at times, has had no relationship to the financial performance of listed companies. Market volatility, as well as general economic conditions, could affect the Company's share price.

##### 4.3.4.3 Subsequent sale of shares by significant shareholders

The Company's principal shareholders are Xavier Niel and its managers. If any of these shareholders were to sell a large number of shares on the market, Iliad's share price could be affected, depending on the market conditions at the time of the sale, the number of shares sold and the reasons for and the terms of the sale, as well as the public's perception of such sales.

<sup>3</sup> No drawdowns had been made at December 31, 2007 out of a maximum available amount of €220 million under this credit line.

#### 4.4 LEGAL RISKS

##### 4.4.1 Risks relating to the Group's relations with the incumbent operator

Despite the legal and regulatory framework requiring the incumbent operator, France Télécom, to permit the development of local loop unbundling and to grant the Group access to its installations, the Group may be confronted by situations where there is a conflict of interest with France Télécom as its dominant competitor and principal supplier. France Télécom could exercise significant influence over the Group's operations and strategy, with potentially adverse effects, and could also restrict its capacity for growth.

The Group's profitability depends in part on the pricing and technical conditions established by France Télécom in its Reference Interconnect Offer (revised each year) and in its Reference Unbundling Offer (revised from time to time). Any significant increase in the prices or change in the technical conditions set out in the Reference Interconnect Offer or the Reference Unbundling Offer, as approved by the French telecommunications regulatory authority, ARCEP, could have a material adverse effect on the Group's business, financial position and results of operations and its ability to meet its objectives.

##### 4.4.2 Risks relating to liability for content

In the past, a number of suits have been filed in France and other countries against Internet service or hosting providers because of the content of the information transmitted or made available online (in particular for press-related violations, invasion of privacy and trademark infringement). Free, Online and Dedibox may be subject to similar suits and could incur significant costs in order to defend themselves against such claims. Analysis of the claims and the preparation of an appropriate defense could prove to be costly even if Free, Online or Dedibox were not ultimately held liable. Finally, any such proceedings could have an adverse effect on the Group's reputation.

According to French rules and regulations as further described in paragraph 6.6.2 hereinafter, the Group has placed forms on the Free portal home page which can be used to report unlawful content, and has established a procedure for reporting any violation of human dignity, so that web users can report any illegal content and Free can respond promptly to any complaints.

##### 4.4.3 Risks relating to intellectual property rights

The Group can provide no assurance that measures taken in France and abroad to protect its intellectual property rights, particularly its trademarks, logos and domain names, will be effective or that third parties will not infringe or misappropriate its intellectual property rights. Furthermore, given the worldwide reach of the Internet, the Group's trademarks – particularly Iliad, Free, and ANNU – and other forms of intellectual property, could be distributed in countries offering less intellectual property protection than European countries or the United States. Given the importance for the Group of the recognition of its trademarks, any infringement or misappropriation of this kind could adversely affect the Group's business, results of operations, financial position and its ability to meet its objectives.

Furthermore, certain of the Group's trademarks (particularly Free and Online) co-exist with other identical trademarks registered by third parties for similar telecommunications services.

Due to this situation, it is likely that the Group will be required, in the long-term, to co-exist on its market with trademarks similar to its own. There is a risk that this co-existence could result in a dilution of these trademarks on the market, which could adversely affect the Group's business, results of operations and financial position and its ability to meet its objectives.

Lastly, given the hi-tech nature of the Group's business, it can provide no assurance that it is not infringing the intellectual property rights of third parties. This is an inherent risk for all operators in the telecommunications, audiovisual and Internet sectors and is typically resolved through licensing agreements with the holders of the relevant intellectual property rights.

The Group undertakes all necessary measures to ensure that intellectual property rights – particularly concerning trademarks – are respected, and there are no significant claims or legal proceedings in progress concerning such rights.

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### 4.4 LEGAL RISKS

#### 4.4.4 Risks relating to the use of open source software

The Group is developing its own software programs on the basis of open source software, and in particular Linux. Open source software consists of programs made available to users either free of charge or for a small fee. Based on the concepts of sharing and free use of source codes, such software is distributed under a specific type of license (such as the GNU General Public License) generally allowing the user to modify and re-use the software without having to obtain prior permission from the holder of the related rights. Furthermore, any software development which uses open source software must, in turn, be freely accessible to and re-usable by third parties under the same conditions as the integrated open source software.

Open source software allows the user to benefit from the expertise of a community of developers at a lower cost than that charged for other commercially available software. However, it does not come with a contractual warranty and the chain of ownership of the copyright to open source software is uncertain. Consequently, the Group may be subject to a liability claim in the event of the failure of an open source software program, or an infringement action by a third party claiming to be the holder of intellectual property rights relating to such a program.

Due to the nature of open source software and the absence of a strict legal framework, claims may be initiated by third parties.

#### 4.4.5 Links with or dependence on other companies

In order to achieve the transmission capacity and quality levels required to respond to the increase in the number of customers and to meet their requirements, the Group relies partly on the use of passive telecommunications infrastructures belonging to Neuf Cégétel and other operators such as France Télécom and Completel or of networks operated by certain local authorities.

#### 4.4.6 Operating assets not owned by Iliad

Other than networks to which Iliad is interconnected as well as certain interconnection equipment and the dark fibers used by its network under long-term IRU agreements (described in Section 6.1.3 of this registration document), the Group considers that it is the owner of all the assets required for carrying out its business operations.

At December 31, 2007, the Group had access to 33,000 kilometers of fibers, including 28,550 under IRU agreements. The expiration date of these IRU agreements is indicated in Section 6.1.3 below.

#### 4.4.7 Industrial and environmental risks

The sector in which Iliad operates does not represent a major source of harm to the natural environment, does not require any significant use of natural resources, and does not have any significant impact on the quality of the environment.

#### 4.4.8 Risks relating to the loss of licenses and frequencies

Under the licenses granted to them, certain Group companies have undertaken to comply with particular obligations or to make significant investments in relation to various networks in order to offer new products and services to their customers. If the Group does not comply with its undertakings, these licenses could be terminated, which in certain cases could render the Group liable for payment of compensation to the French government or other parties. All of these risks could have a material adverse effect on the Group's results or financial position.

The main licenses held by the Group are the L.33, L.34 and BLR telecom licenses, and the Group's related commitments are defined in decisions issued by ARCEP. ARCEP decision 03-1294 authorizes IFW to operate microwave frequencies in the 3.5 GHz bandwidth, provided it complies with specifications that include a number of requirements relating to network roll-out and population coverage. The next inspection by ARCEP concerning IFW's compliance with its commitments is scheduled for December 31, 2008. If ARCEP finds that IFW has not complied with the specifications, it may impose the sanctions provided for in the French Post and Electronic Communications Code, as described in Section 6.6 below.

There are no specific conditions attached to the general authorizations granted under licenses L.33-1 and L.34-1 other than a duty to respect the principles set out in the French Post and Electronic Communications Code (Decree No. 2005-862 of July 26, 2005 relating to the conditions for establishing and operating networks and supplying electronic communication services). These principles are based on the general concepts included in the EU "Authorization" Directive, including:

- Payment of taxes and royalties
- Contributions to the Universal Service Fund
- Respecting correspondence privacy
- Carrying emergency calls

The Company does not consider that it is exposed to any specific risks in relation to the other regulatory requirements described in Section 6.6 below.

#### 4.5 RISKS RELATING TO CLAIMS AND LITIGATION

In the normal course of its business, the Group is involved in a certain number of legal proceedings. Provisions have been recorded for these disputes in accordance with IFRS. The Group considers that the provisions set up to cover such contingencies, litigation or disputes known of or in progress at December 31, 2007 are sufficient to ensure that there would be no material impact on the consolidated financial position of the Group in the event of unfavorable outcomes. To the best of the Company's knowledge, no litigation, arbitration or exceptional event has had in the recent past or is likely to have in the future a material impact on the financial position, results of operations, business and assets and liabilities of the Company or the Group.

The claims and legal proceedings between Free and its subscribers are not significant in number in relation to Free's subscriber base and do not represent material amounts.

The Group's companies are involved in inquiries, claims and legal proceedings with regulatory authorities, competitors and other parties. The Group considers that the provisions set up to cover such contingencies, litigation or disputes known of or in progress at December 31, 2007 are sufficient to ensure that there would be no material impact on the Group's consolidated financial position in the event of unfavorable outcomes (see Note 28 to the consolidated financial statements).

Like other players operating in its sector, the Group is frequently served with writs as part of claims instigated by subscribers in relation to the provision of services. In general, the financial risk posed by each of these claims is relatively small. However, any proliferation of such claims could constitute a risk for the Group. In such cases, the Group tries to negotiate an amicable settlement, which helps to reduce the final total cost of these proceedings considerably.

The Group considers that the number of these claims is not significant compared to the number of its subscribers.

In February 2007, Wal Services and two former Iliad employees – Messrs. Chami and Gohon – filed a claim for damages with the Paris *Tribunal de Grande Instance* against Iliad and Messrs. Poidatz, Niel, Boukobza and Rosenfeld, for the fraud and duress they allegedly suffered in March 2002 when Iliad and Mr. Niel acquired the plaintiffs' shares. Under this claim – which was filed five years after the facts in question and three years after Iliad's stock market flotation – the plaintiffs are seeking the recovery of their shares, and if recovery proves impossible, compensation from Iliad and its senior managers amounting to €102 million each for Messrs. Chami and Gohon and €802 million for Wal Services. Although the outcome of this dispute is still uncertain, Iliad considers that the claims filed by Wal Services and Messrs. Chami and Gohon are unfounded and that the plaintiffs were subject neither to fraud nor to any form of duress. By order of the pre-trial judge dated January 22, 2008, the Paris *Tribunal de Grande Instance* granted the application of Iliad and its managers and declined jurisdiction in favor of the Paris *Tribunal de Commerce*.

In parallel to the civil proceedings, certain other former minority shareholders filed claims of fraud and breach of trust allegedly committed when their shares were purchased in March 2002. By order dated August 22, 2007, the case was dismissed in part and the remaining claims were reclassified and referred to the *Tribunal Correctionnel*. The claims against the managers of Iliad were fully dismissed.

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Pursuant to the same order, claims of forgery and use of forged documents, attempted fraud and reporting an imaginary crime filed against Fernand and Jean-Christophe Develter were referred to the *Tribunal Correctionnel*, Fernand Develter being considered as the instigator of the action and the economic beneficiary of Wal Services.

### 4.6 INSURANCE AND RISK COVERAGE

The Group's strategy is to obtain insurance from external sources to cover the risks which can be insured at reasonable cost. Its current insurance policies cover Group companies' assets and third party liability, under standard terms.

The cost of Iliad's insurance cover for all Group companies came to approximately €1.7 million in 2007, representing all the insurance premiums paid. In order to obtain the best possible coverage for all the Group's companies, Iliad uses the services of its online insurance brokerage company, Assunet, which negotiates the insurance policies on its behalf.

The Group's main policy covers third party liability in the event of fire as required by France Télécom in respect of its occupancy of the co-location facilities. The roll-out of the FTTH network is covered by a principal contractor's liability insurance policy. The Group has taken out specific insurance policies to cover the operation of the active and inactive telecommunications network. Its business as a fixed-line telephony operator is covered by a professional liability insurance policy.

The Group has also taken out a certain number of insurance policies to cover property damage and equipment breakage at all locations where its equipment is housed (Points of Presence, subscriber connection nodes, optical nodes), and at the head office. In addition, in March 2007, the Group renewed the directors' and officers' liability insurance policy taken out in March 2005 which covers all forms of such liability claims. Iliad considers that this insurance cover takes into account the nature of the risks incurred by Group companies and matches the scope of other insurance cover currently available on the market for groups of a similar size and with similar business activities.

The table below sets out the coverage levels under each of the above-mentioned policies.

#### Third party liability – France Télécom

Comprehensive cover (bodily injury, property damage and consequential loss) .....	€76,225,000
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#### Third party liability – City of Paris

Operational liability .....	Per claim
Bodily injury .....	€ 8,000,000
Property damage and consequential loss .....	€ 1,524,491

#### Third party liability – Operation of the Telecommunications Network in France

Bodily injury .....	€ 7,622,500
Property damage and consequential loss .....	€ 1,525,000

#### Professional liability

Professional liability and/or completed operations liability .....	€ 3,100,000
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#### Third party liability and property damage (rue de la ville l'Evêque site)

Third party liability related to occupancy .....	€11,436,676
Additional operating costs .....	€ 3,400,000
Property damage .....	€ 762,250

#### Third party liability and property damage (Bezons site)

Tenant's risks .....	€ 2,500,000
Industrial risks .....	€30,000,000

#### Directors' and officers' liability

Amount of coverage per insurance period .....	€15,000,000
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## 5. INFORMATION ABOUT THE COMPANY AND THE GROUP

### 5.1 HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT

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##### 5.1 HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT

###### 5.1.1 *Company name*

The Company's name is Iliad

###### 5.1.2 *Registration details*

The Company is registered at the Paris Trade and Companies Registry under registration number 342 376 332.

###### 5.1.3 *Date of incorporation and term*

The Company's business sector A.P.E. code is 5814Z – Publication of Reviews and Periodicals.

The Company was incorporated on August 31, 1987 for a fixed period of ninety-nine years from its registration date at the Trade and Companies Registry, expiring on October 15, 2086 unless said period is extended or the Company is wound up in advance.

###### 5.1.4 *Registered office, legal form and applicable law*

Registered office: 8 rue de la Ville l'Evêque, 75008 Paris (France)

Telephone: +33 (0) 1 73 50 20 00.

The Company is a French *société anonyme* organized and existing under the laws of France and governed, *inter alia*, by the provisions of *Livre II* of the French Commercial Code (*Code de commerce*) and Decree no. 67-236 of March 23, 1967 relating to commercial companies (as codified in the regulatory section of the Commercial Code).

###### 5.1.5 *Key dates*

The key dates in the Group's development are as follows:

1996	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Launch of the reverse look-up directory 3617 ANNU</li></ul>
1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Creation of the Internet service provider Free</li><li>• The Group is granted category L.33-1 and L.34-1 telecommunications licenses, authorizing it to roll out a telecommunications network and to provide telecommunications services to the public</li></ul>
2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Start of the roll-out of the Group's telecommunications network and interconnection with France Télécom's network</li><li>• Sale of the Group's Minitel business (excluding ANNU)</li></ul>
2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Completion in April 2001 of the interconnection between the Free Telecom network and the France Télécom network at regional level and in the Paris urban area</li><li>• Launch of the Freebox (modem and DSLAM) research and development project</li><li>• Acquisition of the French subsidiary of the Australian telecommunications operator One.Tel (December 2001)</li></ul>
2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Restructuring of One.Tel and migration of its traffic to the Group's network</li><li>• Launch of Free's broadband service</li><li>• Start of local loop unbundling (LLU) operations in Paris</li></ul>

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2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Roll-out of LLU to the majority of the French population</li><li>• The Group becomes the second largest ADSL broadband Internet service provider in France (March 2003)<sup>4</sup></li><li>• Acquisition of the prepaid phone card specialist Kertel</li><li>• Launch of the ADSL fixed telephony service using the Freebox modem in August 2003 (under Option 1)</li><li>• Launch of an ADSL-based audiovisual content service offering in December 2003</li></ul>
2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Iliad's initial public offering. Listing on the Euronext Paris Premier Marché on January 30, 2004</li><li>• Launch in March 2004 of voice over ADSL services under Option 5 using the Freebox modem</li><li>• Launch of a fully unbundled service offering (June 2004)</li><li>• Launch of the ADSL 2+ service offering (October 2004)</li><li>• Broadcast of Canal+ TV offers via the Freebox (November 2004)</li></ul>
2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Launch of the Freeplayer offering through the Freebox (June 2005)</li><li>• Acquisition in November 2005 of Altitude Telecom which holds the only national WiMAX license for France (3.5 GHz)</li><li>• Launch of the Video on Demand (VoD) offering on the Freebox, in conjunction with Canalplay (December 2005)</li></ul>
2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Launch of the new HD Freebox TV service, DTT Tuner (TF1 and M6 accessible), WiFi Mimo and mobile telephony over WiFi (April 2006)</li><li>• Launch of Dedibox – a dedicated server hosting service available to private individuals (May 2006)</li><li>• Canalplay Kids, a VoD offering for children available on the Freebox (May 2006)</li><li>• Capacity of personal web pages increased to 10 Gb (June 2006)</li><li>• Issue of bonds convertible for new shares and/or exchangeable for existing shares (OCEANE) representing a total nominal value of €330,624,932.40 (June 2006)</li><li>• Calls to Guadeloupe and Martinique and 11 other new international destinations included in the Freebox package (June 2006)</li><li>• Internet bandwidth increased for unbundled Freebox subscribers offering speeds of up to 28 Mbit/s (July 2006)</li><li>• Telephone line rental included in the Freebox subscription (€29.99 per month) in non-unbundled areas (August 2006)</li><li>• Iliad sells Société.com (August 2006)</li><li>• Launch of HD Freebox Digital Video Recorder (September 2006)</li><li>• Free announces its fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) roll-out program (September 2006)</li><li>• Acquisition of Citéfibre (October 2006)</li><li>• Agreements entered into with TF1 and M6 for programs to be broadcast on the Freebox (December 2006)</li></ul>

<sup>4</sup> Source: IDATE, The World Atlas of the Internet, 2003 edition.

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2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sale of Kertel (February 2007)</li><li>• Freebox can be used as a fax machine (April 2007)</li><li>• Free signs an agreement with UPS for the delivery of the HD Freebox (May 2007)</li><li>• A selection of free channels available to a greater number of subscribers using MPEG-4 format (May 2007)</li><li>• Launch of Free Home Vidéo, a subscription-based Video on Demand (S-VoD) service (June 2007)</li><li>• Launch of DslSafe, an innovative software solution designed to optimize the quality of triple play services (June 2007)</li><li>• Launch of TV Perso Freebox, first service in the world enabling Free subscribers to create their own television channel (June 2007)</li><li>• Iliad applied for France's fourth mobile phone license. ARCEP rejected Iliad's application as it requested a deferred payment arrangement (July 2007)</li><li>• TV accessible to all Free subscribers (July 2007)</li><li>• Agreement with the Canal+ Group: The Freebox TV package offers 7 new channels (August 2007)</li><li>• Launch of Free's FTTH offer, Internet access at a speed of 100 Mbit/s, telephony and audiovisual services on two televisions for €29.99 per month (August 2007)</li><li>• The Walt Disney company and Free conclude a S-VoD movie agreement (September 2007)</li><li>• Free rolls out IPv6 (December 2007)</li></ul>
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#### 5.1.6 *Important events in the development of the Group's business*

##### 5.1.6.1 *A leading Internet service provider and telecommunications operator in France*

Formed in 1991, the Group has leveraged its telecommunications networking expertise to establish itself as the third largest Internet service provider in France<sup>5</sup>.

The Group is now one of the major players in the Internet and telecommunications sector in France due to its highly attractive services as viewed by the consumer market. The Group is currently:

- the third largest ADSL broadband Internet service provider with a 19.7%<sup>6</sup> share of the French residential market. At December 31, 2007, Free had 2,904,000 ADSL broadband subscribers<sup>7</sup>;
- a major player in the unbundling of the local loop in France, with 2,366,000 unbundled access lines. This leading position in the unbundling arena has enabled the Group to provide technically sophisticated services (such as high connection speeds and "triple play" offerings) that are both attractively priced and profitable for the Group.

Over the last few years, the Group has seized opportunities for external growth in order to enhance and optimize the use of its network. Its existing data traffic business (Free) has been complemented with a voice business

<sup>5</sup> Source: Iliad/ARCEP

<sup>6</sup> Source: France Télécom

<sup>7</sup> Source: Iliad/France Télécom

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through the fixed telephony operator One.Tel, which was acquired by the Group in December 2001, and with prepaid phone cards marketed by Kertel, acquired in March 2003. These two acquisitions have contributed to the Group's growth and profitability and have enabled it to spread network costs over a more diversified business base, covering both Internet traffic and switched voice traffic.

Since November 2005, the Group has operated the only WiMAX license in mainland France, through its subsidiary IFW.

The Group holds the sole license to use frequencies in the 3.5 GHz bandwidth for the whole of mainland France. As such, the Group is able to use WiMAX technology (IMT-2000). In 2007, the Group performed various tests on this technology, which is currently in the development stage.

WiMAX technology is:

- A strategic goal for many suppliers (as expressed at the GSM Congress in Barcelona) with a view to unveiling new equipment lines;
- WiMAX technology standardization and certification has evolved due to the acceptance of WiMAX 802.16e as IMT 2000 technology and the work on technical specifications of the WiMAX forum;
- Wide-scale deployment in the United States with Sprint;
- Bids for WiMAX licenses continued in 2007 in Europe and more particularly in Germany and Italy.

The Group has also taken over PN, renamed Free Infrastructure in February 2007, a company dedicated to developing and building optical fiber networks.

The Group's business is based on one of the leading alternative telecommunications networks in France and includes service offerings mainly targeted at the consumer market. The Group currently has two business segments: Broadband and Traditional Telephony.

***The Broadband segment*** is undergoing a period of significant growth driven by the expansion in infrastructure and lower hardware costs (for computers, modems, etc.), as well as the increase in the number of public projects and, more particularly, by the widespread availability of broadband technologies such as ADSL and the success of optional "triple play" services. The Group's Broadband business is centered on (i) Internet provider services operated by Free, based on broadband Internet access via ADSL; (ii) shared website hosting services and the registration of domain names, provided by Online, and dedicated hosting services provided by Dédiobox; (iii) call center activities through Centrapel and Total Call; (iv) WiMAX operations carried out by IFW; and (v) fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) programs rolled-out by Free Infrastructure, Citéfibre, IRE and Immobilière Iliad.

Following the success, first, of its "Pay-as-you-go" and "50-hour plan" services and subsequently of its unlimited broadband access service which costs €29.99 per month, Free is now the third largest Internet service provider in the French residential broadband market with 19.7%<sup>8</sup> of all ADSL subscribers at December 31, 2007.

***The Traditional Telephony segment*** is centered on the activities of the fixed telephony operator One.Tel and on the call termination business developed by Kedra.

With approximately 168,000 customers at December 31, 2007, One.Tel is a relatively small fixed telecommunications operator, but it is profitable and has adopted an aggressive pricing policy. Following the acquisition of this company in December 2001, the Group focused on repositioning One.Tel's service offering, adopting a policy of carrier preselection, simplifying the range of services offered and establishing an attractive pricing policy (a price of €0.01 per minute for all local and national calls). Since its takeover by Iliad, a system of payment by direct debit has been strongly encouraged in order to guarantee the payment of bills by its customers, and at December 31, 2007 90% of One.Tel's customers used this method of payment.

<sup>8</sup> Source: France Télécom

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Iliad sold all of its shares in Kedra in February 2007. Finally, Kedra offers high-quality call termination services. Within the Traditional Telephony segment, other services include in particular the reverse look-up directory ANNU, which is accessed mainly via Minitel and by telephone, as well as the services provided by Iliad's subsidiary, Assunet S.A., a web-based insurance broker.

The following table shows the changes in the Group's consolidated revenues, EBITDA and profit from ordinary activities over the last three fiscal years:

(in € millions)	2005	2006	2007
Revenues .....	724.2	935.1	1,212.4
EBITDA .....	224.6	328.5	443.6
Profit from ordinary activities .....	107.7	180.5	213.8

#### Analysis of 2007 revenues and EBITDA by business segment

(in € millions)	Broadband	Traditional Telephony	Total
Consolidated revenues .....	1,178.4	34.0	1,212.4
EBITDA .....	435.0	8.6	443.6

#### 5.1.6.2 Local loop unbundling and the roll-out of the fiber-to-the home (FTTH) optical fiber network: a key strategy for the profitable growth of the Group

##### 5.1.6.2.1 Local loop unbundling

The unbundling of the local loop is a technical operation which allows operators to control the access to their subscribers and thereby free themselves to a great extent from their dependence on France Télécom's network. Local loop unbundling (LLU) is vital for the Group's ADSL services, as this enables it to take full advantage of the density and quality of its network and to set up end-to-end management of the infrastructures connecting it to its customers.

LLU allows the Group to offer its customers attractive prices (currently €29.99 per month for the ADSL broadband Internet access package, with a download rate of 28 Mbit/s per second) and a competitive range of services, providing higher transmission speeds combined with telephony and audiovisual services for customers with a Freebox modem.

LLU is a key element for the profitability of the Group due to the high margins that can be generated. At present, most of the recurrent charges paid to France Télécom relate to the rental of equipment used for connecting the subscriber's modem to the corresponding DSLAM belonging to the Group.

By placing LLU at the heart of its strategy and adopting an aggressive and profitable pricing policy, Free succeeded in winning over one in five new ADSL broadband customers during 2007, in an extremely competitive market. At December 31, 2007, the company had 2,904,000 ADSL customers, 2,366,000 of whom are on unbundled lines<sup>9</sup>.

Iliad intends to continue the unbundling of new distribution frames to increase the number of unbundled lines. It will enable Iliad to strengthen its competitive position in new unbundled areas and increase its profitability.

##### 5.1.6.2.2 The roll-out of the fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) optical fiber network

Since 2006, the group has rolled out its optical fiber network in areas with a high density of Free subscribers. The purpose of this roll out is to provide access to an optical fiber local loop, thereby improving the quality of the services and delivering faster transmission speeds. These investments will be profitable to the extent that they are first made in areas with a high density of Free subscribers. The roll out strategy will reduce unbundling costs and strengthen the Group's strategic position. The Group intends to reach 4 million homes by 2012 representing an investment of about €1 billion.

<sup>9</sup> Source: France Télécom

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#### Growth in Free's broadband customer base between 2005 and 2007<sup>10</sup>

	12/31/2005	12/31/2006	12/31/2007
Total ADSL subscribers .....	1,595,000	2,278,000	2,904,000
Number using unbundled lines .....	1,120,000	1,730,000	2,366,000
<i>Percentage using unbundled lines</i> .....	70.2%	75.9%	81.5%
Share of French residential ADSL market .....	18.0%	19.0%	19.7%

### 5.2 INVESTMENTS

#### 5.2.1 Principal investments over the last three fiscal years

The Group's property, plant and equipment mainly consists of the transmission equipment necessary for operating its network, the modems and DSLAMs used for Free's broadband Internet access service offering, the rights to use optical fiber held by the Group under the terms of IRU agreements, and the cabling costs payable to France Télécom. The cash flow statements for the years concerned provide a detailed breakdown of the Group's capital expenditures and the methods used to finance them.

**Over the last three fiscal years**, the Group acquired the following non-current assets, including through finance leases:

(In € thousands)	2005	2006	2007
Intangible assets .....	1,075	1,617	1,857
Property, plant and equipment .....	209,197	323,285	374,678
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>210,272</b>	<b>324,902</b>	<b>376,535</b>

The investments over the last three fiscal years were as follows:

- In 2005: Acquisition of IFW for €57.9 million;
- In 2006: Acquisition of PN (recently renamed Free Infrastructure) for €40,000 and acquisition of Citéfibre for €2.9 million.

#### 5.2.2 Principal investments in progress

Since the beginning of 2008, the Group's principal investments represented (i) growth-related expenditure which directly depends on the number of new customers won – such as Freeboxes, Freebox DSLAMs and service access fees or wiring connection costs invoiced by France Télécom; (ii) network-related expenditure – including expenditure incurred to increase network density invested jointly with private operators or local authorities, or under IRU agreements; and (iii) expenditure relating to the launch of FTTH programs.

#### Financing

These investments are financed by cash flows from operating activities.

#### 5.2.3 Principal future investments

In September 2006, the Group announced that it intended to roll out an optical fiber network providing a direct connection to the homes of its subscribers (using fiber-to-the-home, or FTTH technology). The total related capital expenditure, which will be incurred between 2006 and 2012, will amount to some €1 billion. The overall investment program will be financed mainly from cash flows generated by the Group's operations and by the proceeds of the June 2006 OCEANE bond issue. The main aspects of the program remained the same in 2007.

<sup>10</sup> Sources: Iliad/Arcep/France Télécom

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The Group also anticipates devoting its future capital expenditures to (i) producing both the current and future versions of the Freebox modem and distributing these modems to its subscribers and (ii) increasing its network density by installing additional Freebox DSLAMs at France Télécom sites and operating new sections of optical fiber. The Group also intends to continue to develop its access to the unbundled local loop by financing the construction of shared co-location facilities at France Télécom sites. This development will accelerate the migration of broadband subscribers to Option 1 (unbundled) which, will result in a substantial reduction in the cost of providing broadband Internet access for the Group. In addition, the Group will continue to invest as necessary in securing and extending its network by increasing the number of optical fiber loops (thereby reducing the risk of loss of service in the event of a failure in any one section of the network) and will carry out certain civil engineering works, either independently or in conjunction with other parties, to extend its network (thereby increasing network density).

With respect to the unbundling of the local loop, the Group is using the information in its possession regarding the geographical breakdown of its broadband subscribers to give priority to unbundling the local loops at those France Télécom sites serving the greatest number of subscribers and thus secure a rapid and satisfactory return on its investment.

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#### 6.1.1 *Strategy*

Leveraging the competitive strengths described in Section 6.1.2 of this registration document, the Group's strategy is based on the principles described below.

##### *Continuing to provide the most competitive Internet access offerings in France*

In order to continue the growth of its market share, the Group plans to pursue its policy of winning new ADSL broadband customers by combining a competitive pricing policy with a focus on the quality of its services (such as by offering ever-increasing bandwidth and innovative services such as ADSL-based or voice over IP telephony as well as audiovisual content), and on its technical and customer support services. The Group's aim is to implement this customer recruitment policy and further enhance the Group's profitability in a fast-growing market.

##### *Increasing the number of subscribers on unbundled lines (Option 1)*

The Group intends to increase the number of customers on unbundled lines in two complementary ways. First, it plans to increase its market share in areas which have already been unbundled by continuing to offer its Freebox services directly to new subscribers under Option 1. Second, it plans to encourage the migration of the maximum possible number of Option 5 subscribers (on non-unbundled lines) to Option 1 (unbundled lines) by expanding the density of its network. This network expansion will take into account any applicable technical restrictions and will prioritize the areas to be unbundled, focusing on those that already have a large number of subscribers, to ensure a rapid return on investment. Given the significant difference in profitability between unbundled subscriber lines and other lines, the expansion of local loop unbundling (to migrate existing subscribers or win new customers) is designed to substantially increase the Group's profit margins.

##### *Promoting the use of optional value-added services provided through the Freebox*

Since the launch of its ADSL-based telephony service in August 2003, the Group has consistently added new free and pay-per-use services for customers with Freebox modems in unbundled areas. In 2005, the Freeplayer media center service was added, along with a multi-device offering and Video on Demand provided in partnership with Canalplay. The new HD Freebox was launched in 2006, enabling subscribers with access to this technology to have digital video facilities and watch programs in high definition. Also in 2006, Free's Video on Demand offering was strengthened with the addition of new content for adults, children (Canalplay Kids) and music-lovers (i Concerts). In 2007, a fax service was added to the Freebox offering, along with a new "TV Perso" service enabling subscribers equipped with the HD Freebox to create their own personal television channel. On-demand contents were also boosted with the launch of a subscription-based, unlimited-use Video on Demand service (S-VoD) offering known as Free Home Video. The Group considers that these services strengthen the appeal of its ADSL broadband offering and help foster customer loyalty. The Group's strategy is therefore focused on increasing the number of these services and making sure that they are easy to use, notably by simplifying interfaces and invoicing procedures.

##### *Rolling out an FTTH network in areas with high subscriber density*

In September 2006, the Group was the first operator to announce the roll-out of an optical fiber network in order to provide a direct connection to the homes of its subscribers using fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) technology. This technology offers significantly faster data transmission rates than ADSL and will give subscribers access to new services. At the same time, it will enable the Group to operate totally independently from France Télécom's local loop. Iliad intends to optimize its capital expenditures by focusing on areas with high subscriber density. In mid-September 2007, Free announced the features of its FTTH high speed broadband offering (see Section 6.1.4.1.1), which it will continue to roll out in a bid to expand the number of eligible households.

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#### ***Considering acquisition opportunities which could contribute to Group growth***

Although it continues to focus on internal growth as the core of its strategy, the Group will pursue a policy of external expansion if targeted opportunities arise in areas that strongly complement its existing business or would result in improved use of the Group's network.

#### ***6.1.2 Competitive advantages***

The Group benefits from a number of competitive advantages which should enable it to sustain its profitable growth and maintain its position as a leading provider of broadband Internet access in France. The Group believes it is well-placed to take full advantage of the growth potential in the Internet and telecommunications sectors thanks to the strengths described below.

#### ***Free – a long-established Internet service provider with a well-known brand in France***

As a result of the success of its consumer market services, Free has positioned itself as a major player in the Internet access market in France since its creation in 1999. Free's successive launch of its dial-up "Pay-as-you-go" and "50-hour plan" offerings and its €29.99 per month broadband service have firmly established the credibility and recognition of the brand. It is clearly associated with the concepts of freedom, cutting-edge technology and value-for-money.

#### ***Technically sophisticated and attractively priced service offerings***

The Group's network enables it to design sustainable service offerings that are at once easy to understand, technically sophisticated and attractively priced. The broadband and high speed broadband Internet access offerings at €29.99 a month are among the most competitively priced on the market in their respective segments while providing a high quality of service. This positioning is a central factor in the Group's strategy and aims to create the right environment for lasting and profitable growth of its business.

#### ***A high-performance national network supporting both Internet service provider and fixed telephony operations for the consumer market***

In order to be able to offer high-performance and innovative services to its customers and to guarantee the profitability of its business operations, in 1999 the Group decided to establish its own telecommunications network, which would allow it to control the technical aspects and pricing of its services for the routing of both data (Internet) and voice (over IP or circuit-switched). Since early in the second half of 2001, the Group has been rolling out and operating its own optical fiber network. The skills and experience acquired by the Group's network teams now mean that it is able to use its own resources to operate and maintain a nationwide network and guarantee its Internet customers a level of quality and connection speeds which are each recognized as among the best on the market. The specific technical features of the network and its high density are key factors for the success and profitability of the Group's service offerings in both Internet access and telephony. The size, design and scalable architecture of the Group's network make it capable of serving all potential customers simultaneously using the Group's telephony, broadband and audiovisual services in areas where unbundling of the local loop has taken place.

#### ***A leading player in local loop unbundling***

The Group considers that the unbundling of the local loop is at the heart of its ability to offer original, sustainable and profitable broadband Internet access services. Currently the Group has 2,366,000 unbundled lines thanks to the installation of approximately 3,418 Freebox DSLAMs in 1,504 facilities located in or alongside France Télécom exchanges. The Group intends to capitalize on its experience in unbundling the local loop to expand the areas in which it can offer differentiated services to its customers.

#### ***Targeted research and development focusing on the consumer market***

The Group's investment in research and development of hardware and software products has enabled it to position itself as a frontrunner in the implementation of innovative technological solutions on the consumer market. The success of this policy is based largely on management's commitment to providing high-quality technical equipment and retaining flexibility in its choice of hardware. This in turn has resulted in the design of

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hardware specifically suited to the Group's service offerings and using cutting-edge technologies such as the Freebox modem/DSLAM unit, and in the development of innovative software solutions (such as billing software, Cisco SS7 interconnect software, etc.). By relying largely on its internal resources in this way, the Group has been able to optimize its capital expenditures from the outset.

#### *Understanding of key regulatory issues*

The Group has demonstrated its understanding of regulatory issues by establishing a constructive dialogue with the French Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (ARCEP), particularly in the context of the local loop and interconnect working groups set up by ARCEP. The Group has also shown its ability to take full advantage of the appeal procedures offered by ARCEP in order to defend its interests. Iliad believes that it has a good overall understanding of the current legislative and regulatory environment, as well as of the proposals under discussion which could have an impact on its activities as an Internet service provider and telecommunications operator.

#### *A proven ability to generate profits in periods of high revenue growth*

The Group has posted profits each year since 2001, despite its significant investments in interconnection and LLU operations and the intense competition in its markets. It has demonstrated its capacity to finance the majority of its capital expenditures and new business start-up costs internally, while continuing to pay dividends. With its high-performance network and large customer base, the Group believes it will be able to continue to pursue its strategy of profitable growth.

#### *The ability to build on its experience*

As the different parts of the Group's network complement and are integrated with one another, Iliad is able to put its experience in certain areas of its business to work in the development of other services. By way of example, the Group's expertise in fixed telephony acquired in the course of restructuring and running One.Tel enabled Free to launch the first available fixed telephony over ADSL services for the consumer market beginning in August 2003, without changing the prices of its broadband Internet access offering.

#### *An experienced management team with complementary skills*

Over the last few years, the management team has succeeded in positioning the Group as the leading alternative Internet service provider in France, while sustaining profitability and pursuing a strategy of internally financed growth. This success is due largely to the experience and highly complementary skills of the management team in the following areas: knowledge of the Internet and telecommunications sector, understanding of key regulatory issues, consumer marketing know-how, strong technological expertise, sound financial management and commitment to a graduated investment policy.

#### **6.1.3 A network servicing the Group's Internet and telephony operations**

In order to access the Internet, data must be routed between the user's computer and the Internet. Such Internet access is traditionally provided by Internet service providers using interconnect services, i.e. by connecting to the incumbent operator's network or to that of other licensed operators.

After Free was established, the Group believed it was critical to have control over as many network elements used for connecting its subscribers to the Internet as possible. This decision meant that Free could operate its own network infrastructure, which quickly resulted in an influx of recurrent revenues from its "Pay-as-you-go" services and ensured the Company's profitability (largely as a result of reducing its spend on interconnection charges).

The Group began its network roll-out strategy in December 1999 when it obtained licenses awarded under Articles L.33-1 and L.34-1 of the French Post and Telecommunications Code (which in July 2004 was renamed the Post and Electronic Communications Code), authorizing Free Télécom (known at that time as Linx) to build and operate a telecommunications network and to provide telecommunications services to the public. Free's strategy was based on accessing and operating optical fibers already installed by other operators, particularly by concluding long-term Indefeasible Right of Use (IRU) agreements for dark optical fibers. This enabled Free to optimize its capital expenditures and guarantee a rapid interconnection with the incumbent operator's network.

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The Group's network has been developed in several phases:

- August 2000 – April 2001: interconnection with the digital main switching units and all digital local exchanges in the Paris urban area for the collection of data traffic;
- April 2001 – August 2002: interconnection at a number of digital local exchanges outside Paris and upgrading for routing of voice traffic;
- Since September 2002: unbundling of the local loop and expansion of the national network;
- Since September 2006: roll-out of an FTTH network.

These development phases demonstrate the Group's constant efforts to achieve an appropriate balance between network density and return on investment.

#### Connection points between the Group's network and the France Télécom network at December 31, 2007<sup>11</sup>

Type of France Télécom site	Number of connection points	Total number of France Télécom sites
Digital main switching units .....	18	18
Digital local exchanges .....	420	450 <sup>12</sup>
France Télécom LLU sites .....	1,504	12,309

#### 6.1.3.1 General principles of interconnection and local loop unbundling in France

Interconnection and local loop unbundling allow operators to access and use part of the incumbent operator's network in return for payment to the incumbent operator of access and usage charges. Interconnection to the incumbent operator's network allows the alternative operator to deliver its customers' telephony traffic, while local loop unbundling offers it complete control over the line connecting the customer to the main distribution frame.

##### 6.1.3.1.1 Interconnection

Interconnection means the linking together of several telecommunications networks in order to allow uninterrupted routing of communications between them.

<sup>11</sup> Figures concern France Telecom's network in mainland France.

<sup>12</sup> Net of customer churn according to France Télécom at December 31, 2007.

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France Télécom network showing the 18 trunk exchange areas



Source: Iliad

In order to interconnect to the incumbent operator's network in a given trunk exchange area, the alternative operator must install a physical connection from a Point of Presence (POP) to a France Télécom switch located in one of the 18 France Télécom digital main switching units.

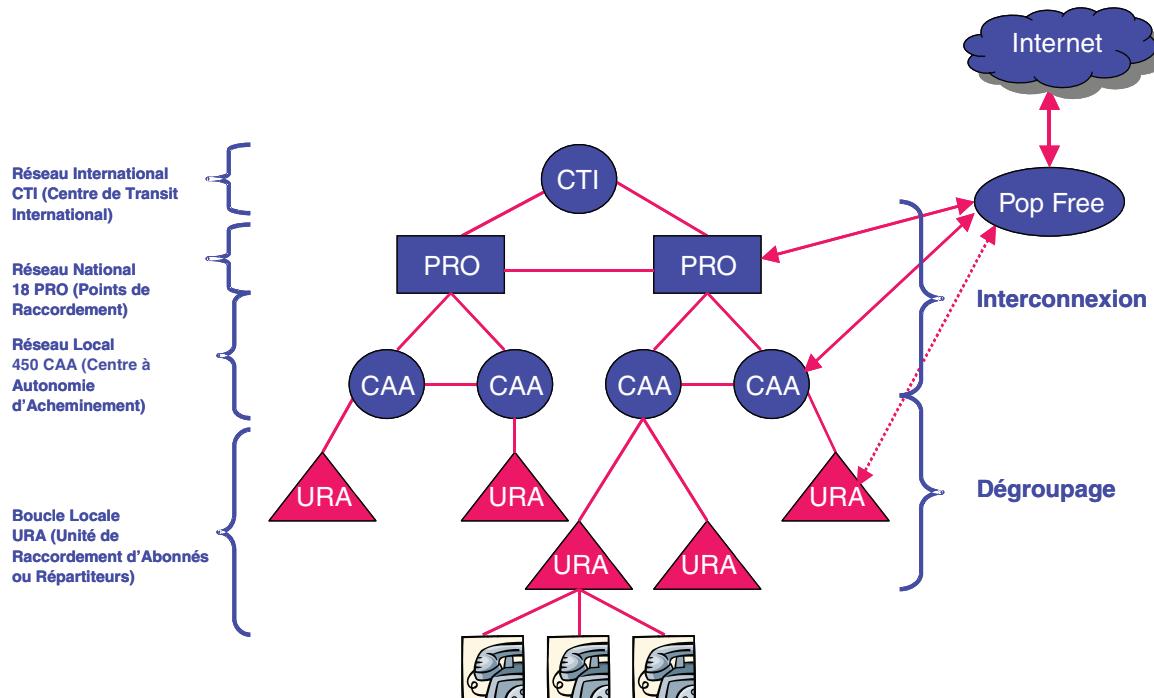
The alternative operator may also connect to the lowest hierarchical level of switches installed on the network, i.e. the digital local exchange, which is the switch closest to the customer.

In turn, each user is connected to a digital local exchange by means of a local concentrator.

Under an interconnect agreement, the incumbent operator charges the alternative operator on the basis of the transmission capacity placed at its disposal, measured in digital blocks (E1, a unit of measure corresponding to approximately 2 Mbit/s per second).

The OLO (Other Licensed Operator) can choose the level at which it wishes to make the interconnection, i.e. at the main switching unit or the local exchange, and the number of E1 blocks it wishes to reserve at each level. The higher the level in the France Télécom network at which traffic delivery takes place, the higher the interconnection charges and the charges for transport and collection of data billed by the incumbent operator to the alternative operator.

Schematic diagram of France Télécom's switched network



#### 6.1.3.1.2 Local loop unbundling

The local loop is that part of the network located between the telephone socket on the subscriber's premises and the main distribution frame (or local concentrator) to which the subscriber's line is connected.

The incumbent operator must, upon request, provide any Other Licensed Operator (OLO) with direct access to the local loop. This access, which is referred to as unbundling, allows these OLOs to control access to their customers by operating their own equipment.

In an unbundled system, the copper pair (the part of the subscriber's line which connects the subscriber to the closest digital local exchange) is not connected directly to the equipment managed by France Télécom, but rather to an ADSL line concentrator (also called a DSLAM) installed in co-location facilities or dedicated spaces provided for this purpose in the France Télécom exchanges and managed by the operator chosen by the subscriber. A special modem is installed on the subscriber's premises to allow the subscriber to receive data transmissions at a speed of up to 28 Mbit/s.

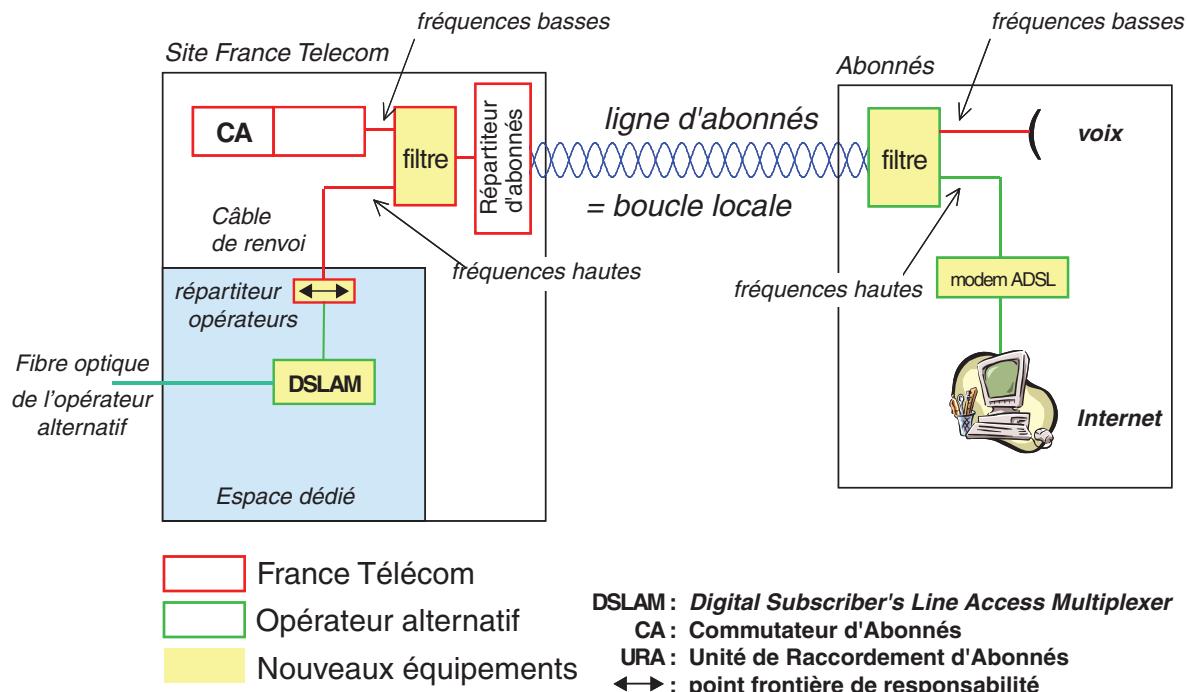
In the case of partial unbundling, the alternative operator uses only the "high" frequencies of the copper pair needed for transporting data, while the "low" frequencies are still used by France Télécom to provide the ordinary telephone service. In this case, the user still pays the telephone line rental to France Télécom.

The following diagram shows the technical architecture used for this type of access.

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Schematic diagram of partial unbundling



In practice, an alternative operator needs to use an optical fiber network which terminates in France Télécom's premises and install its own DSLAM equipment in co-location facilities or in dedicated spaces.

Local loop unbundling completely frees an operator from dependence on France Télécom's network. The recurring charges payable to France Télécom relate primarily to the rental of the copper pair, the splitter and the copper tie cable linking the subscriber's modem to the operator's DSLAM<sup>13</sup>.

In the case of full unbundling, the alternative operator uses all the frequencies of a particular copper pair. In this case the user no longer pays telephone line rental to France Télécom and filters are no longer necessary.

For the purposes of simplification, the following sections contain the abbreviations MSU (for the digital main switching unit) and LX (for the digital local exchange) in relation to interconnection and the term "France Télécom site" in relation to local loop unbundling.

#### 6.1.3.2 Development phases of the Group's network

##### 6.1.3.2.1 Interconnection at the MSUs and all LXs in the Paris urban area

The first development phase of the Group's network, implemented between August 2000 and April 2001, was the interconnection at the digital main switching units (MSU) and all digital local exchanges (LX) in the Paris urban area for the collection of data traffic.

Initially, the Group's main objective was to interconnect its network to that of France Télécom in order to obtain a minimum level of national coverage. This required the Group to be connected to at least the 18 France Télécom MSUs covering all the regions of mainland France. The Group's network at that time consisted of modem servers operated by Free and capable of meeting the needs of dial-up Internet subscribers.

Between August 2000, the date of the first interconnection in Lille to the MSU for the northern region, and June 2001, the date of the last interconnection in Poitiers to the MSU for the central region, Free's teams ordered E1 transmission capacity on France Télécom's network which it interconnected directly to the Group's network using optical fibers leased from a provider which had already installed the fiber network.

<sup>13</sup> See Sections 9.2.1.2 and 9.2.1.3 of this registration document for a description of the fixed and variable LLU charges.

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Free's innovative interconnection concept was to establish a direct connection between France Télécom's switches and the Group's Cisco modem servers. Therefore, instead of installing conventional switches between the France Télécom switches and its modem servers, Free helped to develop an application on the Cisco modem servers which supported the France Télécom network protocol.

This type of architecture, designed for data traffic, resulted in (i) a significant decrease in the level of capital expenditure required by reducing the quantity of equipment necessary for operation of the network, and particularly by avoiding the need for a central switch, (ii) greater control over the quality of service, and (iii) bandwidth savings over the national network as data is converted to IP mode at the level of the regional Point of Presence (POP).

By April 2001, the Group was interconnected to the 18 regional MSUs and the 119 LXs in the Paris urban area, thereby covering all of mainland France, mainly through the leasing of optical fibers at the MSU level and of bandwidth capacity for the national transport of data.

#### 6.1.3.2.2 Interconnection at a number of LXs outside Paris and upgrading for voice traffic routing

The second development phase, implemented between April 2001 and August 2002, was the interconnection at a number of LXs outside Paris and upgrading for voice traffic routing.

This second phase focused on increasing the density of the Group's network by interconnecting it to a greater number of LXs in order to reduce the interconnection charges payable to France Télécom.

Through the conclusion of IRU agreements with several operators, including in particular Louis Dreyfus Communications (since renamed Neuf Cégétel), beginning in April 2001 Free was able to start taking delivery of dark optical fiber pairs contained in cables laid by Neuf Cégétel in 15 regional towns and cities and of several dark optical fiber pairs in cables laid in the sewers of Paris.

This second roll-out phase was a fundamental stage in the development of the Group's network as it exists today. The principal benefit of these optical fibers is that they provide Free with a high level of density at the urban level and enable it to interconnect at a lower hierarchical level in the France Télécom network, i.e. at the LX level rather than the regional MSU level. This closer proximity to its subscribers has considerably reduced the recurring interconnection charges paid by Free to France Télécom. During this phase, Free's teams worked on the highly complex task of taking delivery of each pair of dark optical fibers in France Télécom's LXs and installing optical equipment (Add/Drop Multiplexers, or ADM) to enable these fibers to carry data (lit fibers).

The Group also decided during this period to enable its network to transport voice as well as data. In addition therefore to the central switch located in the main POP in Courbevoie, Free's teams installed switches in each regional POP. This provided Free with a network capable of transporting both voice and data, a development which coincided with the acquisition of One.Tel. The use of the Cirpack softswitch technical solution helped keep any additional necessary capital expenditure to a minimum compared with the potential profits the Group could obtain from providing a conventional telephone service.

By August 2002, after completing these operations, Free had regional-level interconnection at the 18 MSUs and local-level interconnection at 208 LXs, covering all of mainland France. This optical fiber network, largely operated under IRU agreements with a 10-year term in the case of metropolitan loops (expiring between 2011 and 2013) and a 25-year term in the case of the northern Paris loop (expiring in 2025), can be used to transport both data and voice, permitting the migration of One.Tel's traffic (during 2002) to the Group's network and the launch of an ADSL voice service (since August 2003). In order to guarantee the security and independence of the traffic flows, voice and data traffic are processed by different equipment.

#### 6.1.3.2.3 Unbundling of the local loop and expansion of the national network

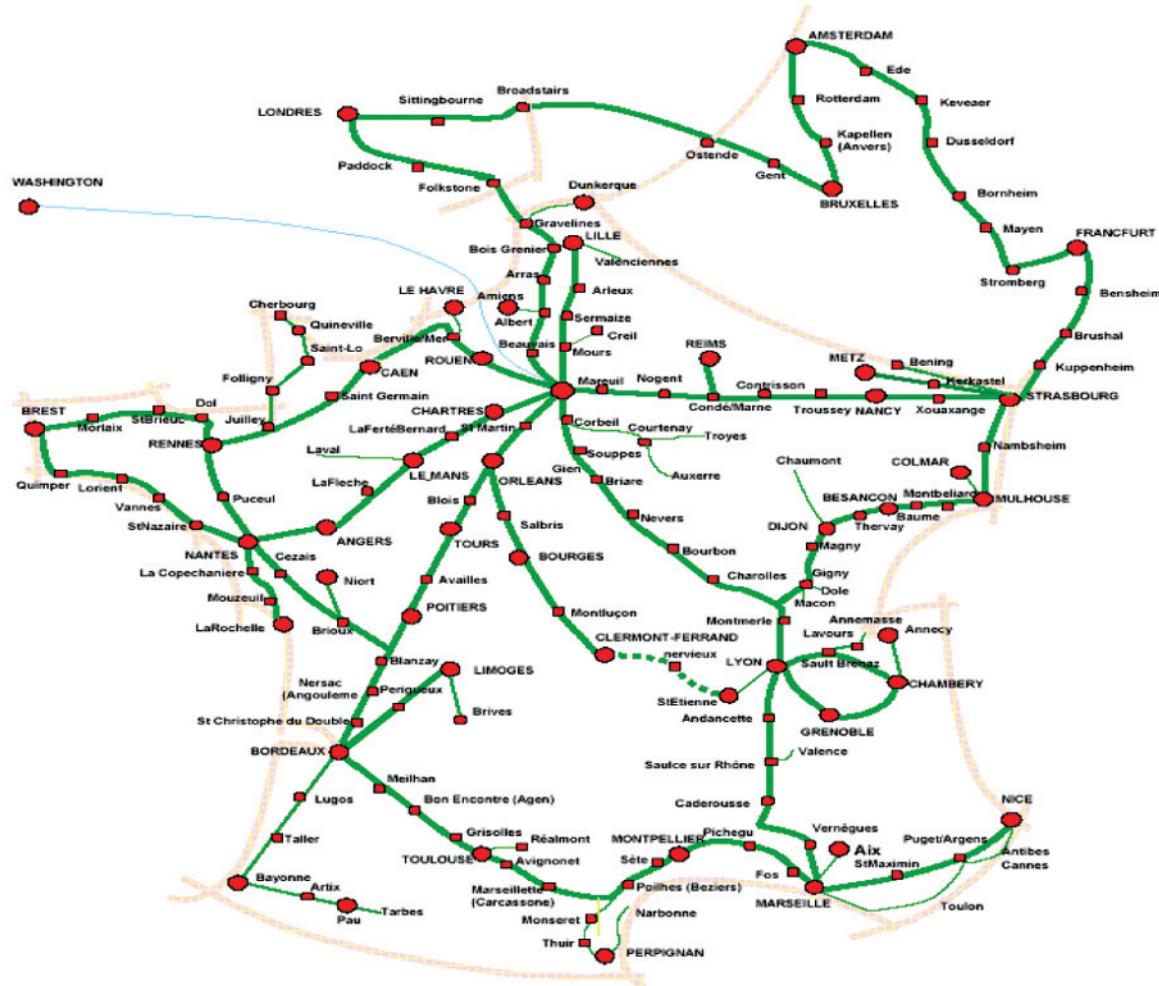
The third development phase for the Group's network has been implemented since September 2002. The unbundling of the local loop is the latest major development, allowing the Group to have direct access to its customers. Early in the second half of 2002, Free designed and launched a broadband Internet access offer using an optical fiber network which was already connected to 162 France Télécom sites. End-to-end management of the network allows for a broadband offering along the entire chain linking the subscriber to the World Wide Web.

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In November 2002, Free's teams began installing Freebox DSLAMs in France Télécom sites, either in facilities designed for use by several alternative operators or in dedicated rooms.

Map showing the Group's national network at December 31, 2007



Source: Iliad

Until March 2003, the Group's national network was based mainly on contracts for the provision of capacity (bandwidth), whereby the monthly cost was proportional to the level of the transmission capacity used, or data transported, on the network. In order to offer the maximum bandwidth to its subscribers on unbundled lines, the Group decided to migrate its national network from contracts for the use of bandwidth capacity to contracts for the provision of dark optical fibers directly operated by the Group.

This migration resulted in a shift in the Group's cost structure from variable costs to fixed costs which did not depend on the bandwidth used. This optical fiber pair is operated by Free primarily through the use of Huawei wavelength multiplexing equipment (DWDM) and provides Free with flexibility for significant growth in the number of broadband customers throughout France without any currently foreseeable restrictions in the amount of available bandwidth.

During 2007, the Group extended its network, connecting to and installing Freebox DSLAMs in new France Télécom exchanges in order to be able to provide all broadband customers within the area of coverage of these France Télécom sites with access to the benefits of Free's unbundled service offering.

Although at December 31, 2007, Free maintained its interconnections at all 18 MSUs in mainland France and at 420 LXs (including all those located within the Paris city limits), it also enjoyed autonomy on a national level as a result of IRU agreements for the provision of an optical fiber pair which it operates for its own account.

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The Group's network comprised some 33,000 linear km of optical fiber at December 31, 2007, compared with 27,000 km at December 31, 2006. The substantial majority of the network is held pursuant to IRU agreements, Free's preferred method. In June 2004, Free signed an agreement with Neuf Télécom extending the validity of most of the IRU agreements it had already concluded until December 31, 2030. The few sections of the network that are not covered by such agreements are either leased or owned outright, often in conjunction with joint construction projects undertaken with private operators or local authorities.

In 2007, the Group pursued its existing contractual relationships with local authorities and conducted similar negotiations with other local authorities which have decided to develop their own networks.

#### 6.1.3.2.4 Roll-out of an FTTH network in high-density areas

This network is being rolled out in four phases:

- acquiring premises to house optical nodes (ONs);
- laying fiber optic cable between the ONs and buildings;
- installing optical fiber within those buildings, up to the front door of each business or household;
- connecting the subscriber to the network.

The Group is currently focusing on phase two, which will be handled by its own teams (mainly in Paris), or by subcontractors under fixed-price contracts (rest of France).

#### 6.1.3.3 *Other network elements*

##### *Network security*

The Group's network is built on a secure architecture, using stable, proven technical and software solutions which have been scaled to absorb significant growth in the number of customers and to accommodate the foreseeable increase in value-added services generated by broadband. The network is monitored 24 hours a day, seven days a week by a dedicated and multi-skilled team.

The network is mainly arranged in a loop configuration, allowing data to be transmitted from either side of the loop. If the network fiber on one side of the loop is interrupted, traffic will continue to be routed from the other side. Moreover, the data and equipment (Nokia switch and data back-up equipment) are duplicated at two different sites, allowing the network to remain functional even if one site suffers a technical fault. Finally, a preventive and corrective maintenance contract is provided as part of each IRU agreement pursuant to which the operator owning the fibers undertakes to remedy any problems which may arise in a timely manner.

Firewalls are installed to protect the network architecture against attacks. The server platform is connected to the switched and ADSL access networks via the Group's IP transport network.

The Group has developed its server platform to run mainly on open source software such as Linux in order to provide a wide range of services including web services, search engines, communication services, games, personal pages, news and email. The Group manages its databases; customer, sales and billing details; and customer accounts using software developed in-house based on Linux architecture.

##### *Peering*

One year after the launch of its network, Free set up the FREEIX system for the free exchange of traffic between Internet service providers (access and hosting) at multiple points called "peering points". These peering points use Cisco and Extreme Network infrastructure and allow exchanges between close to 40 Internet service providers, providing a high level of Internet connectivity in France. Free is also connected to the SFINX peering point (1 Gigabit) and operates several multi-Gigabit private peering connections.

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The Group has decided to reinforce its peering capabilities in Europe by being present on several new exchange points.

In particular, the Group has entered into IRU agreements for optic fibers to connect Paris to London, Amsterdam, Brussels and Frankfurt.

Iliad has also reinforced its peering capabilities on the East Coast of the United States, and now boasts two transatlantic 10-Gigabit connections.

#### *International transit*

At December, 31, 2007 for international transit, Free used the services of two transit service providers offering bandwidth capacity of 40 Gigabits per second: Level3 and Teleglobe.

#### *Server platform*

All Free's servers run on a Linux operating system, which is well-established and used by many Internet-based companies.

Free's Linux-based infrastructure consists mainly of Dell 1U PC servers installed at its various PoPs. Free uses Network Appliance file servers for data storage.

### **6.1.4 Description of the Group's principal activities**

#### **6.1.4.1 The Broadband segment**

##### **6.1.4.1.1 Free**

Free is the third largest broadband Internet access provider in France and one of the few such providers to have become profitable through the provision of ISP services. Free first posted a profit in April 2001, only 24 months after the start-up of its business.

Today, Free has four different Internet access offerings, characterized by their simplicity, attractive pricing and recognized technical quality. They also provide tools allowing subscribers to take full advantage of the Internet's many features, including portals, search engines, email, personal website construction tools and account management systems. These four offerings consist of the "Pay-as-you-go" service, the "50-hour plan" and Free's broadband and high speed broadband offerings.

Free initially based its growth strategy on the provision of non-subscription access to the Internet ("Pay-as-you-go" access) offering a limited range of content. Its marketing strategy was based on minimizing advertising expenditure and emphasized the simplicity and low cost of the offering. This strategy was successful, with Free now claiming over four million user-created email addresses.

After completing the roll-out of its telecommunications network and interconnecting with the France Télécom network in April 2001, Free was in a position to control the cost structure of an offering based on Internet connection time. It therefore launched an attractive and profitable dial-up package, charging a fixed rate of €14.94 for 50 hours of Internet usage per month. Free has capitalized on the different nuances of its brand name, transforming it from a name implying that the offering is free of charge into a name associated with high-quality paid services and the freedom offered to users of these services.

This new brand image was enhanced with the launch in October 2002 of Free's ADSL broadband offering for €29.99 per month. Through the use of its network and by building on its experience in dial-up offerings, Free has developed a high-quality broadband access offering which is attractively priced and, where possible, makes the most of the opportunities afforded by the unbundling of the local loop.

Free's offerings are pertinent to all Internet user segments and have different maturity profiles, with some subscribers migrating from one offering to another (such as from the "Pay-as-you-go" service to the "50-hour plan" and from the "50-hour plan" to the Free broadband offering). The downturns in the "50-hour plan" offering and the "Pay-as-you-go" offering are more than offset by strong growth in the broadband offering.

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The following tables give details of all the Internet access services marketed by Free.

#### Details of Internet access services provided by Free at December 31, 2007

Table 1

“Pay-as-you-go”	“50-hour plan” €14.94 per month, including VAT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No subscription/no commitment access via PTSN or Numéris (cost of telephone call billed by France Télécom)</li> <li>• An unlimited number of email addresses</li> <li>• 10 Gb of space for hosting the customer's personal website</li> <li>• Specific tools enabling customers to manage and customize their websites</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 50 hours Internet usage per month with no minimum contract period</li> <li>• An unlimited number of email addresses</li> <li>• The least expensive charge per additional minute on the market (local Internet call rate)</li> <li>• 10 Gb of space for hosting the customer's personal website</li> <li>• Specific tools enabling customers to manage and customize their websites</li> </ul>

Table 2

#### Free's Broadband Service Offering €29.99 per month, including VAT

##### Option 1 (Unbundled line)<sup>14</sup>

- Unlimited usage for a fixed price – up to 28 Mbit/s download and 1 Mbit/s upload (ATM)
- HD Freebox provided to subscribers free of charge
- No minimum contract period
- Termination charge: €96 maximum including VAT (reduced by €3 for each month of duration of the subscription)
- Unlimited use of bandwidth
- An unlimited number of email addresses
- 10 Gb of space for hosting the customer's personal website
- Specific tools enabling customers to manage and customize their websites
- No line rental payable to France Télécom in the case of full unbundling (same subscription price)
- In the case of migration from partial unbundling to full unbundling: migration charge of €90 including VAT (reduced by €3 for each month of duration of the subscription to Free's broadband service)
- Access to telephony services and audiovisual content offerings for customers with a Freebox modem

##### Option 5<sup>14</sup>

- Unlimited usage for a fixed price – up to 10 Mbit/s download and 1 Mbit/s upload (ATM)
- Freebox V4 provided to subscribers free of charge
- No minimum contract period
- Termination charge: €96 maximum including VAT (reduced by €3 for each month of duration of the subscription)
- Unlimited use of bandwidth
- An unlimited number of email addresses
- 10 Gb of space for hosting the customer's personal website
- Specific tools enabling customers to manage and customize their websites
- No line rental payable to France Télécom – Freebox Only (same subscription price)
- Access to telephony services for customers with a Freebox modem
- Access to a selection of television channels from Free's portal.

<sup>14</sup> Subject to conditions and line eligibility

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#### Charges for calls made using the Freebox modem

Type of call	Charge
Local, national and 70 foreign countries*	Free
To other Freebox subscribers	Free
Other international calls	From €0.03/ per minute (billed per second)  To Orange and SFR: Peak: €0.16 per minute Off-peak: €0.05 per minute Connection charge: €0.21 per call
Mobile	To Bouygues Peak: €0.28 per minute Off-peak: €0.09 per minute Connection charge: €0.29 per call

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#### Audiovisual content offerings

Unscrambled general interest or public service channels	Free
Pay channels and packages	From €0.25 per month
Video on Demand Subscription-based	From €0.99 per movie – accessible for 24 hours
Video on Demand (S-VoD)	From €5.99 per month

**Free's High Speed Broadband Service Offering €29.99 per month, including VAT**

Broadband	100 Mbit/s download, 50 Mbit/s upload
Telephony	Free local and national calls to fixed lines and to 70 foreign countries

**Charge for calls made using the Freebox modem**

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Local, national and 70 foreign countries <sup>15</sup>	Free
To other Freebox subscribers	Free
Other international calls	From €0.03 per minute (billed per second)
	To Orange and SFR: Peak: €0.16 per minute Off-peak: €0.05 per minute Connection charge: €0.21 per call
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Audiovisual content offerings Access to a selection of 257 channels on two televisions

**Audiovisual content offerings**

Unscrambled general interest or public service channels	Free
Pay channels and packages	From €0.25 per month
Video on Demand	From €0.99 per movie – accessible for 24 hours
Subscription-based Video on Demand (S-VoD)	From €5.99 per month

HD Freebox is provided to subscribers free of charge, and consists of two small units offering access to TV services

- Freebox Optical
- HD Freebox

**Dial-up Internet access offering**

**The “Pay-as-you-go” offering**

In April 1999, Free entered the Internet service provider (ISP) market with a simple, no-subscription service. This commercial strategy was at first based solely on providing “Pay-as-you-go” access and enabled Free to win a large share of the dial-up market with relatively small advertising outlay as compared to its competitors.

<sup>15</sup> Subject to conditions and line eligibility

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With this type of offering, the customer pays France Télécom for the telephone call while using the Internet at the local Internet call rate. France Télécom then repays approximately 96% of the average revenues generated to Free. The economic model for this type of service is therefore based entirely on repayments by France Télécom.

#### *The “50-hour plan”*

Following the emergence of fixed-rate packages on the Internet access market and once Free was able to control the cost of providing telecom minutes following the completion of the first phase of the roll-out of the Group's network, it decided in April 2001 to launch its own fixed-rate service whose main selling points were its reasonable price (€14.94 per month) and the high number of usage hours offered (50 hours). The “50-hour plan” was therefore designed to complement and serve as an alternative to the “Pay-as-you-go” offering for users wishing to access the Internet for long periods of time at the lowest possible price. This fixed-rate package is still one of the most attractively priced on the dial-up market, but is suffering from competition from the unlimited broadband offerings, particularly in the case of subscribers whose Internet usage approaches or exceeds 50 hours per month.

#### *Broadband Internet access offering*

Free's ADSL broadband service is based on two modes of access referred to by ARCEP as “Option 5” (subscribers on lines that have not been unbundled) and “Option 1” (subscribers on unbundled lines).

- **Option 5.** Under Option 5, the ADSL subscriber's traffic is delivered directly to the Internet service provider's main server center through regional server centers by France Télécom. In this case, the Internet service provider is dependent on France Télécom for access and for the collection of all the traffic. Since March 18, 2004, a Freebox modem has been provided by Free to each new subscriber, free of charge. Since August 2006, telephone line rental has been included in the Freebox subscription (€29.99) in non-unbundled areas (IP Only offer).
- **Option 1.** Under Option 1, or local loop unbundling, a Freebox DSLAM is installed in France Télécom sites and a Freebox modem is installed on the subscriber's premises. With this configuration, the Group leases the copper pair for transporting Internet traffic from France Télécom. The “high” frequencies are entirely at the alternative operator's disposal for routing data, voice and audiovisual content. ADSL traffic can thereby be managed from end to end by the Group. In the case of partial unbundling, France Télécom's role is restricted to leasing the equipment between the Freebox modem installed on the subscriber's premises and the Freebox DSLAM, plus the initial wiring installation. In the case of full unbundling, the subscriber no longer has any link to France Télécom.

Free's profit margin from its €29.99 per month ADSL offering varies significantly according to whether the customer is an Option 1 (unbundled) customer or an Option 5 (not unbundled) customer (for further information, see Section 9.2.1.2 of this registration document). Therefore, Free's objective, while still continuing to increase its overall number of subscribers under both its Option 1 and Option 5 offerings, is to offer Option 1 directly to new subscribers in unbundled local loop areas and also to migrate existing Option 5 subscribers to the Option 1 configuration.

**Freebox.** The Group has chosen to develop its own broadband Internet upload and download equipment in-house in order to win as many new customers as possible in a competitive and fast-growing market by providing differentiated service offerings. As a result of the technological resources of the development team at Freebox S.A. combined with an extremely selective purchasing policy, the Group has been able to optimize the cost of designing a DSLAM and a modem capable of meeting the high bandwidth requirements necessary to offer high value-added services. The use of both a Freebox DSLAM and a Freebox modem enables Free to provide its customers with a first rate technical service offering capable of transmitting bandwidth-intensive voice, data and audiovisual content simultaneously and over long distances (“Triple Play” service offering).

**The Freebox DSLAM.** The DSLAM developed by Freebox S.A. is technically configured to optimize the existing Free network and guarantees each subscriber a theoretical download rate of up to 28 Mbit/s (with the latest version) from the local concentrator. Each Freebox DSLAM, installed in racks which can hold up to two DSLAMs, can be connected to 1,008 lines and is designed to leverage the Free network which uses only IP

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protocol, unlike conventional transmission networks which use ATM/SDH protocol. The Freebox DSLAM has a Giga Ethernet output and was designed to accommodate the high bandwidth requirements of the new audiovisual services launched in December 2003.

**The Freebox modem.** The Freebox modem is a multi-function ADSL modem developed to enable customers to receive services that can be offered via broadband Internet access. In addition to traditional access using a personal computer connected via a USB or Ethernet socket, the Freebox modem has one telephone socket for voice-over-ADSL services and a SCART TV socket and is capable of decoding audiovisual content compressed in MPEG-2 and MPEG-4 formats.

A new Freebox was unveiled on April 19, 2006: the HD Freebox. Designed and developed by Iliad's research and development team, it is fitted with a range of features, including a DTT tuner, WiFi MiMo (Multiple Input Multiple Output), PLC technology, Freeplugs, and high definition television. It also features an encoder and hard disk.

The Freebox modem and the Freebox DSLAM include components acquired from third party suppliers and assembled by companies which are not part of the Group. However, the software used has mainly been developed in-house by the Group using open source software such as Linux.

The use of both the Freebox modem and the Freebox DSLAM allows Free to provide its customers with the best in ADSL and ADSL 2+ technology as well as a very high theoretical bandwidth (up to 28 Mbit/s) while reducing the loss of bandwidth over distance. Free has used this high bandwidth capacity since December 2003 to offer value-added optional services such as audiovisual services over ADSL (MPEG-2 and MPEG-4 formats) and voice services, as well as high-speed Internet access of up to 28 Mbit/s since July 2006.

Free's unbundled service offering enables the company to have complete control over the network from end to end and thereby over the transmission of traffic and the quality of its services, with:

- a presence on the subscriber's premises in the form of a Freebox modem;
- a presence in the France Télécom sites in the form of the Freebox DSLAM;
- optical fibers between the France Télécom sites and Free's regional POP; and
- optical fibers between Free's regional POP and the Free server center.

#### *Telephone service offered to subscribers with a Freebox modem*

Since August 25, 2003, Free has been offering a voice-over-ADSL (VoDSL) service to all its subscribers with a Freebox modem, enabling them to make and receive calls over a fixed-line telephone connected directly to their Freebox modem. In order to receive this service, the Freebox subscriber applies for a new telephone number on Free's website. Free is the first operator in France to provide this type of offering. Based on a policy of per-second billing and a very attractive per-minute tariff, Free's telephony service is very appealing not only for local, national and a large number of international calls, which are free, but also for other international calls and calls to mobile phones (see above for details of the telephone service provided through the Freebox modem). The availability of this service to Freebox subscribers is a result of the upgrading of the Group's network since 2002 to allow it to carry voice traffic, combined with the impact of developing a billing system following the takeover of One.Tel, and the company's control over the design process for Freebox DSLAMs and modems.

Since March 18, 2004, as shown in the table entitled "Details of Internet access services provided by Free" above, each new subscriber under Option 1 or Option 5 has been provided with a Freebox modem free of charge. This gives them access to the ADSL telephony offering which includes free local and national calls to fixed telephones in mainland France and 70 other countries.

#### *Audiovisual content offered to subscribers with a Freebox modem*

At the end of November 2003, Free launched an audiovisual content service available from December 2003 to all subscribers with a Freebox modem in an unbundled local loop area. This offering allows subscribers to receive free-to-air general interest or public service channels, as well as pay channels and packages from €0.25 per month by linking the SCART socket of the Freebox modem to their television.

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These programs are transmitted in MPEG-2 and MPEG-4 formats at a speed of approximately 3.5 Mbit/s. The use of Multicast technology prevents an overload of the network, as the capacity used is the same regardless of how many subscribers are watching the same channel simultaneously.

Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the non-exclusive distribution agreements between the Group and the audiovisual content providers, Free takes responsibility, without charge, for encrypting and transmitting the majority of the audiovisual channels and packages. The Group invoices subscribers directly for pay channels and packages and remits the bulk of the invoiced fees to the content providers (with the exception of channels in the Canal+ group).

During 2006, the Group continued to expand its range of audiovisual services, introducing new features including DTT channels in the basic TV package, Dolby sound, radio stations, Freeplayer (a mediacenter integrated within the Freebox), a multi-device service, Video on Demand in partnership with Canalplay, TF1 and M6 Group channels including TF1 and M6, a digital video recorder incorporated into the HD Freebox, and new VoD platforms (Canalplay Kids, i-Concerts and Adult content).

In 2007, the Group launched “TV Perso”, which enables Free subscribers with an HD Freebox to create their own television channel and broadcast it to all other Free subscribers or a select subscriber audience.

#### **FTTH high speed broadband services**

In line with its FTTH investment program unveiled in September 2006, Free is rolling out an optical fiber network providing a direct connection to the homes of subscribers. In selected areas chosen by Free, subscribers pay €29.99 per month to benefit from high speed broadband Internet access (100 Mbit/s download and 50 Mbit/s upload) coupled with telephony services which include free calls to 70 different countries and the possibility of simultaneously accessing a selection of television channels on two televisions. A Freebox Optical is provided to customers throughout the duration of their subscription to the offer.

#### 6.1.4.1.2 Online

Online was created in 1999 and now manages over 135,000 Internet domains (compared with 90,000 at end-2006 and 85,000 at end-2005). Thanks to this vigorous growth momentum and the expansion of its web hosting services, Online is now the second largest provider of shared web hosting services in France. Its core customer base consists of small and medium-sized businesses which wish to benefit from a cost-effective, reliable solution for hosting their websites.

Following its merger in December 2003 with its subsidiary BookMyName, a company accredited by the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) for the registration of Internet domain names, Online is now also a domain name registrar.

In practice, Online's service offering consists of hosting its customers' domain name in its Domain Name Systems (DNS) and providing the associated disk space, as well as managing the hosted space. The customer pays a rental charge based on the type of hosting service selected and may choose its own website address.

Once the customer has been allocated web space by Online, the customer is responsible for creating its website content using the website construction and management software provided by Online. The customer is therefore completely free to choose its website content, provided such content complies with all current national and international laws and regulations, particularly those concerning intellectual property and copyright, and does not contain any material which may be considered derogatory, defamatory, offensive or subversive of public order or which could result in an invasion of privacy.

As part of its hosting services, Online also provides its customers with email addresses, email aliases and email forwarding services, the number of which varies according to the subscription package chosen by the customer.

#### 6.1.4.1.3 Centrapel and Total Call: a technical support and customer service platform used by all Group companies

Free and One.Tel offer their customers technical support and customer service through a helpdesk platform run by two Group subsidiaries, Centrapel and Total Call. The Group is currently in the process of expanding and

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training its technical support and customer service teams. Centrapel seeks to recruit operators who have completed two years of post-baccalauréat level studies or who have experience working in technical support for an ISP, and is also investing in providing training for its operators. All new employees are therefore given one month's training in support techniques before starting work answering customer calls. At December 31, 2007, the Group's call centers employed 2,275 people, compared with 1,603 people at December 31, 2006. This technical support and customer service helpdesk operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. A dedicated helpline for fully unbundled customers was launched at the beginning of 2005.

Centrapel's support team includes almost 400 employees based in Paris and elsewhere in France responsible solely for dealing with problems related to local loop unbundling, including relations with France Télécom, migration of lines and direct home assistance.

Centrapel also provides Free's customers with an online support service available through Free's website. This service provides answers to user FAQs and allows Free's customers to email specific questions to the support service. Subscribers also have access to a virtual consultant and video clips featuring technical tips and advice.

With a view to reducing customer churn and contributing to the Group's customer loyalty policy, Centrapel and Total Call use high-quality software tools developed in-house. These tools are used for monitoring customer relationships, handling faults and maintaining a log of problems encountered by customers. This customer loyalty policy is part of the Group's overall strategy to improve customer service resources and to provide advice to customers who may wish to upgrade to other services provided by the Group.

#### 6.1.4.2 *Traditional Telephony segment*

The Traditional Telephony segment encompasses the combined activities of the Group's former Telephony and Other Services segments. It includes switched fixed-line telephony (One.Tel and Iliad Telecom), resale of airtime to operators (Kedra), directory services (mainly the ANNU reverse look-up directory accessible by Minitel, telephone, Internet and SMS text messaging) and e-commerce operations (Assunet.com).

##### 6.1.4.2.1 One.Tel

The fixed telephony operator One.Tel France SAS ("One.Tel") was established in 1998, but was placed in administration in June 2001 largely as a result of the financial difficulties encountered by its Australian parent company. As part of the company's December 2001 business continuity plan, the One.Tel trademark was licensed to the Group for ten years by the UK company Centrica Telecommunications Ltd., the successor in interest to One.Tel (UK).

The restructuring plan carried out after the takeover involved the migration of One.Tel's voice traffic to the Group's network during the first half of 2002, improving the business's gross margin, and the changeover from One.Tel's old billing system to the existing billing and customer tracking system developed by the Group's engineers.

Since its takeover by the Group, One.Tel has implemented a procedure for optimizing the cost of winning customers and managing its customer base by recommending that all new customers provide bank details before any new connection to the service, thus allowing for payment by direct debit. This measure, together with the in-house development of an efficient billing system and heavy promotion of the use of carrier pre-selection – automatically ensuring that customers' calls use the Group's network – has given One.Tel a high bill collection rate and increased customer loyalty.

On a commercial level, as in the case of the Group's Internet access offerings, One.Tel launched a very competitive and simple offering in September 2002 at one eurocent per minute for local and national calls. For international calls, One.Tel benefits from its past experience as part of a multinational group in its negotiations with the leading international telecommunications operators. One.Tel is interconnected with several international operators and with two trading platforms for buying and selling international call minutes, which enables it to offer both competitive rates and a high level of quality for all its call destinations.

Against a backdrop of tighter control of marketing costs and the growing success of voice over ADSL services, the number of One.Tel's billed customers decreased from 220,000 in December 2006 to 168,254 at December 31, 2007.

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Since the first half of 2003, in addition to One.Tel's service offering, the Group has provided a telephony service to small and medium-sized companies under the name Iliad Telecom.

#### 6.1.4.2.2 Kedra

Over the past few years, mobile operators have significantly reduced termination charges for fixed-to-mobile calls in France, in response to ARCEP's study of the relevant mobile call termination market. In light of these new tariffs, the Group entered into direct interconnection agreements with the three mobile telephony operators in France and as a result, Kedra has lost a significant part of its business since January 1, 2007.

#### 6.1.4.2.3 ANNU

The Minitel-based reverse look-up directory, ANNU, was launched by Iliad in 1996. This service, which is widely known in the consumer market, allows users to find a name and address associated with a telephone or fax number, via Minitel, telephone, Internet or SMS text messaging.

Based on an easy-to-use electronic data transmission solution, the ANNU service uses the directory database established and maintained by France Télécom in return for the payment of an annual charge to the incumbent operator. In 2002, France Télécom invoiced €3.35 million in respect of this charge. In 2003, following decisions issued by the French competition authorities (*Conseil de la Concurrence*) and ARCEP, Iliad obtained a significant reduction in this charge, which was fixed at €180,000 per year. Iliad has applied for the reimbursement of the charge billed for fiscal year 2002 and previous years, while France Télécom has filed a series of counterclaims.

ANNU uses the standard pricing model for Minitel services (payment of €0.84 per minute of usage) or Audiotel services (payment of the equivalent of a local call charge from a fixed-line telephone).

In spite of efforts to promote new ways of using the reverse look-up directory (SMS text messaging, mobile telephones or the Internet), the Group considers that the decline in the use of Minitel in France is irreversible and, in the medium term is likely to result in a significant decrease in revenue from this business.

Furthermore, the Group's reverse look-up directory is faced with strong competition from France Télécom, which has launched its own reverse look-up directory service (3617 QuiDonc). The combined effect on Iliad's earnings of this increase in competition and the decline in the use of Minitel in France since end-2001 has been significant.

Despite the fall in revenue from Minitel services and increased competition from various operators following the deregulation of directory enquiry services (numbers with the 118 prefix), the Group plans to continue this profitable activity as long as possible, as it requires little in the way of human resources or capital expenditure, although the foreseeable reduction in revenues from its reverse look-up directory service will be taken account in any business forecasts.

In this respect, the Group has entered into an agreement with France Télécom for access to the incumbent operator's subscriber lists pursuant to ARCEP Decision no. 2006-0639 approved by the Minister Delegate for Industry in an order dated March 8, 2007.

#### 6.1.4.2.4 Assunet

Assunet is a web-based insurance broker which provides an online quotation search engine service allowing its customers to obtain quotes from fifteen major insurance companies. The customer enters his or her request on the Assunet site ([www.assunet.com](http://www.assunet.com)), free of charge, and Assunet immediately responds with the three most attractive quotes based on the coverage and deductible levels in accordance with the customer's profile and requirements.

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6.2.1 *Internet access*6.2.1.1 *Determining factors in the growth of Internet usage in Western Europe*

In Western Europe, following a period of very strong growth in the level of Internet usage, particularly as a result of so-called “free” services followed by the introduction of fixed-rate inclusive packages, the prospects for further growth now partly depend on the roll-out of broadband technologies. The market should continue to grow during 2008, largely due to:

- the level of penetration of home computer use. The use of home computers is a key factor in the development and expansion of the Internet access market. Western Europe has still not reached the same level as the United States, which is a far more mature market, although the disparity is decreasing. There are however still considerable differences in the level of home computer use within Western Europe itself;
- the use of new technologies offering both broadband Internet access (such as ADSL and cable) and the widespread distribution of new types of content (such as TV, Video on Demand, network gaming, etc.);
- the growth and general improvement of local language content and e-commerce;
- increased liberalization and competition in the telecommunications sector;
- the commitment on the part of the authorities towards promoting ever-wider usage of the Internet.

*The broadband market: a powerful vector for growth*

With 14.8 million residential ADSL lines in December 2007<sup>16</sup> France is one of the frontrunners among European countries in terms of both the number of ADSL lines and market penetration. Countries with a high rate of Internet penetration continue to attract new users, but from now on the main driver for growth in this market will be the migration of subscribers to broadband connection technologies.

*Choice of broadband technology*

In Western Europe, ADSL appears to have become the technology of choice, accounting for 85% of broadband subscribers.

In France, 3 million people subscribed to broadband in the past year (up 25.6%), thanks mainly to wider access to ADSL technologies (14.1 million xDSL connections in the third quarter of 2007). Revenue from broadband services totaled €1 billion in the three months to September 30, 2007, up 32.4% year-on-year.

*Broadband penetration rate in Europe: still a large untapped potential in France*

The number of DSL and cable modem connections in Europe continued to increase in 2007. Northern European countries are generally ahead of other European countries in terms of penetration of broadband technologies, particularly due to the early deregulation of the telecommunications sector – such as in Sweden which was deregulated in 1993 – and a high level of commitment on the part of the public authorities.

6.2.1.2 *A thriving broadband market in France*

At December 31, 2007, France had a household broadband penetration rate of 31%. At January 1, 2008, France Télécom had delivered 2,956 sites to unbundling operators, representing a population coverage of 68%. All France's overseas dependencies have at least one unbundled site. There is likely to be accelerated growth in France in terms of the number of households with broadband access, which means that prospects are healthy for the Group in light of its positioning in this sector.

<sup>16</sup> Source: ARCEP

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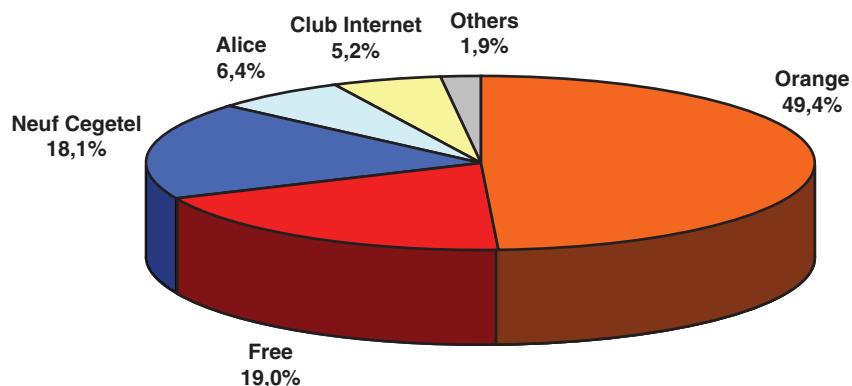
#### 6.2.1.3 *Players in the Internet access market in France*

In France, as in the rest of Europe, the Internet service provider market has matured after several years marked by a proliferation of access providers. Incumbent operators have made up for initial lost ground and have reestablished their positioning in their domestic markets. At the same time, a wave of consolidation and concentration has reduced the overall number of players in the market.

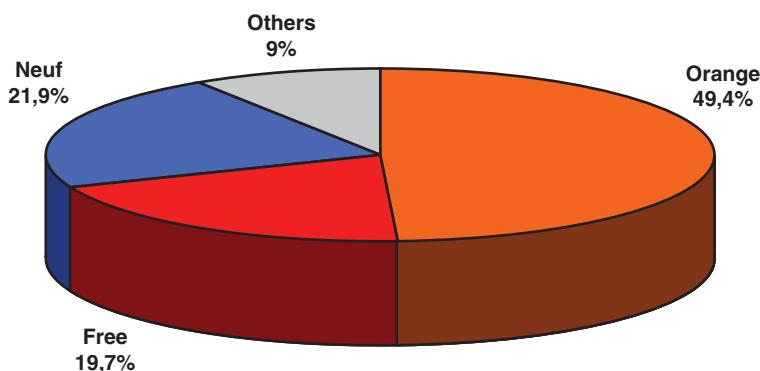
The Group's main competitors in the French Internet access market are:

- international Internet service providers, some of which are partnered with telecommunications operators, such as Orange, Neuf (including Cégétel, AOL and Club-Internet), and Télécom Italia (Alice). Market consolidation resulted in the disappearance of AOL and TELE2;
- cable network operators (Noos/Numéricable);
- independent local access providers; and
- companies offering Internet access as a means of winning customers for their services, such as banks and mass-marketing companies.

**Market share of leading ISPs in the ADSL sector (December 31, 2006)**



**Market share of leading ISPs in the ADSL sector (December 31, 2007)**



The launch of so-called “free” Internet in France was the driving force behind the growth of the residential market, and Free rapidly positioned itself as a leading player in this sector. With the introduction of fixed-rate inclusive packages at the end of 1999, this type of service became increasingly popular and established itself as the core of the dial-up Internet sector. Today, “pay-as-you-go” or “free” services are showing a slight decline, as are subscription-based services.

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Since mid-2002, most of the Group's main competitors have decided to focus on providing ADSL-based broadband offerings. The proliferation of different service offerings accompanied by increased segmentation and strong competitive pressure on prices stimulated growth in the Internet market between 2003 and 2007.

Over the last two years, Orange, Neuf and Free have established themselves as the major players in the market.

Since the end of 2002, local loop unbundling has provided a major opportunity for growth for the Group, particularly with regard to profitability and the development of service offerings (such as fixed telephony and audiovisual services).

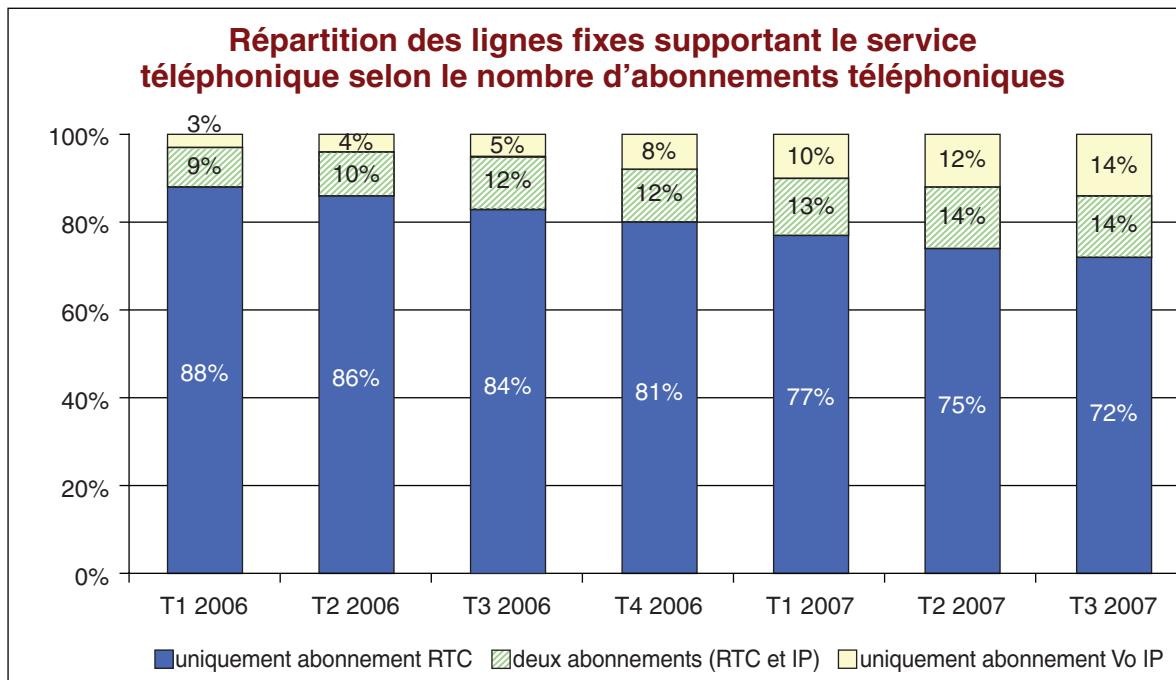
In addition to pursuing market growth for broadband access in order to increase broadband use in the home as a means of winning new customers, Internet service providers also aim to migrate as many subscribers as possible from dial-up services to broadband in order to benefit from higher average revenue per user.

#### 6.2.2 *Telephony operators*

Competition in the fixed telephony market is characterized by the overwhelming dominance of the incumbent operator and by the considerable number of emerging operators.

Since January 1, 2002, all subscribers have been able to choose which operator to use for local calls, as had already been the case since January 1, 1998 for long distance and international calls and since November 1, 2000 for fixed-to-mobile calls. The operator can be selected on a call-by-call basis or by automatic carrier pre-selection which allows subscribers to specify that all calls be automatically routed through the operator of their choice. There was a significant fall in subscribers opting for carrier selection in 2007 and this trend looks set to continue. Based on information published by ARCEP, there were some 39.2 million telephone service customers (retail and corporate) in France at end-2007, including 5.3 million who had opted for carrier pre-selection and 1.7 million for call-by-call selection.

The following table taken from ARCEP provides a breakdown of fixed telephony subscriptions.



In order to boost its position vis-à-vis its principal competitors (France Télécom, Neuf Cégétel, TELE2), One.Tel is continuing to encourage its customers to opt for carrier pre-selection and is firmly positioned as having one of the most attractive pricing structures of any alternative operator in the market.

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In the fixed telephony market, customers are gradually moving from fixed to mobile telephony and from switched voice services to Internet telephony (Voice over IP, or VoIP). According to ARCEP, in the third quarter of 2007, there was a 1.6% year-on-year increase in call originations from fixed lines powered by the rapid increase in VoIP originations which now represent 18.6% of total call originations from fixed lines (both retail and corporate). Excluding IP communications, the volume of call originations from fixed lines decreased 9.8% year-on-year.

According to ARCEP, call originations from fixed lines have stabilized over the last three years. This is because the increasing volume of IP call originations offsets the decline in PSTN call traffic. At September 30, 2007, the number of IP call minutes surged 79.1% year-on-year, and now represents one-third of total calls made from fixed lines, compared with 20% a year earlier. An IP subscriber uses telephony services more than a “conventional” telephony customer (4 hours 41 minutes of calls per month versus 2 hours 55 minutes for a conventional customer, i.e. a difference of more than two hours). IP calls represent over one-third (34.9%) of all national calls between fixed lines and almost half (49.2%) of international calls. International calls using IP technology are included in most multiplay packages.

The year-on-year increase in the volume of VoIP calls at September 30, 2007 was 127.28%. This pace of growth reflects the increase in the number of subscriptions to IP telephony services which surged 75.5% over the same period.

The success of IP telephony has also boosted volumes of international calls due to the attractive prices that this technology offers. At September 30, 2007, the year-on-year increase in international calls was 36% (source: ARCEP).

Alternative telephony operators providing both ADSL and Voice over IP services – such as the Iliad Group through its subsidiary Free – stand to benefit from these trends.

### **6.3 EXCEPTIONAL FACTORS WHICH HAVE INFLUENCED THE GROUP'S PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES OR PRINCIPAL MARKETS**

No exceptional factors have influenced the Group's principal activities or principal markets.

### **6.4 EXTENT TO WHICH THE GROUP IS DEPENDENT ON PATENTS OR LICENSES, INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL OR FINANCIAL CONTRACTS OR NEW MANUFACTURING PROCESSES**

#### ***6.4.1 Dependence on patents and software licenses***

The Group uses licenses for software owned by third parties, particularly relating to the distribution of audiovisual content. However, the Group also develops its own software and has always given priority to developing equipment and software (particularly based on open source software such as Linux) through its research and development teams. For its ANNU service, up until 2007 the Group held a license to use France Télécom's subscriber database. Since that date, contractual relations with France Télécom have been governed by an agreement implementing ARCEP's decision on the terms and conditions of transferring subscriber lists in connection with the provision of information services. Among the trademarks used by the Group's companies, only the One.Tel trademark is covered by a license for use in France. This license was granted in 2001 by the UK company, Centrica Telecommunications Ltd., for a ten-year term in consideration for an annual fee based on the number of One.Tel's billed customers but capped at €250,000. However, Centrica waived the fee under this license until August 31, 2004.

#### ***6.4.2 Dependence on supply, industrial, commercial or financial agreements***

##### *Network operated by the Group*

Through its subsidiary Free, the Group has entered into agreements granting it Indefeasible Rights of Use (“IRU”) relating to the dark optical fibers it uses. Under these long-term agreements, the Group has acquired the indefeasible right to use these fibers for a given period, without having to obtain any right-of-way easements. Most of these agreements were signed with the Neuf Télécom group and with local authorities. In June 2004, Free signed an agreement with Neuf Télécom to extend the term of most of these IRU agreements until December 31, 2030. The Group considers the risk of non-renewal of these agreements to be very low, in view of the over-capacity of dark fibers already laid by Neuf Télécom and local authorities.

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However, if any of the agreements were not renewed and the Group had to find alternative solutions, it considers that the existence of many alternative operators already offering dark fibers provides satisfactory assurance that a replacement solution could be found before the expiration of the IRU agreements, particularly at the local level where many sections of dark fiber have been laid in recent years.

Furthermore, the Group believes that the IRU agreements reduce the risk of Group liability for damage caused by the fibers of its network. It does acknowledge, however, that certain sections of the network which are laid on publicly owned land may be subject to certain restrictions related to the use and occupancy of public property. Finally, in accordance with the provisions of the IRU agreements signed with Neuf Cégétel, Neuf Cégétel and the Group are committed to jointly financing the construction of a new fiber route in the event of physical problems (such as a power failure caused by natural hazards, civil engineering works, etc.) affecting a section of Neuf Cégétel's optical fiber network that is covered by the IRU agreements.

#### *Freebox modems and Freebox DSLAMs*

The Group uses the services of various equipment assembly companies located in France, Eastern Europe and Asia to assemble Freebox modems and Freebox DSLAMs with generic electronic components purchased from third party manufacturers. The choice of the components, the construction of equipment and the development of the software used by the Group for its business do not depend on intellectual property rights such that the Group's growth would be adversely affected were it to be deprived of access to such rights. The Group considers the components used in its equipment to be highly standardized and therefore easily interchangeable. In the event of breakdown at the factories responsible for assembling the Freebox modems and DSLAMs, the Group also considers that it could use the services of other equipment assemblers. However, any such substitution of components or assemblers could be on less favorable financial terms and result in additional costs for the Group.

To minimize any risk of suspension or slowdown in the installation of its Freebox DSLAMs or delivery of its Freebox modems to customers, the Group aims to maintain constant inventory levels sufficient to meet the Group's estimated needs for two months.

#### *6.4.3 Dependence on new operating processes*

Apart from the technical processes involved in local loop unbundling and the DSL technology itself, which is highly advanced, the Group does not consider itself to be dependent on new technical processes necessary for carrying out its business.

The roll-out of the Group's FTTH program breaks down into three separate phases – (i) “horizontal” roll-out, for example in Paris's underground tunnel network; (ii) “vertical” roll-out, consisting of laying optical fiber in buildings; and (iii) the connection of the subscriber's home to the network. For each of these phases, the Group is dependent on authorizations granted by the different entities concerned. For the first phase, authorizations are generally required from the local authorities to access and occupy public land. For the second “vertical” roll-out phase, the Group requires the approval of building owners, joint owners or property managers. Lastly, the homeowner's agreement is required to connect the subscriber's home.

The government has announced a number of legal and regulatory changes designed to establish a framework requiring operators to share the optical fiber laid in buildings and giving occupants the right to have optical fiber installed in their building if they so wish.

#### *6.4.4 Dependence on the Group's main customers and suppliers*

As the Group's service offerings are mainly targeted at the consumer market, the bulk of its revenues are generated through sales to individual customers. No customer individually represents a significant portion of the Group's revenues.

The main contracts entered into with Group suppliers relate to the Group's network and can be divided into several categories:

- contracts for the use of dark optical fibers, allowing the Group to operate its network;

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- contracts granting the Group access to the subscriber through interconnection and unbundling agreements entered into primarily with France Télécom;
- contracts with suppliers of optical fiber;
- contracts with service providers involved in rolling out the optical fiber.

At the end of 2007 the Group entered into an agreement with France Télécom for the use of its civil engineering infrastructure. The agreement allows Free to test and evaluate all processes needed for it to deploy fiber optic cables in France Télécom ducts.

IRU agreements involve the granting by local authorities or private operators such as Neuf Télécom and Completel of the right to use the optical fibers which make up the Group's network. Under these long-term agreements, a single up-front payment is made when the fiber is made available. A description of these agreements is provided in Section 6.4.2 of this registration document. The risk to the Group of the non-renewal of these agreements is described in Section 6.4.2 of this registration document.

Interconnection and unbundling agreements provide the Group with access to its subscribers, either by means of the France Télécom network in the case of interconnection agreements or directly in the case of unbundling arrangements. As described more fully in Section 6.6.1 of this registration document, the interconnection and unbundling agreements, respectively, allow the Group to (i) interconnect its own network with the France Télécom network by means of a physical connection to one of the incumbent operator's switches and (ii) take advantage of direct access to a segment of the network between the subscriber's telephone socket and the main distribution frame to which the subscriber is connected in order to achieve the closest possible proximity to the subscriber. In the case of interconnection agreements, the incumbent operator charges fees based on the transmission capacity made available to the operator. In the case of unbundling, the amounts charged by France Télécom are essentially limited to the rental of the copper pair, the splitter and the copper tie cable that connect the subscriber's modem to the operator's DSLAM. France Télécom is required to offer both interconnection and unbundling to all alternative operators.

The Group is also party to less strategically important supply agreements, primarily with suppliers of electronic components, the assemblers of the Freebox modems and DSLAMs, and with advertising agencies.

The amounts charged to the Group by the incumbent operator under interconnection and unbundling agreements as well as amounts re-billed by the Group to France Télécom in connection with the "pay-as-you-go" access offering and the reverse look-up directory service are subject to review by ARCEP.

### 6.5 BASIS FOR STATEMENTS MADE BY THE GROUP REGARDING ITS COMPETITIVE POSITION

The statements made in this registration document in relation to the Group's competitive position are primarily based on market analyses published by ARCEP.

### 6.6 REGULATORY SITUATION

The Group's business activities are subject to the specific legislation and regulations of both France and the European Union governing the electronic communications sector (including telecommunications and Internet access) and the information society.

#### 6.6.1 Regulation of electronic communications networks and services

##### *The EC regulatory framework for electronic communications*

*1990 – 2003: strengthening of the regulatory framework to allow the opening up of the markets*

Between 1990 and 1997, the EU legislator enacted a series of Directives providing for the abolition of national monopolies in the telecommunications market as from January 1, 1998. The EC telecommunications regulatory

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framework also included harmonization measures concerning the rules governing licenses and authorizations, interconnection and access to the network, as well as the universal voice telephony service. These measures had to be transposed into the national law of European Member States by January 1, 1998. The EC regulatory framework has been transposed into French law, in particular by Law 96-659 of July 27, 1996, and Order 2001-670 of July 25, 2001 amending the Post and Telecommunications Code.

*Since July 2003: simplification of the regulatory framework to underpin the opening up of the markets*

Once the European Commission considered that the first phase of the opening up of the market had been achieved, it proposed that the EU legislator should relax the specific regulations and standardize the rules applicable to all electronic communications networks, taking into account the heralded convergence of telecommunications, audiovisual and information technologies. The new regulatory framework also allows for a distinction to be made between the regulations applicable to different markets, in order to allow for the eventual transition towards full competition in each individual market, based on competition law.

The existing European regulatory framework was therefore replaced by the new “2002 Telecoms Package” on July 25, 2003, which was also the deadline for transposition of the new regulations.

The 2002 Telecoms Package subjects all types of transmission networks and related services to the same regime. The scope of the regulation is therefore no longer limited to just telecommunications but covers all electronic communications networks and services (mobile, cable, satellite, telecommunications and radio/audiovisual broadcasting). It does not, however, apply to the content of the services delivered over electronic communications networks using electronic communications services, such as broadcasting content (in particular radio and television programs), financial services, and certain services specific to the information society which are subject to other regulations (see Section 6.6.2 below, “Regulation of the content of electronic communications”).

In particular the 2002 Telecoms Package includes the following texts:

- Directive 2002/21/EC of March 7, 2002, on a common regulatory framework for electronic communications networks and services (“Framework Directive”). The Framework Directive defines the role of the national regulatory authorities (“NRAs”) in relation to managing radio frequencies, numbering, rights of way, co-location and sharing of resources, accounting separation, interoperability and the resolution of disputes between operators. It also introduces a new concept concerning the designation of undertakings with significant market power and establishes criteria and procedures aimed at ensuring a coherent assessment of the dominant undertakings throughout the European Union. In this regard, the regulations in the Framework Directive are rounded out by (i) the Commission Recommendation of February 11, 2003 (C-2003/497) on the identification of the product and service markets susceptible to ex ante regulation in relation to operators having significant market power, and (ii) the Commission Guidelines of July 11, 2002 (2002/C165/03), the purpose of which is to assist the NRAs with the market analysis process and the identification of operators with significant market power on the relevant markets. The Framework Directive provides that Member States must impose obligations on undertakings with significant market power proportional to the distortion of competition in the market in question.
- Directive 2002/19/EC of March 7, 2002, on access to, and interconnection of, electronic communications networks and associated facilities (“Access Directive”). This Directive harmonizes the rights and obligations of operators and service providers requesting interconnection or access to electronic communications services or networks. The Access Directive establishes objectives for the NRAs concerning access and interconnection, and determines procedures for ensuring that the obligations imposed by the NRAs are reassessed and possibly withdrawn once the desired targets are actually met.
- Directive 2002/22/EC of March 7, 2002, on universal service and users’ rights relating to electronic communications networks and services (“Universal Service Directive”). The aim of the Universal Service Directive is first to ensure the availability throughout the EC of good quality publicly available services through effective competition and choice, and second, to deal with circumstances where the needs of end users are not satisfactorily met by the market. The Directive defines a minimum set of services of a specified quality to be available to all end users at an affordable price, taking into account specific national conditions

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and without distorting competition. The Universal Service Directive also determines obligations in terms of the supply of a certain number of mandatory services, such as the retail provision of leased lines or carrier selection (either by carrier pre-selection or selection on a call-by-call basis).

- Directive 2002/20/EC of March 7, 2002, on the authorization of electronic communications networks and services (“Authorization Directive”). This Directive harmonizes and simplifies the rules and conditions for authorization to supply electronic communications networks and services. It does away with the individual license regime in favor of a general authorization regime (i.e. based on a notification procedure). According to this Directive, only the allocation of scarce resources (i.e. radio frequencies and numbers) should be subject to individual licenses.
- Directive 2002/77/EC of September 16, 2002, on competition in the markets for electronic communications networks and services. This Directive replaces Directive 90/388/EC, as last amended, and its aim is to extend the scope of the liberalization process to cover all electronic communications. The Directive takes into account the convergence phenomenon and groups under one single definition all the services and networks used for the conveyance of signals, thereby reaffirming the principle of the freedom to offer communications services and networks.
- Regulation 2887/2000/EC of December 18, 2000, on unbundled access to the local loop. This Regulation, which is directly applicable in all Member States, provides that all operators with significant market power must offer unbundled access to their local loop and associated facilities, under transparent, fair and non-discriminatory conditions.

The European Commission compiles an annual report detailing the extent to which the regulatory package has been implemented in Member States. This report can be consulted on the European Commission's website.

*At the end of 2007 the Commission published its proposed modifications to existing regulations governing electronic communications. The reform should be adopted in 2009.*

#### **French regulatory framework applicable to electronic communications**

Responsibility for the control and effective implementation of the European regulatory framework lies with the national regulatory authorities (NRA).

In France, the NRA is the *Autorité de régulation des communications électroniques et des postes*, or ARCEP, which was created in January 1997. ARCEP ensures that operators comply with the laws and regulations set out in the French Post and Electronic Communications Code (CPCE) and, where applicable, that they respect the conditions of any individual authorizations granted. Operators that do not require individual authorizations register with ARCEP which then issues a receipt allowing them to exercise their rights and informing them of their obligations. The sanctions available to ARCEP if an operator fails to comply with the regulatory framework include limiting the scope or reducing the term of the operator's authorization, as well as suspension or even full withdrawal. It can also impose fines representing up to three percent (3%) of the operator's annual revenue, or 5% in the event of a repeated breach. In accordance with Article L.36-11 of the Post and Electronic Communications Code, where ARCEP identifies a serious and immediate infringement of the rules governing the telecommunications sector it can order precautionary measures without any requirement for prior notice. In addition, where an infringement could cause serious harm to an operator or the market, ARCEP's Chairman can make an emergency application to the French *Conseil d'Etat* for an order requiring the party concerned to comply with the applicable rules. Any such order may be accompanied by a penalty levied until the party complies therewith. In France, the transposition of the 2002 Telecoms Package essentially took place in the form of Law 2004-669 of July 9, 2004, together with its implementing decrees.

#### **Market analysis**

The analysis of the markets is the cornerstone of the new regulatory framework, because it is the basis for adapting the new regulations specifically to suit each individual market. It is an ongoing process, subject to periodic review, with the aim of eventually bringing the regulations into line with competition law. The other objective is to limit ex ante regulation to markets where the level of competition is low (which is currently the case in the majority of the wholesale markets), and to apply ex post regulation to markets where the level of competition is high (currently the case in most retail markets).

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Pursuant to the Framework Directive and Articles L.37-1 to L.38-3 of the Post and Electronic Communications Code, ARCEP is required, under the supervision of the European Commission and on the recommendation of the French competition authorities, (i) to define the relevant markets applicable in France, (ii) to analyze these markets and to identify operators or undertakings which have significant market power (SMP) in these markets, and (iii) to decide whether or not to impose on these undertakings regulatory obligations (or “measures”) commensurate with the competition problems which have been identified and which will ensure a certain level of competition in the relevant market in question.

In 2004, ARCEP launched a public consultation process in the 18 relevant markets likely to be affected by specific regulations.

The first phase of this analysis was completed at the end of 2007. Descriptions of each market analyzed during this first phase, along with a table tracking market developments, can be found on ARCEP's website at the following address:

[http://www.arcep.fr/index.php?id=8173&L=1tx\\_gspublication\\_pi1%5Btypo%25255#7813](http://www.arcep.fr/index.php?id=8173&L=1tx_gspublication_pi1%5Btypo%25255#7813) (in French only).

ARCEP has also published a table describing for each relevant market in the first phase of the analysis the obligations applicable to operators that are considered to have significant market power.

This table can be viewed at <http://www.arcep.fr/fileadmin/reprise/dossiers/marches/marche-oblig-operateurs2.pdf> (in French only).

The second phase of the analysis began in late 2007. The list of the relevant markets concerned is provided pursuant to European Commission Recommendation 2007/879/EC of December 19, 2007. The table tracking the progress of this phase can be viewed on ARCEP's website at the following address:

<http://www.arcep.fr/index.php?id=8173> (in French only).

At March 30, 2008, the main relevant markets on which Group companies do business had been analyzed by ARCEP. The findings of ARCEP's analysis for certain markets are outlined below:

- In 2004, operators with significant power in the market for termination of fixed and mobile voice calls on individual mobile networks in mainland France (SFR, Bouygues Télécom and Orange France) and in the overseas dependencies (SFR and Orange Caraïbes), were notified by ARCEP of their obligations. These obligations essentially concerned the orientation of tariffs towards the cost of providing call termination services and the publication of a reference offer. ARCEP is currently working on a project aimed at specifying the scope of relevant costs to be taken into consideration, and is drawing up technical and economic models to be reconciled with mobile network operators' audited accounts. The long-term objective of this process is to achieve a reduction in mobile call termination rates between 2009 and 2012 proportionate to the cost of calls made from fixed lines.
- With respect to Markets 11 (access to the local loop) and 12 (broadband access at a regional point of presence), ARCEP completed its analysis in June 2005 and imposed access obligations on France Télécom. ARCEP is to conduct a new analysis during 2008.
- With respect to the fixed telephony wholesale markets, ARCEP published its decisions on September 28, 2005. Twenty-three operators, including Free SAS, were considered as having SMP in the market for the termination of geographic calls on their respective networks, and are subject to obligations relating to access, interconnection, non-discrimination and transparency, as well as an obligation not to engage in excessive pricing. In Decision 06-0551 issued by ARCEP on May 30, 2006, the scope of the principle of excessive pricing was specified, putting an end to the legal disputes that arise periodically between France Télécom and alternative fixed-line operators concerning call termination rates. For 2007 and 2008, the call termination charge on the fixed-line networks of alternative operators has been set at €1.088 per minute, excluding VAT. ARCEP is to conduct a new analysis during 2008, based on the view that call termination charges should be symmetrical. The focus of the analysis to be conducted from late 2008 to 2012 will be to determine (i) the extent to which call termination charges applied by alternative operators should converge with those applied by France Télécom, and (ii) the price structure applied to call termination services by an efficient operator.

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- With respect to the market for call origination in mobile networks, ARCEP suspended its analysis for a period of 12 months in May 2005 in agreement with the European Commission. The analysis will be resumed once ARCEP has had time to reflect on the effects of the Mobile Virtual Network Operator (MVNO) contracts concluded by two GSM operators in mainland France with various companies involved in MVNO services (including TELE2, M6 and NRJ), and when it has examined the applications submitted following the tender process concerning France's fourth UMTS mobile license, to be launched by the Minister responsible for electronic communications.
- Retail fixed telephony markets are no longer regulated ex-ante by ARCEP. Where an abuse of dominant position is presumed to exist, they will be examined ex-post by the *Conseil de la concurrence*.

The regulatory measures that can be imposed by ARCEP on operators designated as having significant market power in a relevant market are specified in Articles L.38 (wholesale markets) and L.38-1 (retail markets) of the Post and Electronic Communications Code. These measures include obligations to publish detailed technical and pricing specifications relating to interconnection and access, to provide interconnection or access services under non-discriminatory conditions, not to charge excessive or predatory prices on the market in question and to charge prices which are oriented towards the corresponding costs, to account separately for certain activities, to provide retail services under non-discriminatory conditions, not to unreasonably bundle these services, to comply with the price cap mechanism set by ARCEP over a number of years, and to obtain ARCEP's approval of prices prior to their application.

The business activities of each of the operators in the various markets will be affected as ARCEP's decisions based on its analysis of the markets take effect. In particular, those operators designated as having significant market power in a relevant market could experience a reduction in the profitability of their business activities in the market in question. Iliad does not, however, believe that ARCEP's decisions will have any significant effect on the markets in which it is active.

#### ***Operation of a public telecommunications network/Provision of a public telephone service***

Following the enactment of Law 2004-669 and the amendment of Article L.33-1 of the Post and Electronic Communications Code, potential operators need only notify ARCEP of their intention to engage in this line of business (except for the allocation of frequencies or numbering resources which still require a prior individual authorization). Law 2004-669 also specifies that existing authorizations are deemed to be a notification within the meaning of the 2002 Telecoms Package, in accordance with the principles laid down in Article 17 of the Authorization Directive.

In accordance with these provisions, the Group's companies have been registered with ARCEP and ARCEP has provided them with a receipt allowing them to exercise their rights.

Operators that have submitted notifications in accordance with Article L.33-1 of the Post and Electronic Communications Code may benefit from rights of way in consideration for the payment of a fee, in order to establish their network infrastructure on public highway land or other public property and, under certain conditions, may be provided with easements concerning private property. The Group benefits from these rights and has developed its network infrastructure mainly on public property.

All authorized operators must pay the annual fees and taxes, including fees for the management and control of their authorizations, as well as for the numbers or frequencies allocated to them. In addition, all operators are required to contribute to universal service funding (see below).

#### ***Use of radio-electric frequencies***

The use of scarce resources – such as radio-electric frequencies, is subject to prior approval by ARCEP.

ARCEP generally allocates frequency resources on request. However, when a particular resource is scarce it organizes a tender process which is approved by the Minister responsible for electronic communications.

Frequency authorizations have a defined term and are subject to annual management and utilization fees, as set out in Decrees 2007-1531 and 2007-1532 of October, 24, 2007. The amount of these fees is calculated based on the size of the area covered as well as the width of the allocated spectrum. However, authorizations to use frequencies in frequency bandwidths dedicated to mobile telephony in accordance with GSM or UMTS standards are subject to specific fees.

Regardless of the technology used, annual management fees due by users of frequencies in the 900 MHz and 1,800 MHz bandwidths should be set at €571/KHz and €1,068/kHz in accordance with the opinion published by the French government on January 16, 2008.

Management fees due by holders of frequency authorizations in the 2,100 MHz bandwidth to exploit third-generation networks were set at €619 million by Article 36 of the 2001 Finance Law, payable on delivery of the license.

Law 2008-03 of January 3, 2008 for the development of competition in the interests of consumers amended the 2001 Finance Law by doing away with the provisions fixing the amount of the fees and the payment terms. The regulator is now responsible for setting the fees and the payment terms, and an implementing decree is expected to be issued shortly.

These authorizations are generally issued on an individual party basis and are not transferable. However, Decree 2006-1016 of August 11, 2006 provides for a secondary frequency market that enables holders of frequency authorizations to transfer – either at a cost or free of charge – certain frequencies to third parties. Depending on the case, these transfers are subject either to prior approval by ARCEP or simply require the holder and transferee to notify ARCEP of their intentions.

The Group holds a frequency authorization for its operations, issued to IFW for frequencies used in the 3.5 GHz bandwidth (see Decision 03-1294 issued by ARCEP on December 9, 2003), as part of the roll-out and operation of its WiMAX network.

In Order no. 289564 dated June 3 2006, the French *Conseil d'Etat* strengthened the legal protection of holders of frequency authorizations, stating that such authorizations create rights for their holders for as long as they are valid and that ARCEP may not withdraw them for any reason other than those specifically provided for in Article L.36-11 of the Post and Electronic Communications Code (i.e. non-compliance with the applicable regulations or the specifications attached to the authorizations). In the case of IFW, as there was no evidence of non-compliance with the applicable regulations or terms of the relevant authorizations, the *Conseil d'Etat* decided there was no justification for withdrawing the frequency authorization issued to IFW in 2003.

#### ***Internet service provider business***

Since the enactment of Law 2004-669, Internet service providers need to submit prior notification to ARCEP in order to carry out their activities.

Internet service providers, like other electronic communications operators, are obliged to contribute to universal service funding (see below for further details).

#### ***Interconnection***

The provision of regulations governing the access and interconnection of each licensed operator to the networks of the incumbent operator and of other licensed operators is essential for opening up the market. Such regulations lower the barrier to entry represented by the high cost to a new entrant of having to build its own network. ARCEP has therefore focused on interconnection pricing and technical conditions, and has succeeded in developing a specific and functional framework.

The access and interconnection regulations applicable in the EU and in France set out specific principles for the pricing of interconnection services and the allocation of the cost of universal service obligations, impose specific accounting obligations in order to avoid the artificial support of one activity by another by unfair cross-subsidization, define the principles of access to essential facilities (ducts, conduits, sites and buildings) and the

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principles for the allocation of telephone numbers, define the role of the national regulatory authorities, and introduce a common process for settling disputes. Operators that the national regulatory authorities have designated as having “significant market power in a relevant market” must offer interconnection to other operators.

Interconnection agreements are subject to private law and may be disclosed to ARCEP on the latter’s request.

ARCEP has the power to rule on disputes between operators but its decisions may be appealed to the Paris *Cour d’Appel* (Court of Appeal). Any such appeal lodged against an ARCEP decision does not suspend the ruling made by ARCEP.

Free has entered into interconnection agreements with France Télécom and the three mobile operators in France (SFR, Orange and Bouygues Télécom) in line with the reference interconnect offers published by these operators.

Free has also signed interconnection agreements with the alternative operators Neuf Cégétel and Télécom Italia France relating to terminating traffic entering the Neuf Cégétel and Télécom Italia France networks. At the same time, these alternative operators have entered into interconnection agreements concerning terminating traffic entering the Free network for both non-geographic numbers (087B and 095B) and geographic numbers. In these agreements, the call termination services provided by Free and the abovementioned operators are priced at a rate that complies with Decision 06-0551 issued by ARCEP on May 30, 2006 in relation to a dispute between France Télécom and Neuf Cégétel.

The main fixed-line local loop operators have also signed an interconnection agreement with Free, concerning terminating traffic entering the Free network for both geographic and non-geographic numbers (087B and 095B) as well as collected traffic for Value-Added Services (08AB, 3BPQ and 118XYZ numbers) provided by France Télécom or third party operators for which France Télécom performs a transit service. Under the terms of the agreement Free also bills Value-Added Services paid by callers using France Télécom or third party operators for which France Télécom performs a transit service. Free receives a fee for this billing service, based on the pricing scale for the services billed.

#### ***Dial-up Internet access***

The regulations relating to dial-up access to the Internet are based on interconnection regulations.

France Télécom’s reference interconnect offer sets out the technical and pricing conditions of interconnection services relating to calls made by subscribers connected to the France Télécom network (or to the networks of third party operators).

This reference offer also stipulates the terms and conditions for billing services carried out on behalf of third parties by France Télécom. Under this service, Free receives the revenue generated from the end-customers for which France Télécom provides access to telephone services in relation to calls made by the end-customers to 0860 numbers, paid for by the caller at a rate specified in the “Local Internet Price” section of France Télécom’s price catalog.

#### ***Broadband Internet access and local loop unbundling***

The provision of broadband Internet access is based either on (i) physical access to France Télécom’s copper local loop allowing the new entrant to operate its own access equipment with the aim of offering its own services, as distinct from France Télécom’s services, or (ii) access to France Télécom’s DSLAMs, combined with the collection of subscribers’ data traffic and delivery of this traffic to one or more of the service provider’s points of presence. In the first case, the service provided by France Télécom is known as “local loop unbundling” while in the second case, the service offers “bit stream access”, more commonly called “Option 5” or “Option 3” in France.

The Group uses both these options to provide its customers with broadband Internet access (see Section 6.1.4.1 above).

### ***Local loop unbundling***

France Télécom has been designated as having significant market power in relation to access to the local loop and as such it is required to respect a number of obligations in accordance with Decision 05-0277 issued by ARCEP on May 19, 2005. In particular it is required to:

- offer unbundled access to its local loop at a cost-oriented price;
- provide associated services; and
- publish a reference offer.

On December 15, 2005, ARCEP issued Decision 05-0834 which set out the method to be used for valuing local loop assets and for accounting for the related costs. The latest edition of France Télécom's reference offer for local loop access was published on December, 19, 2007.

Access to the local loop can take one of the following two forms:

- either the incumbent operator provides access to the copper part of its network, between the main MDF and the termination point located in the subscriber's premises (full unbundled access to the local loop); or
- the incumbent operator provides access to the high frequency spectrum on this same part of its network and itself continues to provide a traditional public telephone service using the low frequencies (shared access to the local loop).

The terms of access to the local loop are determined by a private law agreement that must be submitted to ARCEP at its request.

On September 17, 2006, Free signed an agreement for access to France Télécom's local loop reflecting in operational terms the principles set out in the public reference offer. This agreement replaces earlier agreements signed in relation to previous editions of the published reference offer.

In accordance with ARCEP Decision 05-0551 which sets the pricing methods for access to the local loop, France Télécom amended its reference offer by reducing its price to €9.29 excluding VAT as from January 1, 2006.

ARCEP's analysis of relevant broadband Internet access markets, and in particular Market 11 (unbundling or Option 1), was completed on May 19, 2005 and resulted in a series of decisions imposing on France Télécom the obligation to continue to provide its competitors with access to its local network by unbundling.

At the end of 2007, ARCEP conducted a new analysis of the relevant market for access to the copper local loop. A decision is expected on France Télécom's obligations in this respect in late spring 2008, and will concern the period from mid-2008 to mid-2010. ARCEP has no plans to modify the obligations previously imposed on France Télécom, particularly the obligation to apply cost-oriented prices.

### ***Withdrawal of the approval process***

Access to France Télécom's DSLAMs and the associated collection of ADSL traffic were historically organized under the terms of a set of contracts ("IP/ADSL" and "IP/ADSL Collection"), and price changes were subject to an approval process following an arbitration decision issued in 1999 by the Minister for Telecommunications (see ARCEP Decision 99- 582 in response to France Télécom's pricing decision 99077 E for Netissimmo and Turbo IP services).

Decree 2005-75 of January 31, 2005 transferred power to approve the pricing of the universal service from the Minister for Telecommunications to ARCEP.

As a result, in the context of its analysis of Market 12 (wholesale offers for access to broadband delivered at regional level or Option 3), ARCEP imposed on France Télécom the obligation to publish a reference offer relating to broadband access delivered at a regional point of presence. This reference offer – entitled "DSL access and collection offer" – includes the technical principles set forth in the IP/ADSL and ADSL Connect ATM contracts.

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Therefore, the pricing of the DSL access and collection offering is no longer subject to ministerial approval, but to the terms of a reference offer which can be amended by ARCEP.

Free can also refer to ARCEP any dispute or disagreement arising in connection with the technical or pricing principles underpinning the DSL access and collection offering.

On June 7, 2007 ARCEP issued Decision 2007-0502 on the dispute between Free and France Télécom regarding the pricing applicable to the DSL collection offering. ARCEP found in favor of Free and ordered its decision to be applied retroactively.

At the end of 2007, ARCEP conducted a new analysis of the relevant dial-up Internet access market. A decision on France Télécom's obligations in this respect is expected in late spring 2008, and will concern the period from mid-2008 to mid-2010. ARCEP has no plans to modify the obligations previously imposed on France Télécom, particularly the obligation to apply cost-oriented prices, unless these prices are considered to be predatory in light of the unbundling services.

#### *Numbering and carrier pre-selection*

Since January 17, 2000, subscribers have been able to opt for the automatic pre-selection of their long distance operators, allowing them to access their networks without having to dial the operator's one or four figure prefix. The carrier pre-selection facility has also been available for calls to mobiles since November 2000 and for local calls since the beginning of 2002, at the option of the carrier.

Pursuant to the decision imposing on France Télécom access obligations in respect of telephone services in the wholesale market, since April 1, 2006 France Télécom has marketed an offer for "wholesale access to telephone services" providing the possibility of selling access to telephone services and communications routing services on the retail market without the end customer having to enter into a contract with France Télécom.

The technical conditions for carrier pre-selection are set out in France Télécom's reference interconnect offer and are included in the interconnection agreements entered into between France Télécom and third party operators.

#### *Fixed number portability*

Number portability is an obligation for all operators connecting end-customers.

Since January 1, 1998, subscribers have been able to keep their number when they change operator for fixed telephone services, provided they do not change their geographical location. Number portability has been available for shared-cost services since the second half of 2001 and for shared-revenue services since December 17, 2002. The technical conditions for number portability outside the France Télécom network are set out in France Télécom's reference interconnect offer and are included in the interconnection agreements entered into between France Télécom and third party operators.

Decree 2006-82 of January 27, 2006 extends this number portability obligation to fixed-line alternative operators.

ARCEP's decision implementing the above decree is currently pending. It will be issued once ARCEP has concluded its multilateral projects involving the operators concerned and defined the processes to be implemented to ensure number portability outside the networks of alternative operators. ARCEP's decision will also require approval by the Minister responsible for electronic communications.

#### *Directories and provision of subscriber lists*

The Group's services most affected by the provisions described below are the Minitel version (3617 ANNU) and telephone version of the reverse look-up directory service, ANNU.

All operators that connect end-customers are required to supply their subscriber lists for the purpose of publishing directories and/or providing information services.

ARCEP Decision 06-0639 of November 30, 2006 approved by the Minister responsible for electronic communications, sets out further details on the conditions for supplying subscriber and user lists for the purpose of publishing universal directories or providing universal information services.

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The Company has entered into an agreement with France Télécom under which France Télécom provides access to its databases for the purpose of publishing directories and/or providing information services. The contract provides that France Télécom may terminate the agreement in the event of a modification affecting the structure or control of Iliad's capital or Iliad's ownership or management.

Free has signed an agreement with a number of players operating in the directory and information service markets (including France Télécom, Pages Jaunes, Le Numéro and Télégate), under which Free supplies a list of subscribers which states any restrictive options chosen by customers (such as ex-directory requirements or prohibiting the use of personal data for marketing purposes).

Consequently, the information services of the main market players such as Le Numéro, France Télécom, Pages Jaunes and Télégate now cover the end-customers for whom Free provides telephone access.

In response to the problems encountered relating to operators setting up a universal directory, since year-end 2005 ARCEP issues a report in which it measures the progress of the universal directory.

#### ***Contribution to universal service funding***

The universal service comprises (i) the provision of a good quality telephone service at an affordable price, (ii) a directory enquiries service and directories in printed and electronic forms, and (iii) access to public payphones located on public property. Each of these three components must include special facilities for disabled users, so that they can be assured of access to services under conditions equivalent to those enjoyed by other users.

Following the enactment of Law 2003-1365 of December 31, 2003, France Télécom is no longer designated by law as the operator responsible for provision of the universal service, and in future the operator or operators required to guarantee the provision of universal service will be designated on the basis of calls for tender. Three calls for tender, relating to each of the three components of the universal service, were published in the French Official Gazette of November 25, 2004. In March 2005, France Télécom won the three calls for tender and was designated as the operator responsible for provision of each of the three components of the universal service.

In accordance with the said law, the cost of the universal service is now shared between operators pro rata to their revenues derived from telecommunications services "*excluding revenues from interconnection and access services subject to the agreements defined in paragraph I of Article L.34-8, and other services provided or billed on behalf of third party operators*". The publication of implementing Decree 04-1222 of November 17, 2004, relating to public service obligations and the funding of the universal electronic communications service provided a regulatory framework for the definitive calculation of the net cost of the universal service as from 2002. The net cost of universal service obligations, after taking account of intangible benefits, was estimated by ARCEP at €124,989,000 for 2002 (Decision 04-1068), €53,271,000 for 2003 (Decision 05-0426), €33,283,000 for 2004 (Decision 05-917), and €33,123,000 for 2005 (Decision 07-0191).

Finally, Decree 2005-75 of January 31, 2005 governing price controls for the electronic communications universal service, supplements the provisions of Article R.20-30-11 of the Post and Electronic Communications Code. It defines the cases in which the prices for the universal service proposed by an operator responsible for providing one of the components thereof may be subject either to a price cap over a number of years, or to prior approval or rejection by ARCEP.

#### ***Government initiatives relating to information society networks***

The growth of the Internet is particularly dependent on the roll-out of infrastructure capable of sustaining the ramp-up of bandwidth-hungry services. This type of infrastructure is already in place or is in the process of being developed, such as optical fiber networks, cable, satellite, wireless networks (including standard 802.11) and UMTS networks.

In November 2002, the French government launched the RE/SO 2007 plan "for a digital republic in the information society" with a view to making up the ground lost by France in the information society sector. This initiative, aimed at increasing access to broadband, was underpinned by a twofold objective: (i) to reach a target of ten million broadband Internet subscribers in France within the following five years, and (ii) to enable every local district in France to access broadband by 2007. The plan was focused on supply, by creating a favorable environment for developing infrastructure, content and services, while developing a climate of confidence intended to ensure the effective protection of users and to promote the development of e-commerce.

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On June 21, 2004, the government introduced Law 2004-575 on “confidence in the digital economy”, aimed at adapting French legislation to growth in the digital economy and at raising confidence in the use of new technologies. This law, which rounded out the transposition into national law of the EU Directive on electronic commerce, sets out the provisions governing the liability of access and hosting providers and also deals with the domain name addressing system and encryption. In addition, it amended the previous provisions of the General Local Authorities Code in order to facilitate the roll-out of telecommunications infrastructure by local authorities (new Article L.1425-1).

#### *Broadcasting of audiovisual services via ADSL*

The transmission and broadcast of radio and television services (whatever the means of signal transmission) falls within the scope of the 2002 Telecoms Package and is consequently subject to the control of the national regulatory authorities.

The oversight powers of the French broadcasting watchdog, the *Conseil Supérieur de l'Audiovisuel* (“CSA”) were extended by Law 2004-669 to cover all radio and television services, whatever their method of transmission and broadcast. This law also introduced more flexibility for rules governing the broadcast of radio and television services, by allowing such services to be broadcast on a network that does not use frequencies allocated by the CSA – including broadcasting via ADSL – subject solely to prior declaration to the CSA.

In its capacity as a broadcaster of audiovisual services via ADSL, Free is subject to the regulatory “must-carry” provisions, i.e. the obligation for a provider of services via cable, satellite or ADSL to carry certain audiovisual services on its network. “Must carry” involves two legal requirements: (i) the service provider – i.e. cable operator or satellite operator – has to carry certain channels, and (ii) the must-carry channels have to agree to be carried by the operator or service provider.

Concerning the broadcast of audiovisual services via ADSL, the new must-carry obligations are governed by Articles 34-2 and 34-4 of Law 86-1067 of September 30, 1986, as follows:

- Article 34-2 states that for all types of network (cable, satellite and ADSL) the following channels must be provided to subscribers free of charge: public service channels broadcast over microwave, the Chaîne Parlementaire, TV5, and RFO services specifically aimed at the general public in mainland France (i.e. the RFO-Sat program). Excluding satellite, the same rules apply to local cable channels.
- Article 34-4 introduces must-carry rights on all means of transmission (cable, satellite, and ADSL) for free-to-air, analog or digital channels broadcast via microwave, under fair, reasonable and non-discriminatory conditions. Only the channels themselves can demand that their programs be carried by the distribution networks and not vice-versa.
- Article 34-5 requires electronic communications networks in digital mode to carry all of France 3’s regional programs.

Law 2007-309 of March 5, 2007 concerning the modernization of audiovisual broadcasting and the television of the future amends Law 86-1067, and provides in particular for the full switch of analog television broadcast over microwave to digital broadcasting by November 30, 2011 at the latest. It sets down the conditions for launching high-definition television and personal mobile television – innovative services corresponding to a nomad consumer mode via dedicated means of transmission or telephone. It also introduces a parliamentary commission to oversee the national framework for the reuse of frequencies released by the phasing out of analog broadcasting.

The full-scale switch from analog television broadcast over microwave to digital broadcasting will free up frequencies at the lower of the spectrum. Some of these frequencies, particularly the most effective ones, may be allocated to telecommunications operators, and in fact the World Radiocommunication Conference has identified a bandwidth between 790 MHz and 862 MHz that could be used for telecommunications.

Under Law 2007-309, like all television distributors, broadcasters of audiovisual services via ADSL are required to pay contributions to the *compte de soutien à l'industrie de programmes audiovisuels* (“COSIP”) calculated based on the revenue generated by broadcasting audiovisual content (both linear and non-linear) via ADSL. In addition, this law enables ARCEP to intervene in order to ensure compliance with agreements signed with towns or groups of towns with a view to laying and using cabled networks.

#### 6.6.2 Regulation of the content of electronic communications

##### Content of online services and liabilities of Internet market players

The provisions currently governing the content of online services make a distinction between private correspondence, whose secrecy is protected, and public communications using electronic means, whose freedom is guaranteed. While this legal framework is based on the fundamental principle of freedom of expression – which is guaranteed under the terms of the French Constitution, the Law of July 29, 1881 on the freedom of the press and Law 86-1067 of September 30, 1986, as amended, on freedom of expression – its aim is also to respect the main principles of French law, such as the protection of privacy, the protection of minors, the prevention of unlawful content, the protection of personal reputation and rights and respect for human dignity.

Directive 2000/31/EC of June 8, 2000 relating to certain legal aspects of information society services, particularly e-commerce, in the internal market (“Directive on electronic commerce”) sets out the responsibilities and obligations of access and hosting providers. This Directive was due to have been transposed into national law by January 17, 2002, at the latest. Under French law, until 2004 the issue of the liability of intermediary ISPs (access and hosting providers) was dealt with by Chapter VI, Section II of the Law of September 30, 1986, as amended by Law 2000-719 of August 1, 2000. These provisions were repealed by Law 2004-575 of June 21, 2004 on confidence in the digital economy.

The main provisions of Law 2004-575 of June 21, 2004, dealing with the liability of access and hosting providers, are as follows:

- Providers of online communication services must identify themselves, directly or indirectly. Pursuant to Article 6.III of Law 2004-575, individuals providing an online communication service on a non-professional basis are obliged to indicate on their website their name and address or the name and address of their hosting provider if they wish to remain anonymous. Legal entities and private individuals offering professional services on a website must give their full contact details on their website, as well as the name of the publications director and/or co-director and the name and address of their hosting provider. Hosting and access providers must supply the providers of online services with the technical means to meet their identification obligations.
- Access and hosting providers are required to keep data that could identify persons having participated in the creation of the content of the services which they provide, in order to be able to pass on such data to the legal authorities, if required.
- Pursuant to Article 6 of Law 2004-575, hosting providers can only be held civilly liable on the grounds of the activities or information stored at the request of a recipient of these services if they were aware of their unlawful nature or of any facts or circumstances making this unlawful nature obvious, or if, as soon as they became aware of such unlawful nature they did not act promptly to withdraw the data or to prevent access to it. Furthermore, hosting providers cannot be held criminally liable if they are unaware of the unlawful activity or information or if, as soon as they do become aware of it, they act promptly to withdraw the information or to prevent access to it. These rules concerning liability do not apply if the recipient of the service is acting under the authority or control of the hosting provider.
- Pursuant to Article L.32-3-3 of the Post and Electronic Communications Code, access providers cannot be held either civilly or criminally liable for the content to which they provide access, except in circumstances where either they have originated the request for the transmission of the content concerned, or they have selected the recipient of the transmission, or selected and/or modified the transmitted content.

Furthermore, Article L.34-1 of the Post and Electronic Communications Code (as amended by Law 2006-64 of January 23, 2006) states that electronic communications operators – notably Internet service providers – are obliged to keep the technical connection data necessary for criminal investigations. They may also keep the technical data required for their invoice payments. Apart from these two specific cases, the operators concerned must delete or render anonymous all data concerning a communication once it is completed.

Decree 2006-358 of March 24, 2006 defines the data to be kept, as well as the duration (one year, from the day of registration) and the means of keeping such data. This decree could have an impact on the costs borne by the technical service providers for storing and processing data.

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The Group makes access to Free's no-subscription services conditional upon customers providing a physical address to which their connection settings can be sent by post. Free is therefore in a position to respond to any requests for information from the legal authorities. As the flat-rate and broadband services are linked to physical access, Free is also able to respond to requests from the authorities concerning the subscribers of these services.

#### *Processing of personal data and protection of individuals*

Framework Directive 95/46/EC of October 24, 1995 relating to the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and the free movement of such data specifies the requisite measures for effectively protecting the rights and freedom of individuals. The main objectives of this Directive are to (i) harmonize European legislation governing the processing of personal data, (ii) facilitate the movement of such data (provided that the country of destination of the information concerned provides a satisfactory level of protection), and (iii) ensure the protection of the rights and freedom of individuals. This Framework Directive was supplemented by the sector-specific Directive 97/66/EC of December 15, 1997 relating to the processing of personal data and the protection of privacy in the telecommunications sector. This Directive has been repealed and replaced by Directive 2002/58/EC of July 12, 2002.

Law 2004-801 of August 6, 2004 on the protection of individuals with respect to the processing of personal data, amending Law 78-17 of January 6, 1978 relating to information technology, computer files and civil liberties, transposed the Framework Directive of October 24, 1995 and certain provisions of the Directive of July 12, 2002 into French law.

Law 2004-575 of June 21, 2004 on confidence in the digital economy and Law 2004-669 of July 9, 2004 on electronic communications and audiovisual communication services also transposed certain provisions of the Directive of July 12, 2002 into French law.

The main provisions of Law 2004-801 of August 6, 2004 are as follows:

- Article 7 establishes the principle that no personal data may be processed without the consent of the person concerned. This Article does, however, set forth a limited number of circumstances in which such processing may be lawful, even without the consent of the person concerned. This applies in particular if such processing is necessary in the legitimate interests of the data processor or the recipient "provided that it does not disregard the interests or infringe the fundamental rights and freedoms of the person concerned". Such exceptions do not, however, apply to the processing of "sensitive data", for which Article 8 of Law 2004-801 requires the express consent of the person concerned.
- The data processor's obligation to provide information covers all situations in which personal data is processed, even if this data has not been collected directly from the person concerned, such as for file transfers. In the latter case, Article 32-III of Law 2004-801 states that the data processor must provide this information as soon as the data is recorded or, at the latest, when the data is first divulged to a third party. This information is not necessary, however, if the sole purpose of the processing is to permit or facilitate communication by electronic means.

In addition to the obligation to inform people of the mandatory or optional nature of their responses, of the consequences of any failure to respond, of the recipients of the data and of their right to access and correct their personal data, Article 32 of Law 2004-801 imposes on data processors the obligation to inform the person from whom the personal data is collected of the identity of the data processor, the purpose for which the data is processed, and of their right to object to the information being transferred to a third party, as well as, where necessary, of any proposed transfers of data to a country which is not a Member State of the European Community.

This obligation is immediately applicable and concerns all types of processing. Companies have until August 6, 2007, to comply with the new requirements in respect of processing carried out before Law 2004-801 came into force.

The obligation to provide information also applies to cookies. Article 32-II of Law 2004-801 states that "anyone using an electronic communications network must be clearly and fully informed [ ] about the purpose of any action taken (i) to access, by electronic means, information stored in their connection terminal, or (ii) to enter, by similar means, information in their connection terminal equipment [and] about the measures they may take to prevent this".

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- Law 2004-801 led to a considerable increase in the possibilities of conducting compliance checks relating to the processing of personal data, substantially strengthening the powers of oversight, investigation, injunction and sanction available to the French national commission for information technology and freedom (*Commission nationale de l'informatique et des libertés*, or CNIL). Furthermore, any failure to comply with the provisions of Law 2004-801 is now subject to harsh criminal sanctions. The possible offences and related penalties are set out in Articles 226-16 to 226-24 of the French Criminal Code. Such offenses are punishable by a fine of up to €300,000 and 5 years' imprisonment.

**Concerning spam**, Article 22 of Law 2004-575 of June 21, 2004 on confidence in the digital economy prohibits, as from December 22, 2004, "direct marketing by means of automatic calling systems, fax or email, using, in any form whatsoever, the contact details of a private individual who has not given prior consent to receiving such material by said means". Any unsolicited commercial correspondence sent by email to private individuals therefore now requires prior permission from the person to whom it is sent.

**Regarding location data**, Articles L.34-1 and L.34-4 of the Post and Electronic Communications Code, as amended by Law 2004-669 of July 9, 2004, state that such data may only be processed if it has been made anonymous, or if the consent of the users or subscribers concerned has been obtained. Location data may only be processed for the sole purpose of providing a specific value-added service and only for the length of time that this service is provided. The users concerned must be informed in advance of the type of location data which will be processed, as well as of the purpose and duration of the processing and whether the data will be relayed to a third party. Users must be able to withdraw their consent using a simple means and free of charge, apart from the cost of actually transmitting their withdrawal of consent.

**Concerning directories**, Article L.34 of the Post and Electronic Communications Code states that subscribers must be given the opportunity to decide if their personal data should be included in a public directory and, if so, which data may be included. No charge should be made for being excluded from a public subscriber directory, or for checking, correcting or removing personal data from the directory in question (Article R.10 of the Post and Electronic Communications Code).

In the course of its business, the Group records and processes statistical data, including in particular data concerning the number of visits to its websites. Technical means identifying customers' main areas of interest and online behavior are also used with a view to optimizing the Group's services. In order to offer its services, the Group collects and processes personal data. The majority of the databases it has established for this purpose have been declared to the CNIL.

#### *Legal protection of databases*

The principal innovation included in the Directive adopted on March 11, 1996 (Directive 96/9/EC) is the creation of a *sui generis* right which aims to ensure the protection of any investment made in obtaining, verifying or presenting the contents of a database for the limited duration of the right, it being specified that this investment may take the form of financial and/or human resources. This Directive was transposed into French law by Law 98-536 of July 1, 1998, providing for this *sui generis* right, independently of the protection offered by copyright, in order to protect the producers of databases.

Article L.341-1 of the French Intellectual Property Code provides that the producer of a database, understood to be the person taking the initiative and bearing the risk of the investments relating to setting up the database in question, benefits from protection of the content of the database "when its compilation, verification or presentation involves a substantial financial, material or human investment". This protection is independent and applies without prejudice to the protection resulting from copyright or any other right relating to the database in question or one of its component parts, pursuant in particular to Article L.112-3 of the Intellectual Property Code.

The producer of the database therefore has the right to prohibit any substantial extraction of the content of its database and any reuse of this content. Article L.342-2 of the Intellectual Property Code also states that "the producer can also prohibit the repeated and systematic extraction or reuse of parts of the content of the database that are not qualitatively or quantitatively substantial when these operations manifestly exceed the normal conditions of use of the database".

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#### *Intellectual property law and online broadcasting*

The purpose of Directive 2001/29/EC of May 22, 2001 on “the harmonization of certain aspects of copyright and related rights in the information society” is to adapt intellectual property law to the specifics of digital broadcasting. This Directive sets down an exclusive right of reproduction as well as a mandatory exemption from this right relating to certain temporary acts of reproduction that are an essential part of a technological process. However it has not achieved its primary stated objective of harmonization, as Member States can choose whether or not to adopt other optional exceptions, such as the exception for reproduction of material for private use, provided that the right-holders receive fair compensation.

Law 2006-961 of August 1, 2006 (the DADVSI Law) concerning copyrights and other related rights in the information society transposed Directive 2001/29/EC into French law. The DADVSI Law sets limitations on the right to reproduce material for private use by recognizing the legality of digital rights management (DRM) systems. In particular it provides for criminal sanctions for parties who publish software that is clearly intended to render protected works public as well as parties who procure or knowingly offer to another party – either directly or indirectly – the means to violate DRM systems.

On November 23, 2007 a Commission headed by Denis Olivennes submitted a report on the distribution and protection of cultural works over electronic communications networks to the French Minister of Culture. The report recommends a number of principles based primarily on establishing a warning system and a variety of penalties for customers unlawfully downloading or divulging cultural works. Legislative modifications are expected to be introduced in 2008 in response to the recommendations of the Olivennes report.

#### *Domain names*

Domain names are assigned to the digital addresses of the servers connected to the Internet and constitute Internet addresses. They are used for effective identification of Internet sites and make it easier to remember the addresses of these sites. Domain names are therefore, logically, major marketing assets for companies carrying out all or part of their business on the Internet. The Group has registered a certain number of domain names in France.

Top level domain names can be generic (known as generic top level domain names, or “gTLDs”), such as “.com” for commercial companies, “.net” for companies providing Internet-related services, “.org” for public interest bodies or “.edu” for teaching establishments, or they can correspond to a specific geographical area (known as country code top level domain names, or “ccTLDs”), such as “.fr” for France, “.de” for Germany or “.es” for Spain. Second level domain names correspond to subcategories, for example “.asso.fr” for charities in France. The domain names in the “.com”, “.net” and “.org” domains are registered by a certain number of organizations accredited by the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (“ICANN”), an international not-for-profit organization. Various registrars are responsible for managing extensions, such as Verisign in the case of the “.com” and “.net” extensions. The registration of geographical domain names is supervised in each country by a designated national authority, which keeps a central register and accredits private companies as registrars. In general, domain names are allocated on a “first-come, first-served” basis and most registrars, in the case of both generic and geographical domain names, consider that it is up to the person registering them to ensure that no prior right would be infringed by the registration of the domain name concerned.

Each national authority is, to a certain extent, able to define its own policy for allocating domain names. This means that the requirements for registering geographical domain names can differ from those relating to the registration of generic domain names and can also vary from one country to another. Some registrars may, for instance, prove to be stricter than others with respect to infringements of the intellectual or other property rights held by third parties resulting from the registration of a particular domain name.

In France, the *Association Française pour le Nomage Internet en Coopération* (“AFNIC”) is responsible for registering domain names for the “.fr” extension. A certain number of subdomains have been created in the “.fr” extension and several Internet service providers, including Online, a subsidiary of Iliad, have been accredited by the Afnic to handle requests for the registration of domain names.

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The rules for allocating domain names are set out in the AFNIC's naming charter. This charter and the allocation rules are updated regularly. The allocation rules currently in force are as follows:

- the allocation of a domain name in each subdomain of the “.fr” domain is governed by specific rules;
- persons identifiable in the online databases of court registries or of the INPI or the INSEE (companies, trademark owners, local authorities, professional associations) can register the domain names of their choice, provided they comply with the syntax rules and do not try to register a name which is included in the list of prohibited terms;
- those registering domain names must ensure that their registration request is not in breach of prior rights held by third parties – particularly intellectual property rights or the right to a name – or of competition rules; the AFNIC does not carry out any checks in this respect;
- the registration of domain names in the “.tm.fr” subdomain is only available to applicants who can produce a trademark registration certificate;
- the “.nom.fr” subdomain is only available to individuals of French nationality or residing on French territory who wish to use their surname as a domain name; and
- domain names can be registered using the “.com.fr” subdomain without the need to produce supporting documentation, provided that these domain names have not already been registered in another subdomain.

Although the French courts have now accepted that the use of a term on an Internet site or as a domain name can infringe trademark rights, the outcome of any potential dispute in this area remains uncertain. This uncertainty is due in particular to the fact that the scope of trademark rights is limited, either geographically or by the type of products and services covered by the trademark registration, while the use of a term on the Internet can result in a risk of confusion or encourage unfair competition far beyond such limits.

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Iliad S.A is the parent company of the Group and acts as the operational holding structure. It operates in two areas within the French telecommunications sector: the ANNU reverse look-up directory business, and traditional corporate telephony services provided under the Iliad Telecom name. In addition, in its role as the Group's holding company, Iliad S.A. directly controls 17 consolidated subsidiaries, including 16 in France.

Senior Management functions within the Group are centralized at the holding company level, with senior managers of the parent company performing the same duties in the Group's main subsidiaries. There are strong operating links between the Group's entities at several levels: (i) the Group's telecommunications network is lodged within Free S.A.S., which is responsible for carrying the traffic of all the Group's companies, (ii) Free manages all services relating to the invoicing system for all of the Group's subsidiaries, and (iii) Centrapel and Total Call provide telephone support services for all of the Group's subsidiaries.

The Group's main subsidiary is Free S.A.S, which houses the dial-up and broadband ISP business. In 2007, Free S.A.S. generated revenues of €1,184 million and its operating profit came to €204 million.

Iliad S.A. rebills to its subsidiaries (i) their share of the lease payments relating to the premises at rue de la Ville l'Evêque in Paris, (ii) administrative, financial, accounting and legal services provided and (iii) interest payable on current account advances.

A number of suppliers only wish to work with Iliad, which means that Iliad S.A. receives all the invoices issued by these suppliers for services provided to all of the Group's entities. Iliad therefore rebills these amounts to the subsidiaries concerned.

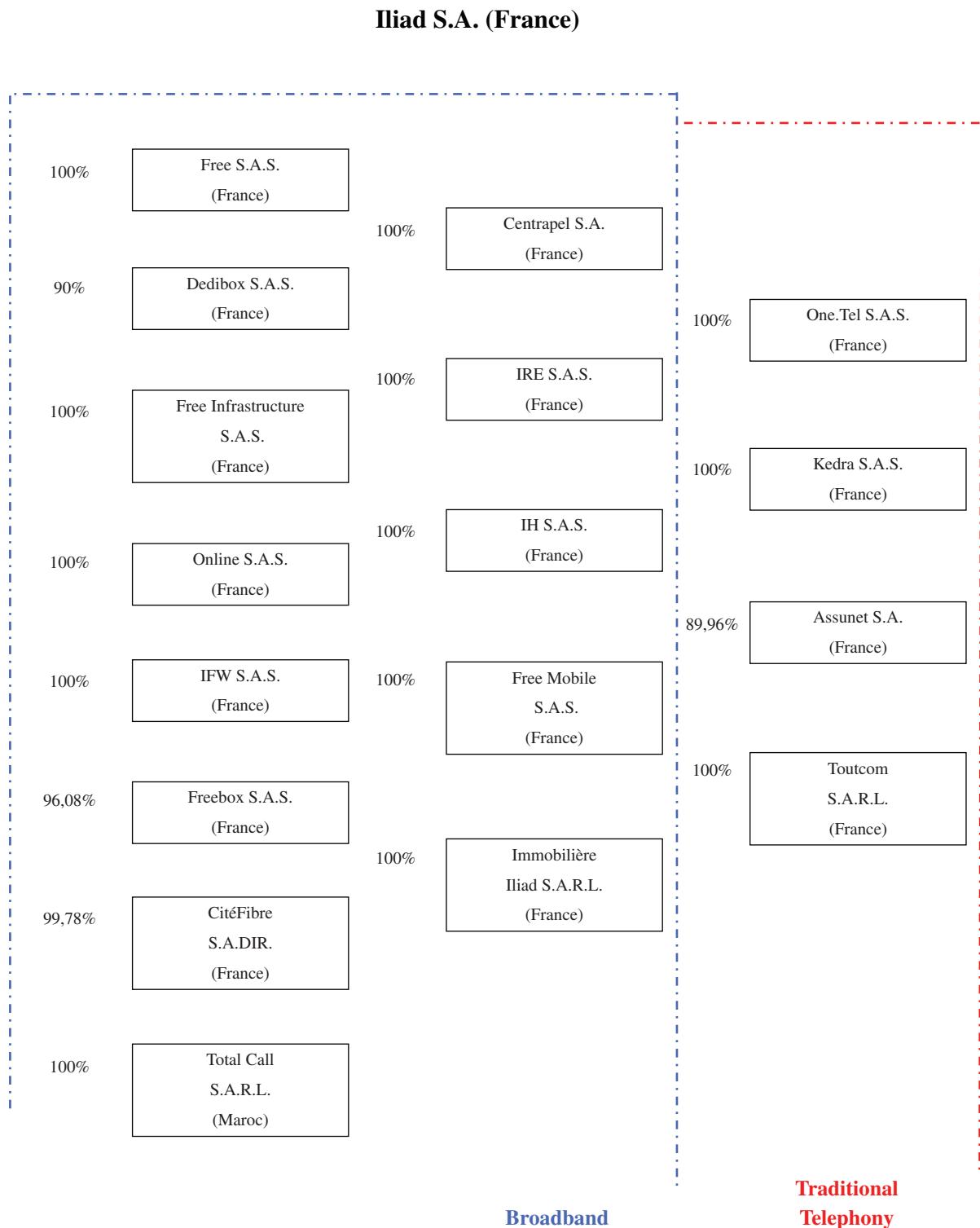
The Group does not have any significant minority shareholders.

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At March 31, 2008, the Group's organizational structure was as follows:



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The main premises used by the Group are occupied under long-term lease agreements entered into with third parties.

The Group has a long-term lease for a building covering an area of 5,800 square meters located at 8 rue de la Ville l'Evêque, in the 8<sup>th</sup> *arrondissement* of Paris, which houses all the Group's companies. It also leases premises in the 16<sup>th</sup> *arrondissement* of Paris, accommodating technical equipment, as well as premises at Bezons under a lease entered into on December 11, 2003 (6,900 sq.m.) and a further lease signed on September 1, 2006 (1,076 sq.m.). In addition the Group rents an equipment room in Courbevoie in the Hauts-de-Seine *département* (1,140 sq.m.).

The Group acquires, either directly or under finance leases, premises to house optical nodes (ONs) for the purpose of rolling out its fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) network.

None of the lessor companies are related, directly or indirectly, to the Group's companies or any of its senior managers.

##### **8.2 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES THAT MAY AFFECT THE COMPANY'S UTILIZATION OF THE TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

The Group considers that its business as a telecommunication operator does not present an environmental risk as it does not involve any production processes that seriously harm scarce or non-renewable resources, natural resources (such as water or air), or biodiversity. However, the Group does use certain products and components that may give rise to environmental risks, albeit on a small scale. In accordance with the specific applicable regulations, the authorized disposal and destruction of these products and components is entrusted to an external company with a view to their being recycled.

The Group records a provision for the related recycling costs.

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(in € millions)	Year ended December 31, 2007	Year ended December 31, 2006 <sup>17</sup>	Year ended December 31, 2006
<b>INCOME STATEMENT</b>			
Revenues .....	1,212.4	935.1	950.3
Operating income and expense, net .....	998.6	754.6	765.1
Profit from ordinary activities .....	213.8	180.5	185.2
Other operating income and expense, net .....	(2.0)	(3.0)	(3.0)
Operating profit .....	211.8	177.5	182.2
Financial income and expense, net .....	(3.5)	(4.2)	(3.9)
Corporate income tax .....	(72.0)	(60.0)	(61.7)
Profit from discontinued operations .....	13.9	7.3	7.3
<b>Profit for the period .....</b>	<b>150.2</b>	<b>120.6</b>	<b>123.9</b>
Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) .....	443.6	328.5	331.6
<b>BALANCE SHEET</b>			
Non-current assets .....	771.2	632.1	
Current assets .....	375.9	405.5	
<i>O/w cash and cash equivalents</i> .....	234.8	279.5	
Assets held for sale .....	8.1	—	
<b>Total assets .....</b>	<b>1,155.2</b>	<b>1,037.6</b>	
Total equity .....	516.7	382.7	
Non-current liabilities .....	362.5	345.0	
Current liabilities .....	276.0	309.9	
<b>Total equity and liabilities .....</b>	<b>1,155.2</b>	<b>1,037.6</b>	
<b>CASH FLOWS</b>			
Net cash generated from operating activities .....	317.1	281.2	
Net cash used in investing activities .....	(351.8)	(286.5)	
Net cash (used in) generated from financing activities .....	(18.6)	232.1	
Net change in cash and cash equivalents .....	(53.2)	226.9	
Cash and cash equivalents at year-end .....	223.1	276.3	

<sup>17</sup> The 2006 income statement items presented in this column have been adjusted to exclude Kertel SA, sold in February 2007, and Société SA, sold in August 2006.

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#### 9.1.1 MANAGEMENT REPORT

##### 9.1.1.1 *Overview*

The Group's operations are made up of two business segments defined based on operating criteria:

- The Broadband segment, which includes Internet service provider operations (marketed under Free and related brands), hosting services (the Online, BookMyName and Dedibox brands), call center operations (Centrapel and Total Call), Wimax activities (operated by IFW), and operations related to the rollout of the FTTH (fiber-to-the-home) optical fiber network (Free Infrastructure, IRE, Immobilière Iliad and Citéfibre).
- The Traditional Telephony segment, which includes switched fixed-line telephony (One.Tel and Iliad Telecom), resale of airtime to operators (Kedra), directory services (mainly the ANNU reverse look-up directory accessible by Minitel, telephone, Internet and SMS text messaging) and e-commerce operations (Assunet.com).

ADSL broadband and optional value-added services, combined within the Broadband segment, represent the dominant source of revenue, while revenues from the Group's other offerings, combined within the Traditional Telephony segment, are declining as planned. In 2007 the Broadband segment accounted for almost 98% of the Group's total revenues excluding inter-segment sales.

These business segments may change in the future, depending on operating criteria and the development of the Group's operations.

There were no significant changes in Group structure during 2007. On February 7, 2007 Iliad sold its entire interest in Kertel SA to Proximania. Kertel was no longer considered a strategic business in light of the Group's operating focus on broadband and high speed broadband.

The consolidated financial statements of the Iliad Group have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted for use in the European Union at the balance sheet date.

##### 9.1.1.1.1 Breakdown of revenues

###### *(I) Broadband revenues*

- **Unlimited ADSL broadband offer.** Since October 2002, Free has offered its subscribers unlimited broadband access for €29.99 per month (including VAT). An ADSL modem is supplied free of charge and no charge is made for installation. This unique offer allows subscribers to access the Internet at a speed of at least 2 MB per second and up to 28 MB (observed) in areas where the local loop is unbundled (which depends on whether a subscriber's line is eligible). Subscribers are billed by Free and pay by monthly direct debit. Subscribers who cancel their subscription are charged a termination fee, also paid by direct debit. The fee amounts to €96 (including VAT) less €3 for every month of their prior subscription period, and covers the cost of activating their line.
- Television services, which are taxed at the reduced VAT rate of 5.5%, represented 56% of the Freebox subscription fee until 2007. Since January 1, 2008, this proportion has been reduced to 50% in accordance with new tax regulations.
- **Telephony via ADSL.** Since August 2003 (unbundled areas) and March 2004 (non-unbundled areas), subscribers to the Free Haut Débit broadband service who are equipped with a Freebox modem have also been offered a telephony service. Under this service, telephone calls made through the Freebox to another Freebox subscriber or to any number in mainland France (excluding short numbers and special numbers), the Reunion islands, Guadeloupe, and 70 foreign countries are completely free. Revenues generated by calls to French mobile phones and to international numbers not included in the package, as well as revenues generated by incoming calls to Freebox subscribers, are included within the revenues of the Broadband segment.

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- **Free's preselection offer.** Since June 2005, Free Haut Débit broadband subscribers have been able to apply for a preselection offering where they have not opted for full unbundling. By signing up with the Free preselection service, the subscriber authorizes the company to make a preselection request to France Télécom so that all calls made from the designated fixed line can be transferred to and billed by Free (excluding special numbers). This enables the subscriber to benefit from Free's rates on all local, national and international calls, as well as on calls to mobile phones.
- **Television via ADSL.** Since December 2003, subscribers to broadband Internet via the Freebox (in unbundled areas and subject to line eligibility) have been offered a television service with more than 257 channels, including 144 free channels as of December 2007. Revenues generated by pay TV channels are included within the revenues of the Broadband segment. Since November 2004, Canal+ Group channels can also be accessed, and the French national channels TF1 and M6 have been available since 2007. Subscribers to Canal+ Group channels are billed directly by the Canal+ Group, which pays a commission to Free. Since July 31, 2007 all Free Haut Débit broadband subscribers (in unbundled and non-unbundled areas and subject to line eligibility) can access a selection of TV channels from Free's portal.
- **Video on demand (VoD) via ADSL.** Since December 2005, subscribers to broadband Internet via the Freebox (in unbundled areas and subject to line eligibility) have been offered a video on demand service operated jointly with the Canal+ Group, TF1 and M6. This service enables subscribers to access a catalog of movies 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and view them on their television. The movies – which are ordered using the Freebox remote control – include DVD player features and may be viewed for a period of 24 hours. The price of the movies, which starts from €0.99, is invoiced directly on the subscriber's Free Haut Débit bill.
- **Subscription-based video on demand (S-VoD) via ADSL.** Since June 2007, subscribers to broadband Internet via the Freebox (in unbundled areas and subject to line eligibility) have been offered a subscription-based video on demand service. For €5.99 a month, subscribers with the basic Free Home Vidéo package have unlimited 24/7 access to a selection of more than 50 films and 100 TV series episodes that are renewed each week. In January 2008, this offering was rounded out to include Free Home Vidéo Intégrale, a new service giving subscribers unlimited access to a full range of content including movies, TV series, music programs, family shows and HD broadcasts.
- **Migration to the fully unbundled service and modem replacement offering.** Since June 2004, Free Haut Débit broadband subscribers can request migration from partially to fully unbundled access. The migration fee is €90 (including VAT), less a discount per month of the prior subscription period. In addition, since September 2004, subscribers who have Sagem modems can receive a Freebox modem in return for a €60 administrative fee for people who have held a subscription for less than one year and €30 for those who have been subscribers for between 12 and 24 months, while subscribers with a Freebox modem can receive an upgraded version in return for a €90, €60, or €30 administrative fee depending on the length of time they have held a subscription. Since October 2007 subscribers to the Free IP ADSL service can request migration to the Freebox Only offering. The fee is €90 (including VAT), less a discount of €3 per month of the prior subscription period.
- **“Pay-as-you-go” access.** For this no-subscription dial-up offer, the customer pays the price of the phone call invoiced by France Télécom. Subscribers dial the Free access number (08 60 92 20 00) from any fixed line in France, and the call is charged by France Télécom at the local Internet rate. Revenues from the “Pay-as-you-go” offer are therefore directly related to the time customers spend online and to the revenue-share passed on to Free by France Télécom. Free invoices France Télécom on a monthly basis. The customer pays France Télécom a connection charge of €0.106 (including VAT) and a flat rate of €0.02 per minute (including VAT), applicable 24/7, excluding special offers. The share of airtime revenue passed on by France Télécom to Free as the operator of an interconnected network amounts to €0.0227 before VAT per minute of use (rate at December 31, 2007). The amount per minute is calculated by France Télécom and is approved by the French telecommunications and postal regulator (Arcep).
- **The “50-hour plan”.** Under the “50-hour plan”, the subscriber is entitled to 50 hours of dial-up Internet access per month for a flat fee of €14.94 (including VAT). The subscriber connects to the Internet by

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dialing a toll-free number (08 68 92 20 00). The subscription fee is paid directly to Free by direct debit at the beginning of each month. Any additional dial-up time and charges for incomplete months are invoiced by Free at the local Internet rate. They are debited to the subscriber at the beginning of the following month but are recognized in revenues for the current month.

- **Hosting services.** Revenues for this business are generated through the sale of both dedicated and non-dedicated hosting solutions. Non-dedicated hosting services are invoiced at a flat annual rate by domain name or by site. The dedicated server offering, which is targeted at SMEs and individuals, provides broadband Internet access for multimedia applications at a flat fee of €29.99 per month, excluding VAT.
- **Marketing of domain names and selling of advertising space** on Free's portal.
- **Other Broadband** revenues corresponding mainly to the sale of switched traffic to the Traditional Telephony segment and the sale of WiFi cards and related equipment.

#### (2) *Traditional Telephony revenues*

Traditional Telephony segment revenues break down as follows:

- **Revenues generated by One.Tel.** One.Tel's offer is a no-subscription carrier preselection service. By signing up with One.Tel, the subscriber authorizes the company to make a preselection request to France Télécom so that all calls made from the designated fixed line can be transferred to and billed by One.Tel (excluding special numbers). This enables the customer to benefit from One.Tel's rates on all local, national and international calls, as well as on calls to mobile phones, including the €0.01 per minute offer for all local and national calls. At the end of each month, the total cost of calls is calculated for each customer and invoiced for payment within two weeks.
- **Revenues from ANNU,** the reverse look-up directory accessible by Minitel, telephone, Internet and SMS text messaging. Minitel access to this service is billed directly by France Télécom on the user's telephone bill, and part of the fee is passed on by France Télécom to the company running the service. For ANNU, the fee passed on by France Télécom amounts to €36.93 per hour. Fee payments are received every other month.
- **Revenues generated by Assunet** – an online insurance broker – from sales of insurance policies to private individuals and Group companies.
- **Revenues from Iliad Telecom's** carrier preselection service for companies.

#### 9.1.1.1.2 Operating costs for the Option 5 ADSL service (subscribers not on an unbundled line) and Option 1 ADSL (subscribers on an unbundled line)

Free's ADSL offer involves two types of service:

- Option 1 (subscribers on an unbundled line), corresponding to an offer carried entirely by the Free network. Since June 2004, Free Haut Débit broadband subscribers can choose between a partially or fully unbundled service. In the case of the partially unbundled service, users subscribe to the Free Haut Débit broadband offering but continue to pay the telephone line rental to France Télécom and can still make and receive telephone calls through France Télécom. Where subscribers opt for the fully unbundled service, they have no commercial ties with France Télécom and do not therefore pay a telephone line rental charge. In this case, all telephone calls transit through the broadband connection.
- Option 5 (subscribers not on an unbundled line), representing a France Télécom wholesale offer marketed by Free.

Under Option 1, direct costs per subscriber and per month, as mentioned in the basic unbundling offer, were as follows at December 31, 2007:

*Operating costs under Option 1 (partial unbundling)*

- Rental of the copper pair and the ADSL splitter: €2.90
- Copper tie cable (average): €1.32

*Operating costs under Option 1 (full unbundling)*

- Rental of the copper pair: €9.30
- Copper tie cable (average): €1.32

Since April 2007, Free has used France Télécom's optical fiber leasing offering to unbundle dispatchers. The lease payments are not set as part of the unbundling offering but are negotiated between France Télécom and Free. This additional expense is not included in the operating costs set out above.

Under Option 5, for a subscription sold at the same price, monthly costs per subscriber are made up of access costs and IP transit service costs.

The access cost structure under Option 5 has been simplified since October 1, 2005 and is no longer directly related to the bit rate concerned or the type of connection node. The monthly subscription fee for the DSL Access offer was set at €13.30 from September 1, 2006 through December 31, 2007 and reduced to €12.90 as from January 1, 2008. The monthly fee for France Télécom's DSL Access Only service available since September 1, 2006 went down from €21.50 to €20 on January 1, 2008.

IP transit service costs vary depending on the bit rate used by all Option 5 subscribers. The service's price structure was changed on June 7, 2007. The new price terms are as follows:

- Usage fee per Mbps €75.10
- Access fee € 3.90

These fees have been applied retroactively from January 1, 2007.

Option 1 gross margin and EBITDA margin are significantly higher than Option 5 margins. Free's objective is therefore to maximize the proportion of Option 1 subscribers by migrating its Option 5 subscribers to Option 1 or, where technically feasible, by directly offering Option 1 to new subscribers living in an area where the local loop has been unbundled.

9.1.1.3 Capital expenditure and depreciation

9.1.1.3.1 Broadband

The Group has rolled out a telecommunications network in mainland France. Most of the underlying optical fiber for this network was obtained under IRU (Indefeasible Right of Use) contracts with terms ranging from 10 to 25 years, that involve a single up-front payment when the fiber is made available. These IRU contracts are recognized as property, plant and equipment and are depreciated over the life of the contract.

Just as operating costs differ significantly between Option 1 and Option 5, so do levels of capital expenditure.

Under Option 1, the Group is required to provide Freebox modems and Freebox DSLAMs and to pay fees to France Télécom for access to unbundling services (which are also known as cabling costs or access fees). In addition, it incurs logistics and modem shipping costs. The cost of these four items, which came to about €270 per subscriber in first-half 2007, decreased to €240 per subscriber at the year-end reflecting a reduction to around €180 in the price of Freebox HD modems, which now include power line communication (PLC) technology. The costs (logistics and shipping, access to France Télécom's unbundling services, and the Freebox modems and DSLAMs) are depreciated over three years from the date of subscriber installation. Fees invoiced by France Télécom for access to unbundling services are €50 per subscriber for full unbundling and €55 for partial unbundling.

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Under Option 5, total capital expenditure is lower. Only the cost of access to France Télécom's unbundling services is capitalized and depreciated over three years as the ADSL modems provided under this option are Freebox version 4, which are already in the process of being depreciated. Since January 1, 2008, the fees billed by France Télécom for access to the DSL Access Only service have been €54 per subscriber without Internet access and €17 per subscriber with access through an existing operator, compared with the previous fees of €66 and €24 respectively. Fees billed by France Télécom for the DSL Access service are €49 per subscriber without Internet access.

#### 9.1.1.3.2 Rollout of an FTTH network

To support the rollout of its FTTH (fiber-to-the-home) optical fiber network, the Group is making fresh investments in network infrastructure through its subsidiaries Free Infrastructure and Immobilière Iliad.

The network is being rolled out in four phases:

- Acquiring premises to house optical nodes (ONs);
- Laying fiber optic cable between the ONs and buildings;
- Installing optical fiber within those buildings, up to the front door of each business or household;
- Connecting the subscriber to the network.

The Group acquires its ONs through its two subsidiaries IRE and Immobilière Iliad. Most of the premises purchased are held by IRE and a large proportion are financed through 12-year leases. Immobilière Iliad has, however, acquired a number of sites in its own name.

The Group is currently focusing on phase two, which is handled by its own teams (mainly in Paris), or by subcontractors under fixed price contracts (rest of France).

#### 9.1.1.4 Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA)

EBITDA is one of the Group's key performance indicators. It is an earnings measure that corresponds to profit from ordinary activities before depreciation, amortization and employee benefits expense (corresponding to stock option expense).

#### 9.1.1.2 *Comparison of results for 2007 and 2006*

The comments below are based on the consolidated financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006. The 2006 income statement figures have been restated to exclude Kertel SA, sold in February 2007, and Société SA, sold in August 2006.

The following section reviews revenues, EBITDA and operating profit for the Group as a whole and by business segment.

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Consolidated revenues and operating expenses disclosed in the financial statements do not match the sum of the segment revenues and expenses set out below, due to the elimination of inter-segment transactions, corresponding to transactions between Group companies belonging to different segments. The bulk of inter-segment transactions consist of billings to the Traditional Telephony segment of telecommunications services provided over the Free network. In all, inter-segment transactions amounted to €29.5 million in 2007 and €82.6 million in 2006.

(in € millions)	2007	2006	% change
<b>Revenues</b> .....	<b>1,212.4</b>	<b>935.1</b>	<b>29.7%</b>
Purchases used in production .....	(612.5)	(484.5)	26.4%
Payroll costs .....	(47.5)	(38.5)	23.2%
External charges .....	(68.4)	(55.0)	24.4%
Taxes other than on income .....	(12.1)	(8.5)	42.9%
Additions to provisions .....	(8.7)	(4.6)	86.6%
Other income and expenses from operations, net .....	(19.6)	(15.4)	27.4%
<b>EBITDA</b> .....	<b>443.6</b>	<b>328.5</b>	<b>35.0%</b>
Employee benefits expense .....	(3.2)	(1.8)	74.5%
Depreciation and amortization .....	(226.7)	(146.4)	54.8%
<b>Profit from ordinary activities</b> .....	<b>213.8</b>	<b>180.5</b>	<b>20.4%</b>
Other operating income and expense, net .....	(2.0)	(3.0)	—
<b>Operating profit</b> .....	<b>211.8</b>	<b>177.5</b>	<b>19.3%</b>
Financial income and expense, net .....	(3.5)	(4.2)	(17.4%)
Corporate income tax .....	(72.0)	(60.0)	20.1%
Profit from discontinued operations .....	13.9	7.3	91.5%
<b>Profit for the period</b> .....	<b>150.2</b>	<b>120.6</b>	<b>24.4%</b>

#### *Revenues*

Revenues for 2007 rose by over 29.7% compared with 2006. The increase was mainly attributable to the Broadband segment, led by Internet access and optional value-added services available through the Freebox. For the year ended December 31, 2007 these optional services represented consolidated revenues of €263.4 million, up by more than 61% compared with 2006.

#### *Operating expenses*

Excluding depreciation, amortization and employee benefits expense, operating expenses climbed 26.7% in 2007, to €760 million. However, they declined in relative terms, to 62.7% of consolidated revenues from 64.4%, reflecting the higher proportion of subscribers on unbundled lines during the year, the impact of operating efficiency measures, and the lower cost of IP transit services.

#### *EBITDA*

EBITDA increased by 35% to €443.6 million in 2007, reflecting (i) new ADSL subscribers signed up directly under Option 1; (ii) migration of subscribers from non-unbundled to unbundled lines; and (iii) the contribution of optional value-added services. EBITDA margin rose from 35.1% to 36.6%.

#### *Profit from ordinary activities*

Profit from ordinary activities surged 20.4% to €213.8 million from €177.5 million in 2006. This performance reflects the combined impact of:

- Greater profitability in the Broadband segment, spurred by the ever-increasing proportion of broadband subscribers on unbundled lines.
- The contribution of optional value-added services.

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Depreciation and amortization was 55% higher than in 2006. This significant rise was primarily attributable to higher capital expenditure incurred as a result of the increased Broadband subscriber base, chiefly relating to (i) the provision of Freebox HD modems; (ii) access fees paid to France Télécom; and (iii) to a lesser degree, network extensions.

#### *Financial income and expense, net*

In 2007, net financial expense amounted to €3.5 million, corresponding mainly to interest paid on the Group's borrowings, partially offset by U.S. dollar foreign exchange gains and income from short-term investments.

Interest paid during the year on the "Océane" convertible bonds totaled €7.3 million, and the aggregate expense recognized under IFRS – reflecting the effective interest rate – came to €13.8 million.

#### *Profit for the period*

Including the €13.9 million net-of-tax gain on the sale of Kertel SA, profit for the period amounted to €150.2 million, up 24.4% on the €120.6 million recorded for 2006. Income tax expense totaled €72 million, compared with €60 million in 2006.

##### *(1) Analysis of results for the Broadband segment*

The Broadband segment includes the following operations:

- Internet Service Provider (ISP) operations, both through the switched telephone network and via ADSL, marketed under the Free, Free Haut Débit, Free Télécom and Freebox brands.
- Hosting and domain-name creation services, operated under the Online and Dedibox brands.
- Call center operations, carried out by Centrapel and Total Call.
- Optical fiber operations.
- Wimax activities operated by IFW.

Free is the subsidiary responsible for operating the Group's telecommunications network.

(in € millions)	2007	2006	% change
<b>Revenues</b> .....	<b>1,189.0</b>	<b>881.6</b>	<b>34.9%</b>
Purchases used in production .....	(608.6)	(462.5)	31.6%
Payroll costs .....	(43.2)	(34.8)	24.1%
External charges .....	(62.9)	(47.4)	32.7%
Taxes other than on income .....	(11.6)	(7.9)	46.8%
Additions to provisions .....	(8.6)	(5.1)	68.6%
Other income and expenses from operations, net .....	(19.1)	(14.7)	29.9%
<b>EBITDA</b> .....	<b>435.0</b>	<b>309.2</b>	<b>40.7%</b>
Employee benefits expense .....	(2.4)	(1.3)	84.6%
Depreciation and amortization .....	(226.4)	(145.0)	56.1%
<b>Profit from ordinary activities</b> .....	<b>206.2</b>	<b>163.0</b>	<b>26.5%</b>

#### **Revenues**

The table below shows the breakdown by category of Broadband revenues for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2007, as well as the percentage change between the two years.

(in € millions)	2007	2006	% change
Broadband revenues (excluding inter-segment sales) .....	1,178.4	865.1	36.2%
• <i>ISP revenues (ADSL, Pay-as-you-go, 50-hour plan)</i> .....	1,149.9	819.0	40.4%
• <i>Hosting and advertising revenues</i> .....	19.3	14.3	35.0%
• <i>Other revenues</i> .....	9.2	31.8	(71.1%)
Inter-segment sales .....	10.6	16.5	(35.7%)
<b>Total revenues</b> .....	<b>1,189.0</b>	<b>881.6</b>	<b>34.9%</b>

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Broadband revenues for 2007 (excluding inter-segment sales) climbed €313.3 million to €1,178.4 million, up 36.2% compared with a year earlier, boosted by the development of Free's ADSL broadband offer.

#### ***ISP revenues***

	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
Total ADSL subscribers .....	1,595,000	2,278,000	2,904,000
Unbundled subscribers .....	1,120,000	1,730,000	2,366,000
Percentage of unbundled subscribers .....	70.2%	75.9%	81.5%
Share of French residential ADSL market <sup>18</sup> .....	18.0%	19.0%	19.7%

ISP revenues (Free, Free Télécom and Free Haut Débit), through both the switched telephone network and ADSL, totaled €1,149.9 million for 2007, an increase of 40.4% over 2006. The main growth factors were as follows:

- **The continuing success of the Broadband offer.** The number of ADSL subscribers rose to 2,904,000 at December 31, 2007 from 2,278,000 one year earlier. Subscriber acquisition remained strong in 2007, with Free signing up 22.3% of total new ADSL subscribers in France, representing 626,000 net adds for the year. At December 31, 2007 Free's share of the French ADSL market was over 19.7%, versus 19.0% at end-2006.
- **Free's continuing drive to increase the proportion of unbundled subscribers.** At December 31, 2007 the unbundled subscriber rate was 81.57% versus 75.9% at end-2006.
- **The growing use of optional value-added services provided through the Freebox.** In 2007, revenues generated from these services totaled €263.4 million versus €163.4 million in 2006. At December 31, 2007 optional value-added services represented approximately 22.4% of total Group revenues compared with 3.4% at December 31, 2004.

<u>(in € millions)</u>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
Revenues from optional value-added services .....	13.5	75.0	163.4	263.4
Broadband revenues .....	394.1	638.9	865.1	1,178.4
% of Broadband revenues .....	3.4%	11.7%	18.9%	22.4%

Take-up of the “Pay-as-you-go” and “50-hour plan” dial-up offers continued to decline in favor of Broadband offerings during 2007, with the related revenues representing €13 million against €23 million in 2006.

#### ***Hosting and advertising revenues***

The marketing of domain names in France, value-added hosting services and the sale of advertising space on Free's portal generated hosting and advertising revenues of almost €19.3 million in 2007, up from €14.3 million in 2006.

#### ***Inter-segment sales and other revenues***

Inter-segment sales and other revenues correspond to airtime on Free's directly-operated network billed to the Traditional Telephony segment, and to sales of WiFi cards and related items. These revenues were lower than in 2006 due to the contraction in Traditional Telephony business volumes.

#### ***Purchases used in production and external charges***

Purchases used in production and external charges rose 31.7% in 2007 to €671.5 million. Broadband gross profit (defined as revenues less purchases used in production and external charges) came to €517.5 million, representing 43.9% of revenues, excluding inter-segment sales, compared with 43.0% in 2006.

<sup>18</sup> Source : Iliad and France Télécom for 2005, 2006 and 2007.

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The slight increase in gross margin reflects the combined effect of the following factors:

- The **positive impact** of (i) the greater number of France Télécom sites connected with optical fiber, providing scope to increase the number of subscribers with access to broadband connections through the unbundling of the local loop (Option 1); and (ii) the fact that average gross profit per unbundled subscriber held firm at over €20 per month.
- The **negative financial impact** of higher external charges, attributable to optical fiber leasing costs (see paragraph 1.2.12) and increased marketing expenditure. **These factors had a positive effect from an operating perspective, however.**

Free spent 29% more on marketing in 2007 compared to 2006, intensifying its advertising presence in the first half of the year to step up the pace of subscriber acquisition in a market where competitors' churn rates are high.

#### Payroll costs

Excluding employee benefits expense, payroll costs represented 3.7% of revenues (not including inter-segment sales), down 0.3 points on 2006. During 2007 the Group increased its drive to improve its handling of technical problems experienced by subscribers, by recruiting over 700 employees at its call centers. The number of call center employees (including part-time workers) totaled 2,275 in December 2007 compared with 1,581 one year earlier.

Despite an increase of more than 1,300,000 subscribers over the past two years, average queuing time in 2007 was less than 1 minute 30 seconds for fully unbundled subscribers, and less than 2 minutes for subscribers on non-unbundled lines.

As a result of this focus on customer service, payroll costs outstripped revenues from incoming calls.

#### Additions to provisions

Additions to provisions amounted to €8.6 million in 2006, and primarily corresponded to provisions for doubtful customer accounts. As a percentage of revenues, the net cost of customer credit risks remained low, reflecting the constant collection drive carried out by the Group's debt recovery department.

#### Other income and expenses from operations, net

This item represented a net expense of €19.1 million, versus €14.7 million for 2006. The total includes royalties, bad debt write-offs (net of provision reversals), and gains and losses on asset disposals.

#### EBITDA

Broadband EBITDA surged by 40.7% in 2007, to €435 million. The EBITDA margin, excluding inter-segment sales, came to 36.9%, versus 35.7% in 2006. This performance was due to (i) the greater number of France Télécom sites connected with optical fiber, which made it possible to increase the number of subscribers with access to broadband connections through the unbundling of the local loop (Option 1); and (ii) the fact that average gross profit per user for unbundled subscribers held firm at over €20 per month.

During 2007, the number of France Télécom sites connected with optical fiber expanded from 908 to over 1,500 and the number of unbundled lines rose significantly from 1,730,000 to 2,366,000, of which approximately 72% were fully unbundled.

#### Profit from ordinary activities

Depreciation and amortization for the Broadband segment totaled €226.4 million, up 56.1% on 2006. Several factors explain this increase:

— **The sharp rise in the number of subscribers on unbundled lines.** In the space of two years, the number of Free subscribers has almost doubled, rising from 1,595,000 at December 31, 2005 to 2,904,000 at December 31, 2007.

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— **Higher access fees paid to France Télécom** as a result of (i) the increased unbundled subscriber rate (81.5% at December 31, 2007); and (ii) internal subscriber transfers, such as switching from non-unbundled to unbundled lines, from IP ADSL to IP Only, from partial unbundling to full unbundling, house moves, and portability requests.

— **The introduction of the Freebox HD at the end of April 2006.** The Freebox HD costs over twice as much as the previous version, the Freebox v4.

Profit from ordinary activities rose by €43.2 million to €206.2 million, representing 17.5% of 2007 revenues (excluding inter-segment sales) versus 18.8% in 2006. This lower margin was due to the factors described above.

#### (2) Key figures for the Traditional Telephony segment

The Traditional Telephony segment now represents only 2.8% of the Iliad Group's consolidated revenues excluding inter-segment sales, due to:

- the sale of Kertel in February 2007;
- the decrease in revenues generated by Kedra as a result of the end of indirect interconnections; and
- to a lesser extent, the lower number of Onetel subscribers.

(in € millions)	2007	2006	% change
<b>Revenues</b> .....	<b>53.0</b>	<b>111.5</b>	<b>(52.5%)</b>
Purchases used in production .....	(12.2)	(60.3)	(79.8%)
Payroll costs .....	(4.3)	(3.7)	16.2%
External charges .....	(26.8)	(27.3)	(1.8%)
Taxes other than on income .....	(0.5)	(0.6)	(16.7%)
Additions to provisions .....	(0.1)	0.5	N/A
Other income and expenses from operations, net .....	(0.5)	(0.7)	(28.6%)
<b>EBITDA</b> .....	<b>8.6</b>	<b>19.3</b>	<b>(55.4%)</b>
Employee benefits expense .....	(0.7)	(0.6)	16.7%
Depreciation and amortization .....	(0.3)	(1.2)	(75.0%)
<b>Profit from ordinary activities</b> .....	<b>7.6</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>(56.6%)</b>

The table below shows the breakdown by category of Traditional Telephony revenues for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2007, as well as the percentage change between the two years.

(in € millions)	2007	2006	% change
Traditional Telephony revenues (excluding inter-segment sales) .....	34.0	69.9	(51.4%)
• <i>Telephony services</i> .....	25.1	37.5	(33.1%)
• <i>Operator services</i> .....	4.4	25.9	(83.0%)
• <i>Other revenues</i> .....	4.5	6.5	(30.8%)
Inter-segment sales .....	19.0	41.6	(54.3%)
<b>Total revenues</b> .....	<b>53.0</b>	<b>111.5</b>	<b>(52.5%)</b>

#### 9.1.1.3 Liquidity and capital resources

(in € millions)	2007	2006
Net cash generated from operating activities .....	317.1	281.2
Net cash used in investing activities .....	(351.8)	(286.5)
Net cash (used in) generated from financing activities .....	(18.6)	232.1
Net change in cash and cash equivalents .....	(53.2)	226.9
Cash and cash equivalents at year-end .....	223.1	276.3

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Net cash generated from operating activities amounted to €317 million, 12.8% higher than in 2006. The total includes payment of the balance of 2006 income tax and 2007 income tax prepayments for some €87 million, as well as a €38.5 million unfavorable change in working capital requirement due to the non-recurring impact of faster settlement of amounts due to France Télécom.

Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets (net of disposal proceeds) came to €366.5 million in 2007, breaking down as follows:

- €280.9 million worth of development expenditure and subscriber base management costs (including Freebox modems and DSLAMs, access fees to the France Télécom service and portability service fees). This figure was higher than in 2006, reflecting both the greater cost of the Freebox HD launched in April 2006 and a record number of new subscribers signed up in first-half 2007. The total also includes €87.1 million in access fees paid to France Télécom, of which a portion is attributable to new subscribers and the rest to the above-described internal subscriber transfers.
- €52.4 million in network expenditure (including IRU contracts, France Télécom co-location rooms, civil engineering work and transmission equipment).
- €33.3 million in FTTH optical fiber network expenditure. The majority of premises used to house optical nodes (ONs) have been acquired under finance leases with Genefim, a subsidiary of Société Générale, and some network equipment has been acquired under leases with Cisco Capital (see section 1.2.5). These leases are not reflected in the above-described €33.3 million expenditure.

#### 9.1.1.4 *Ownership structure at December 31, 2007*

At December 31, 2007, Iliad's share capital was composed of 54,151,550 ordinary shares, breaking down as follows:

- Executive Management: 39,116,276 shares, representing 72.2% of the share capital
- Public: 15,035,274 shares, representing 27.8% of the share capital

At December 31, 2007 there were five Iliad stock option plans in place. The plans' main characteristics are as follows:

	Grant date	Exercise price	Exercise date	Number of shares to be issued on exercise of options
Options .....	January 20, 2004	€16.30	January 20, 2008	409,434
Options .....	December 20, 2005	€48.44	December 20, 2009	219,601
Options .....	December 20, 2005	€48.44	December 20, 2010	219,602
Options .....	June 14, 2007	€74.62	June 13, 2012	162,455
Options .....	August 30, 2007	€68.17	August 30, 2012	703,960
			Total	1,715,052

#### 9.1.1.5 *Group indebtedness*

As far as Iliad is aware, the Group is not subject to any liquidity risk as a result of acceleration clauses contained in the loans entered into by Group companies or as a result of non-compliance with financial covenants (ratios, targets, etc.).

At December 31, 2007 the Group had a confirmed syndicated credit line of a maximum of €220 million, none of which had been drawn down. This facility is available until June 2011.

At December 31, 2007 the obligations under the finance leases set up with Genefim to acquire ONs totaled €12.6 million and obligations under the FTTH equipment lease contracts signed with Cisco Capital represented over €7.1 million.

**9.1.2 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**9.1.2.1 The Group's main objectives for 2008**

- 3.25 million Broadband subscribers by December 31, 2008 and 4 million subscribers in 2010.
- An unbundled subscriber rate of 84% by end-2008.
- Over €20 average gross margin per unbundled subscriber per month.
- Free Cash Flows, not including FTTH, well in excess of €100 million,
- As regards the roll-out of the Group's FTTH program, the Group's goal is to cover horizontally 70% of Paris by mid-2009.

**9.1.2.2 Subsequent events**

No significant events have occurred between the balance sheet date and the date of authorization of the consolidated financial statements.

**9.1.2.3 Glossary**

In light of the discrepancies between operators' definitions concerning ADSL, Iliad wishes to reiterate the definitions it has been using since the inception of its services.

Total ADSL subscribers at the end of a period consists of the total number of customers identified by their individual "phone lines" who have signed up for Free's ADSL service, excluding customers recorded as having requested the termination of their subscription.

Net adds consists of the difference between Total ADSL subscribers at the end of two different periods.

Unbundled subscribers are ADSL subscribers who have signed up for Free's ADSL service on a Central Office unbundled by Free.

Broadband ARPU (Average Revenue per User) represents revenues from the flat-rate package and value-added services (excluding one-time revenues, e.g. migration from one offer to another or subscription start-up or termination fees), divided by the total number of ADSL subscribers invoiced for the period.

FTTH (Fiber-to-the-home): data delivery technology that directly connects subscribers' homes to an optical node.

## **10. CAPITAL RESOURCES**

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As far as Iliad is aware, the Group is not subject to any liquidity risk as a result of prepayment clauses in loan agreements entered into by Group companies or as a result of the breach of any financial covenants (ratios, targets, etc.).

At December 31, 2007, the Group had access to a confirmed syndicated credit line representing a maximum amount of €220 million, available until June 2011. No drawdowns had been made under this facility at December 31, 2007.

At December 31, 2007, the Group had €12.6 million in obligations under real estate finance leases entered into with Genefim to acquire optical nodes (ONs). At the same date, the Group's obligations under FTTH equipment leasing contracts entered into with Cisco Capital represented over €7.1 million.

For more information on the Company's cash flows and capital resources see Section 4.3.3. of this registration document, as well as the notes to the 2007 consolidated financial statements.

## 11. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, PATENTS AND LICENSES

### 11.1 RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

#### 11.1.1 RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Iliad S.A. does not incur research and development costs, unlike Free, Freebox and Citéfibre whose research and development costs include costs for creating new products and tailoring existing products for the Internet, research and development or creation for new applications, as well as costs for developing marketing strategies for new products.

The Group's research and development policy was initially structured around two main objectives: offering differentiated services to subscribers using dedicated equipment and reducing costs relating to the construction and operation of its network.

It was with these two objectives in mind that Freebox S.A.S. developed the Freebox modems and the Freebox DSLAMs installed by Free. The Group intends to continue to develop in-house the architecture of the equipment used both in the operation of its network and in the provision of services to its customers, as well as the software applications based on open source software such as Linux used by all Group companies.

The team responsible for the Group's research and development is based at Freebox S.A.S. and is composed of 17 employees.

In 2007, the Group devoted €1.6 million to research work versus €1.4 million in 2006 and €1.3 million in 2005, mainly relating to broadband operations.

The aim of the Group's research and development policy is to develop network architectures and software solutions that are tailored to specific offerings and needs, and to ensure that the corresponding equipment can be easily assembled by third party manufacturers under optimal financial terms. The R&D team is continuing to work on other technologies still in the experimental stage, while maintaining a technology watch on areas such as the use of WiFi networks and the development of fiber-to-the-home technology.

#### 11.2 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

##### 11.2.1 Patents

To date the Group has not filed any patents.

##### 11.2.2 Trademarks

See Section 4.4.3.

## **12. TREND INFORMATION**

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No significant trends have impacted the Group's operations since January 1, 2008 and until the date this registration document was filed.

## **13. PROFIT FORECASTS OR ESTIMATES**

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The Company has issued the following operational objectives for 2008:

- 3.25 million at December 31, 2008 and 4 million in 2010,
- An unbundled subscriber rate of 84% by end-2008,
- Over €20 average gross margin per unbundled subscriber per month,
- Free Cash Flows, not including FTTH, well in excess of €100 million,
- As regards the roll-out of the Group's FTTH program, the Group's goal is to cover horizontally 70% of Paris by mid-2009.

## 14. ADMINISTRATIVE, MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISORY BODIES AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT

### 14.1 MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE, MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISORY BODIES

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### 14.1 MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE, MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISORY BODIES

#### 14.1.1 *Composition of the Board of Directors*

The members of the Company's Board of Directors are as follows:

Name	Position	Appointed	Term expires
Cyril Poidatz	Chairman	12/12/2003	At the Annual Shareholders' Meeting to be held to approve the 2008 financial statements.
Maxime Lombardini	Director/ Chief Executive Officer	29/05/2007	At the Annual Shareholders' Meeting to be held to approve the 2012 financial statements.
Michaël Boukobza <sup>19</sup>	Director/ Chief Executive Officer	12/12/2003	At the Annual Shareholders' Meeting to be held to approve the 2008 financial statements.
Xavier Niel	Director/ Chief Executive Officer	12/12/2003	At the Annual Shareholders' Meeting to be held to approve the 2008 financial statements.
Olivier Rosenfeld <sup>20</sup>	Director/ Senior Vice-President	12/12/2003	At the Annual Shareholders' Meeting to be held to approve the 2008 financial statements.
Antoine Levavasseur	Director/ Senior Vice-President	27/05/2005	At the Annual Shareholders' Meeting to be held to approve the 2010 financial statements.
Alain Weill	Director	12/12/2003	At the Annual Shareholders' Meeting to be held to approve the 2008 financial statements.
Dominique Roux <sup>21</sup>	Director	08/02/2006	At the Annual Shareholders' Meeting to be held to approve the 2008 financial statements.
Jean-Louis Missika	Director	28/06/2004	At the Annual Shareholders' Meeting to be held to approve the 2009 financial statements.
Antoinette Willard	Director	06/02/2007	At the Annual Shareholders' Meeting to be held to approve the 2008 financial statements.
Pierre Pringuet <sup>22</sup>	Director	25/07/07	At the Annual Shareholders' Meeting to be held to approve the 2008 financial statements.

No family relationship exists among the members of the Board of Directors.

<sup>19</sup> Michaël Boukobza stepped down from his positions as Director and Chief Executive Officer on June 14, 2007, on which date Maxime Lombardini was appointed Chief Executive Officer.

<sup>20</sup> Olivier Rosenfeld has informed the Board of Directors that he intends to step down from his position as Senior Vice-President on January 3, 2008.

<sup>21</sup> Dominique Roux stepped down from his position as Director on April 15, 2007.

<sup>22</sup> The Board of Directors appointed Pierre Pringuet on July 25, 2007. His appointment is subject to ratification at the Shareholders' Meeting to be held on May 29, 2008.

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Based on the Board of Director's internal rules, at its March 10, 2008 meeting, the Board of Directors noted that for the year ended December 31, 2007, the Board included three independent directors: Alain Weill, Antoinette Willard and Pierre Pringuet as Dominique Roux stepped down on April 15, 2007.

At the date this registration document was filed, the Board's independent directors were Alain Weill, Antoinette Willard and Pierre Pringuet.

The following table provides information on other administrative, management or supervisory positions held by members of the Board in French companies outside the Group during the past five years.

<b>Director</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Company</b>
Cyril Poidatz	–	–
Maxime Lombardini	–	–
Michaël Boukobza	–	–
Xavier Niel	Director	ATEME
Olivier Rosenfeld	Manager	Levary LLP
Antoine Levavasseur	–	–
Alain Weill	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer	NextRadio TV
	Chairman	BFM TV
	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer	RMC
	Chairman	RMC Régie
	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer	Business FM
	Permanent representative of the Monaco Radio Monte Carlo S.A. on the Board of Directors	Médiamétrie S.A.
	Chairman	News Participations
	Chairman	WMC
	Manager	Internext
	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer	Tests Group
	Chairman	Tests Holding Group
	Chairman	Séliser
	Manager	GT Labs
	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer	Cadre On Line
Dominique Roux	Director	Fintel Millemercis.com RFO (State representative)
Jean-Louis Missika	Chairman Member of the Supervisory Board Member of the Board of Directors Member of the Board of Directors	Jean-Louis Missika S.A.S. Modelabs Nakama S.A. Technologues Culturels S.A.S.
Antoinette Willard	Director	IXIS Convergence
	Director	IXIS Monde Obligations
Pierre Pringuet	Director	Pernod Ricard

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### **14.1 MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE, MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISORY BODIES**

For the purposes of their directorships, directors are domiciled at the Company's head office.

To the best of the Company's knowledge, in the past five years, none of its directors have been:

- convicted of fraud, charged with any other offence or had any official public disciplinary action taken against them by statutory or regulatory authorities;
- involved in a bankruptcy, receivership or liquidation as a corporate officer or director;
- disqualified by a court from acting as a member of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies of an issuer or from acting in the management or conduct of the affairs of any issuer.

The biographies of the members of the Company's Board of Directors are provided below:

**Cyril Poidatz.** Before joining the Group, Cyril Poidatz worked for ten years at Cap Gemini. For several years he served as Finance Director for Cap Gemini Italia, heading the restructuring of Cap Gemini's Italian divisions. Cyril Poidatz began his career as an auditor with Coopers & Lybrand. He joined the Group in 1998.

**Maxime Lombardini.** Maxime Lombardini was born in 1965. He is a graduate of Sciences Po Paris and holds a degree in business and tax law (Paris II – Assas). He held successive positions as General Secretary of TPS, Development Director of TF1 and Managing Director of TF1 Production. Between 1996 and 1999, he was General Secretary of TPS (a subsidiary of TF1 and M6), where he participated in the launch of the satellite package. He then held the position of Development Director of TF1, where he reviewed and implemented the group's growth strategy. In 2003, he was appointed Chief Executive Officer of TF1 Production, a subsidiary of the TF1 Group, a post he occupied until 2007. He held directorships in TF1 Expansion (shareholder), Syalis (shareholder), TCM (management of audiovisual rights), TPS (satellite programs) and the Group's various production subsidiaries.

**Michaël Boukobza.** Michaël Boukobza holds a Master's degree in Management (Paris IX Dauphine) and graduated from the École Supérieure de Commerce in Paris. He began his career in the mergers & acquisitions departments of Rothschild in Paris and Morgan Stanley in London. He went on to work with i-Bazar in fundraising and mergers & acquisitions. Michaël Boukobza joined the Group in January 2000.

**Xavier Niel.** Xavier Niel is the Group's founder and majority shareholder. He has been active in the data communications, Internet and telecommunications industry since the late 1980s. In 1993, prior to devoting himself full-time to the Group's development, he founded France's first ISP, Worldnet, which was sold to Kaptech (LDCCom Group) in December 2000. Xavier Niel is the architect behind the Group's major strategic developments, from the launch of the ANNU service to its Internet access offer (based on the business model of France Telecom's repayment scheme) to the launch of the Freebox project.

**Olivier Rosenfeld.** A graduate of the École de Commerce Solvay, Olivier Rosenfeld began his career with Merrill Lynch's investment banking division, where he worked on privatization projects before joining the Goldman Sachs team handling primary issues in New York and Hong Kong. Olivier Rosenfeld joined the Group in January 2001.

**Alain Weill.** Alain Weill holds a degree in economics and is a graduate of the Institut Supérieur des Affaires. Between 1985 and 1989 he was Network Director for NRJ S.A., then Chief Executive Officer of Quarare (Sodexho Group). In 1990, he joined the management team of Compagnie Luxembourgeoise de Télédiffusion (CLT), then became Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the network, a subsidiary of CLT and the Spanish group SER. In 1992, he was appointed to the senior management team of the NRJ Group, followed by NRJ Régies in 1995, where he has served as Deputy Chairman of the Management Board since 1997. He has served as Chairman of Next Radio S.A. since November 8, 2000, and is Chairman of RMC, BFM and BFM TV.

**Jean-Louis Missika.** Jean-Louis Missika holds a doctoral degree (*Doctorat d'État*) in Management (Paris IX Dauphine) and degrees from the Institut d'Études Politiques in Paris and the Institut d'Études Supérieures de Sciences Économiques (Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne) and a degree in philosophy (Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne). He began his career as adviser to the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Antenne 2, the French public broadcaster, from 1979 to 1984. He is currently Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Jean-Louis Missika SAS, a consulting firm specializing in media strategies, new media and communications strategies.

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**Dominique Roux.** Dominique Roux is a professor at Paris Dauphine University, in charge of the doctorate program and the department of telecommunications economics. He is also a member of the Scientific Research Council at the French National Center of Cinematography, administrator of the Marseille school of journalism, member of the Scientific Council of the economic observatory at the Paris Chamber of Commerce, and member of the Circle of economists. He was a member of the governing body of the French Telecommunications Regulatory Authority from January 6, 1997 to January 3, 2005. He also serves as a State representative on RFO's Board of Directors.

**Antoinette Willard.** Antoinette Willard holds a degree from *Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris*, an advanced postgraduate degree in management from the University of Paris-Dauphine and a language degree from *Ecole Nationale des Langues Orientales Vivantes*. She began her career at Crédit Lyonnais as an economist and subsequently a market strategist, before focusing on asset management. In 1994 she was appointed Head of Fixed Income at Banque de Gestion Privée and then went on to become CEO of Transoptions Gestion, the bank's subsidiary in charge of managing derivatives. In 1998 she joined CDC IXIS Asset Management as Head of Fixed Income and Alternative and Structured Products. She subsequently joined the bank's parent company, IXIS, where she held the post of senior advisory banker in charge of French and European Financial Institutions between 2002 and 2005.

**Pierre Pringuet.** Pierre Pringuet was born in 1950. He began his career in the French public sector at the French Ministry of Industry in 1975. Between 1981 and 1983, he worked at the Ministry of Planning and Development as a technical advisor to Michel Rocard's cabinet before joining the Agriculture Ministry in 1983 where he held the position of Agriculture and Food Industries Director until 1987. He then joined the Pernod Ricard Group, where he successively held the positions of Development Director, Managing Director of la Société pour l'Exportation des Grandes Marques (SEGM) and from 1997, Chairman and CEO of Pernod Ricard Europe. He has served as Chief Executive Officer of Pernod Ricard since 2000 and was appointed Director of the Pernod Ricard Board on May 17, 2004. He graduated from Ecole Polytechnique and Ecole des Mines.

#### 14.1.2 Composition of the senior management team

Name	Position	Appointed	Term expires
Maxime Lombardini	Chief Executive Officer	14/06/2007	At the Annual Shareholders' Meeting to be held to approve the 2012 financial statements.
Michaël Boukobza <sup>23</sup>	Chief Executive Officer	01/07/2004	At the Annual Shareholders' Meeting to be held to approve the 2008 financial statements.
Xavier Niel	Senior Vice-President	01/07/2004	At the Annual Shareholders' Meeting to be held to approve the 2008 financial statements.
Olivier Rosenfeld <sup>24</sup>	Senior Vice-President	12/12/2003	At the Annual Shareholders' Meeting to be held to approve the 2008 financial statements.
Rani Assaf	Senior Vice-President	12/12/2003	At the Annual Shareholders' Meeting to be held to approve the 2008 financial statements.
Franck Brunel	Senior Vice-President	12/12/2003	At the Annual Shareholders' Meeting to be held to approve the 2008 financial statements.
Antoine Levavasseur	Senior Vice-President	12/12/2003	At the Annual Shareholders' Meeting to be held to approve the 2008 financial statements.

<sup>23</sup> Michaël Boukobza stepped down from his positions as Director and Chief Executive Officer on June 14, 2007, on which date Maxime Lombardini was appointed Chief Executive Officer.

<sup>24</sup> Olivier Rosenfeld has informed the Board of Directors that he intends to step down from his position as Senior Vice-President on January 3, 2008

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### 14.1 MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE, MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISORY BODIES

The biographies of the members of the Company's senior management team are provided below.

**Michaël Boukobza and Maxime Lombardini.** See Section 14.1.1 above.

**Xavier Niel.** See Section 14.1.1 above.

**Olivier Rosenfeld.** See Section 14.1.1 above.

**Rani Assaf.** Rani Assaf is in charge of the Group's IP and telecom network and the roll-out of its DSL contract. Since 1999, he has been involved in implementing the Group's IP network infrastructure as well as its interconnection with the incumbent operator on a Cisco SS7 platform. He is also one of the founders of the Freebox project. Rani Assaf joined the Group in 1999.

**Franck Brunel.** Franck Brunel is in charge of the Group's regulatory affairs and is responsible for relations with the telecommunications authorities. Since 1999, he has been involved in preparing the Group's applications for the L.33-1 and L.34-1 licenses and has participated in all the multilateral and bilateral relations between the ARCEP (formerly ART), the incumbent operator and Iliad. Franck Brunel holds a doctoral degree (*Docteur ès Sciences*). He joined the Group in 1999.

**Antoine Levavasseur.** Antoine Levavasseur holds an engineering degree from the French engineering school EFREI. He joined Iliad in 1999 as manager of Free's system platform and servers. Since 1999, he has been involved in developing the subscriber management information system and operating and developing the e-mail platforms, web servers and applications used by subscribers.

### 14.2 ADMINISTRATIVE, MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISORY BODIES AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

At the date this registration document was filed, there were no potential conflicts of interest between any duties to the Company owed by the persons referred to in Section 14.1 above and their private interests and/or other duties. Likewise, none of the persons referred to in said Section have agreed to any restrictions on the disposal within a certain period of time of their holdings in the Company's capital.

### 14.3 DIRECTORS' AND SENIOR MANAGERS' INTERESTS IN THE COMPANY AND THE GROUP

At March 31, 2008, Iliad's directors and senior managers held the following interests in the Company:

Shareholder	Shares	Percentage of share capital	Percentage of voting rights
Xavier Niel .....	35,683,077	65.70%	62.66%
Antoine Levavasseur .....	902,590	1.66%	3.13%
Rani Assaf .....	952,590	1.75 %	3.30%
Cyril Poidatz .....	650,000	1.20%	2.25%
Olivier Rosenfeld .....	331,748	0.61%	0.67%
Maxime Lombardini .....	100	0.00%	0.00%
Franck Brunel .....	373,269	0.69%	1.29%
Alain Weill .....	24,500	0.05%	0.04%
Jean-Louis Missika .....	250	0.00%	0.00%
Antoinette Willard <sup>25</sup> .....	0	0.00%	0.00%
Pierre Pringuet .....	287	0.00%	0.00%
<b>Total .....</b>	<b><u>38,918,311</u></b>	<b><u>71.66%</u></b>	<b><u>73.34%</u></b>

<sup>25</sup> 100 Shares held under a securities lending agreement

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In addition, certain of Iliad's directors and senior managers hold interests in the Company's subsidiaries, as follows:

- **Freebox:** Xavier Niel, Cyril Poidatz, and Antoine Levavasseur each hold one share in Freebox, and Rani Assaf holds 410 shares, representing total interests of approximately 1.5 % of the company's capital and voting rights.
- **One.Tel:** Cyril Poidatz holds one share in One.Tel, which does not represent a significant holding in the company.
- **Centrapel:** Xavier Niel and Cyril Poidatz each hold one share in Centrapel, representing an aggregate of approximately 0.01% of the company's capital and voting rights.
- **Assunet:** Xavier Niel holds one share in Assunet, representing an aggregate of approximately 0.02% of the company's capital and voting rights.

## 15. COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS

### 15.1 TOTAL AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION PAID AND BENEFITS IN KIND GRANTED TO DIRECTORS AND SENIOR MANAGERS

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#### 15.1.1 Directors' fees

At the Annual Shareholders' Meeting of May 29, 2007, the amount of directors' fees was set at € 60,000, to be allocated between the Company's independent directors for the year ended December 31, 2007. At its July 25, 2007 meeting, the Board of Directors decided to allocate these fees among the Board's individual independent directors, as set out in Section 15.1.3 below.

#### 15.1.2 Compensation paid and benefits in kind granted to senior managers during fiscal 2007

Position	Compensation received (in €)				
	Fixed portion	Variable portion	Benefits in kind	Directors' fees	Total
Cyril Poidatz .....	Chairman of the Board of Directors	131,850	N/A	N/A	131,850
Michaël Boukobza .....	Director/Chief Executive Officer	57,035	N/A	N/A	57,035
Maxime Lombardini .....	Director/Chief Executive Officer	220,500	N/A	N/A	220,500
Olivier Rosenfeld .....	Director/Senior Vice-President	156,276	N/A	N/A	156,276
Xavier Niel .....	Director/Senior Vice-President	173,040	N/A	105,629	173,040
Rani Assaf .....	Senior Vice-President	115,860	N/A	N/A	115,860
Franck Brunel .....	Senior Vice-President	117,030	N/A	N/A	117,030
Antoine Levavasseur .....	Senior Vice-President	124,020	N/A	N/A	124,020
Alain Weill .....	Director	N/A	N/A	N/A	20,000
Antoinette Willard .....	Director	N/A	N/A	N/A	20,000
Jean-Louis Missika .....	Director	110,000 <sup>26</sup>	N/A	N/A	110,000
Pierre Pringuet .....	Director	N/A	N/A	N/A	20,000

There is no specific pension scheme in place for the Company's senior managers.

There is no severance payment plan in force for the Group's senior managers holding corporate officers' positions.

#### 15.1.3 Change in total compensation paid to members of the senior management team in the past three fiscal years

Position	Total compensation (in €)			
	2005	2006	2007	
Cyril Poidatz .....	Chairman of the Board of Directors	118,980	125,070	131,850
Maxime Lombardini .....	Director/Chief Executive Officer	N/A	N/A	220,500
Michaël Boukobza .....	Director/Chief Executive Officer	80,640	94,980	57,035
Olivier Rosenfeld .....	Director/Senior Vice-President	127,740	132,240	156,276
Xavier Niel .....	Director/Senior Vice-President	171,744	173,150	173,040
Rani Assaf .....	Senior Vice-President	90,300	102,810	115,860
Franck Brunel .....	Senior Vice-President	76,260	96,630	117,030
Antoine Levavasseur .....	Senior Vice-President	90,060	107,400	124,020
Alain Weill .....	Director	15,000 <sup>26</sup>	15,000 <sup>26</sup>	20,000 <sup>26</sup>
Jean-Louis Missika .....	Director	15,000 <sup>26</sup>	15,000 <sup>26</sup>	110,000 <sup>27</sup>
Dominique Roux .....	Director	N/A	15,000 <sup>26</sup>	N/A
Antoinette Willard .....	Director	N/A	N/A	20,000 <sup>26</sup>
Pierre Pringuet .....	Director	N/A	N/A	20,000 <sup>26</sup>

<sup>26</sup> Corresponding to directors' fees.

<sup>27</sup> Fees paid to Jean-Louis Missika SAS

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### 15.2 STOCK OPTIONS GRANTED TO OR EXERCISED BY CORPORATE OFFICERS IN 2007

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The members of the Board of Directors and the Company's Senior Vice-Presidents have been granted stock options as follows:

	Number of options	Exercise date
Maxime Lombardini .....	162,455	June 13, 2012
<i>Director/Chief Executive Officer</i>		
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>162,455</b>	

Pursuant to Article L. 225-185 (4) of the French Commercial Code, the beneficiary is required to retain 200 registered shares issued in connection with the options exercised until he ceases to hold the position of Chief Executive Officer of the Company.

#### 15.3 AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO BY THE COMPANY OR MEMBERS OF THE GROUP WITH THE COMPANY'S SENIOR MANAGERS OR PRINCIPAL SHAREHOLDERS

**Consulting agreement with Jean Louis Missika SAS** (authorized prior to its signature at the December 11, 2006 meeting of the Board of Directors, which remained in effect during the year ended December 31, 2007).

**Agreement for Rani Assaf to sell his shares in Freebox to Iliad SA** (authorized prior to its signature at the June 14, 2007 meeting of the Board of Directors).

**Consulting agreement with Levary LLP** represented by Olivier Rosenfeld (authorized prior to its signature at the February 4, 2008 meeting of the Board of Directors).

**Current account agreement between Xavier Niel and Iliad SA** (authorized prior to its signature at the February 9, 2005 meeting of the Board of Directors).

#### 15.4 LOANS AND GUARANTEES GRANTED TO SENIOR MANAGERS

To date, no loans or guarantees have been granted or issued to any of the members of the Company's administrative or management bodies.

## **16. FUNCTIONING OF THE COMPANY'S ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGEMENT BODIES**

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###### ***16.1.1 Organization of the Board of Directors***

###### ***16.1.1.1 Composition of the Board – Election of directors (Articles 13 to 15 of the bylaws)***

Subject to the exceptions provided by law, the Board of Directors is composed of a minimum of three and a maximum of eighteen members elected by the shareholders.

Each director must own at least 100 shares in the Company. If a director does not own the required number of shares on the date of his appointment, or if his shareholding decreases below that threshold during his term, he will be deemed to have resigned if the situation is not remedied within three months.

If a position on the Board becomes vacant due to the death or resignation of one or more directors, between two Shareholders' Meetings, the Board may replace those directors whose positions were vacated during their term of office.

However, if the number of directors in office falls below the legal minimum threshold, the Board of Directors or, if necessary, the Statutory Auditors, must immediately call a Shareholders' Meeting to elect the required number of directors.

Interim appointments by the Board of Directors are subject to ratification by shareholders at the following Shareholders' Meeting.

If the interim appointments are not ratified, the decisions and actions taken by or with the support of the interim directors nonetheless remain valid.

A director elected to replace another director may remain in office only for the remainder of his predecessor's term.

###### ***16.1.1.2 Directors' terms of office (Article 16 of the bylaws)***

Directors are elected for a six-year period.

A director's duties cease at the end of the Annual Shareholders' Meeting called to approve the financial statements for the previous year and held during the year in which the director's term of office expires.

Outgoing directors may be re-elected without restriction.

###### ***16.1.1.3 Organization, meetings and decisions of the Board of Directors (Article 17 of the bylaws)***

###### ***Chairman***

The Board of Directors elects a Chairman from among its members who are not corporate members, and determines the Chairman's compensation.

The Chairman is appointed for a term not to exceed his term of office as director, and may be re-elected. The Board of Directors may remove the Chairman from office at any time.

In the event of temporary absence or death of the Chairman, the Board of Directors may delegate the Chairman's functions to another director. Should the Chairman be temporarily absent, the delegation is granted for a limited period and is renewable. In the event of the Chairman's death, the delegation remains in effect until a new Chairman is elected.

The Chairman represents the Board of Directors. He organizes and oversees its work, reports to the Shareholders' Meeting and executes its decisions. He ensures that the Company's management bodies operate effectively and that the directors are able to perform their duties.

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#### ***Board meetings***

The Board of Directors meets as often as is required in the Company's interests, on notice from the Chairman. If the Board has not met for over two months, directors representing at least one-third of the Board's members may call a meeting, specifying the agenda.

If the Company is managed by a Chief Executive Officer, the latter may also request that the Chairman convene a Board meeting to consider a specific agenda.

Requests made pursuant to the preceding two paragraphs are binding on the Chairman.

Notice of meeting may be given by any written means, including by letter, fax, telex or electronic transmission. The meeting must be called at least two days prior to it being held, except in an emergency, in which case it must be called no later than the day preceding the meeting, by any means. In all circumstances, a meeting may be called verbally without notice if all the Board members so agree.

An attendance register of Board meetings is kept and signed by the directors who attended the meeting concerned.

#### ***Quorum and majority***

The Board cannot validly deliberate unless at least one-half of its members are present. Decisions are taken by a majority vote of the directors present or represented. In the event of a split decision, the Chairman has the casting vote.

Under the conditions set down by law, directors who attend a meeting via videoconference or any other means of telecommunications technology are deemed present for the purpose of calculating the quorum and voting majority.

#### ***Representation***

Any director may authorize another director, by any written means, to represent him at a Board meeting. No director may have more than one proxy for a given meeting.

These provisions apply both to individuals and permanent representatives of corporate directors.

#### ***Duty of confidentiality***

Directors and any person invited to attend Board meetings are required to treat as strictly confidential all matters identified as such by the Chairman of the Board.

#### ***Minutes of meetings***

Issues discussed during Board meetings are recorded in minutes, which are numbered and signed. They are kept in a special register at the Company's head office, in accordance with the applicable regulations.

The minutes contain the names of directors present, excused and absent. They reflect the presence or absence of persons invited to attend the meeting pursuant to legal requirements, and the presence of any other person attending all or part of the meeting. The minutes bear the signature of the Chairman of the meeting and at least one director. If the Chairman is unable to attend, the minutes are signed by at least two directors.

Copies or excerpts of the minutes are certified in accordance with the applicable regulations.

#### ***16.1.1.4 Powers of the Board of Directors (Article 18 of the bylaws)***

The Board of Directors is responsible for defining and implementing the Company's strategies.

Except for the powers directly vested in shareholders and within the scope of the corporate purpose, the Board is responsible for dealing with all matters related to the efficient management of the Company and for making all related decisions.

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Actions by the Board commit the Company towards third parties, even when they fall outside the scope of the corporate purpose, unless it can prove that the third party knew that the action exceeded this scope, or could not have failed to know this under the circumstances. Publication of the bylaws does not, in itself, constitute such proof.

The Board of Directors performs all controls and procedures that it deems appropriate.

Directors must receive the information necessary to discharge their duties and may obtain any documents they consider useful from the Company's senior management team.

The Board of Directors may grant to its Chairman (with or without the possibility of sub-delegation) or to any representative of its choice – either a shareholder or not – all delegations of powers, subject to the limitations set down by law.

#### ***16.1.2 Senior Management (Article 19 of the bylaws)***

##### ***16.1.2.1 Organization***

French law provides that the Company's Management may be placed under the responsibility of either the Chairman of the Board of Directors or another individual appointed by the Board who holds the title of Chief Executive Officer.

The Board of Directors decides which mode of management structure to adopt for the Company.

The Board's decision concerning the choice of management structure is made by an absolute majority vote of the directors present or represented.

The option chosen by the Board of Directors must remain in effect for at least one year.

##### ***16.1.2.2 Chief Executive Officer***

###### ***Appointment – Removal from office***

When the Board of Directors opts to separate the duties of Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, it appoints the Chief Executive Officer and determines his term of office, compensation and any limitations of powers.

The Chief Executive Officer may be removed from office at any time by the Board of Directors. If the Chief Executive Officer is not the Chairman of the Board, he may be entitled to damages if it is determined that he was removed from office without cause.

The Chief Executive Officer is subject to the provisions of Article L. 225-94-1 of the French Commercial Code concerning concurrent appointments as Chief Executive Officer, member of the Management Board, sole Chief Executive Officer, director, or member of the Supervisory Board of *sociétés anonymes* (joint-stock corporations) domiciled in France.

If the Chairman of the Board of Directors is also responsible for managing the Company, he is subject to those provisions concerning the Chief Executive Officer.

###### ***Powers***

The Chief Executive Officer has the broadest powers to act on behalf of the Company in all circumstances within the scope of the corporate purpose, and except for those matters which by law may only be dealt with in Shareholders' Meetings or by the Board of Directors.

The Chief Executive Officer represents the Company vis-à-vis third parties. The Company is bound by the actions of the Chief Executive Officer, even when they fall outside the scope of the corporate purpose, unless it can be proven that the third party knew that the action exceeded this scope or could not have failed to know this under the circumstances. Publication of the bylaws does not, in itself, constitute such proof.

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#### **16.1.2.3 Senior Vice-Presidents**

On the recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer, the Board of Directors may appoint one or more individuals holding the title of Senior Vice-President to assist the Chief Executive Officer.

The maximum number of Senior Vice-Presidents is five.

The Board of Directors, with the Chief Executive Officer's consent, determines the scope and duration of authority granted to Senior Vice-Presidents.

Senior Vice-Presidents have the same powers as the Chief Executive Officer vis-à-vis third parties.

The Board of Directors determines the compensation allocated to Senior Vice-Presidents.

Senior Vice-Presidents may be removed from office by the Board of Directors at any time on the recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer.

In the event of the Chief Executive Officer's absence or departure, the Senior Vice-Presidents retain their positions and powers until a new Chief Executive Officer is appointed, unless otherwise decided by the Board of Directors.

#### **16.1.3 Meetings of the Board of Directors**

The Company's Board of Directors met 10 times in 2007, compared with 13 times in 2006, and 11 times in 2005. The average attendance rate at these meetings was approximately 93%.

## **16.2 SERVICE CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO BETWEEN THE COMPANY AND MEMBERS OF THE COMPANY'S ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGEMENT BODIES**

A consulting agreement has been signed between the Company and Jean Louis Missika SAS, represented by Jean-Louis Missika in his capacity as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of this company and a director of Iliad. The agreement was authorized prior to its signature (see Section 15.3) and took effect on January 8, 2007. In addition, a consulting agreement approved by the Board of Directors on February 4, 2008 has been signed with Levary, represented by Olivier Rosenfeld in the capacity of manager and director of Iliad.

## **16.3 INTERNAL RULES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND DIRECTORS' CODE OF CONDUCT**

The operations of the Company's Board of Directors are governed by a set of internal rules endorsed at the Board meeting of December 12, 2003 and amended at the Board meetings of March 9, 2005 and October 25, 2006.

The Board of Directors' internal rules include, *inter alia*, an appendix containing a code of conduct which sets out the duties and obligations of directors.

#### **16.3.1 Members of the Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors must be composed of directors selected for their expertise and experience in the Company's areas of business, as well as for their integrity. It may include independent directors as defined below.

#### **16.3.2 Independent directors**

The Board of Directors is required to verify that candidates for the office of director fulfill the independence criteria set forth in its internal rules. It reports the conclusions of its review to the shareholders at the Shareholders' Meeting called to elect the directors concerned or ratify appointments made by the Board of Directors.

Every year, the Board of Directors must review the independence of each director in compliance with the related criteria for independent directors and report its findings in its annual report.

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In order to be considered independent, a director:

- cannot be an employee of the Company, hold a management position within the Company, or be an employee or director of the parent company or of one of its consolidated subsidiaries, either currently or during the previous five years;
- cannot be a corporate officer (within the meaning of COB recommendation 2002-01) of a company in which the Company holds, either directly or indirectly, a directorship, or in which a directorship is held by an employee of the Company designated as such or by a current or former (going back five years) corporate officer of the Company;
- cannot be a customer, supplier, investment banker or a commercial banker which is material for the Company or the Group or for which the Company or the Group represents a material proportion of the entity's activity;
- cannot have close families ties to a corporate officer;
- cannot have been an auditor of the Company during the past five years;
- cannot have been a director of the Company for more than twelve years;
- cannot represent a significant shareholder of the Company, taking into account that:
  - (i) a shareholder who owns over 10% of the Company's capital or voting rights is considered significant; and
  - (ii) below this threshold, the Board of Directors systematically reviews whether the director is independent, taking into account the composition of the Company's share capital and any potential conflicts of interest.

Based on these criteria, at its March 10, 2008 meeting, the Board of Directors noted that for the year ended December 31, 2007 the Board included three independent directors: Alain Weill, Antoinette Willard and Pierre Pringuet.

At the date this registration document was filed, the Board's independent directors were Alain Weill, Antoinette Willard and Pierre Pringuet.

#### ***16.3.3 Meetings of the Board of Directors***

The Board of Directors met on 10 occasions in 2007 upon request by the Chairman or another duly authorized person. If the Board has not met for over two months, a group of directors representing at least one-third of the Board members may call a meeting with a specific agenda.

The Chief Executive Officer may also request that the Chairman convene a Board meeting to consider a specific agenda.

The Board of Directors' internal rules stipulate the applicable procedures for attending Board meetings by videoconference.

#### ***16.3.4 Evaluation of the Board of Directors***

The Company has not instituted formal measures to evaluate the Board of Directors' performance. However, with a view to applying best corporate governance practices, the Board of Directors intends to regularly include discussion of its operations in its agenda.

#### ***16.3.5 Committees of the Board of Directors***

The Board of Directors may be assisted by specialist committees in performing its duties.

Subject to the membership rules described below, the Board of Directors is authorized to set up an Audit Committee and a Compensation Committee.

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The Audit Committee comprises a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of five (5) members appointed by the Board of Directors and selected from among the directors. The majority of Audit Committee members must be selected from among the independent directors as defined above.

The Compensation Committee comprises a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of five (5) members appointed by the Board of Directors and selected from among the directors. The majority of Compensation Committee members must be selected from among the independent directors as defined above. The Board of Directors may compensate members of Board committees for the work performed in the context of those committees.

The Board of Directors may set up other specialist committees whenever it deems it appropriate.

#### *16.3.5.1 Responsibilities of the Audit Committee*

The Audit Committee is responsible for:

- reviewing individual and consolidated financial statements prior to their being presented to the Board of Directors;
- ensuring the relevance and consistency of accounting methods used in preparing the financial statements;
- verifying internal procedures for collecting and auditing information used in preparing the financial statements;
- providing all appropriate reports and recommendations on the above, both on a periodic basis when the accounts are closed, and as warranted by events;
- overseeing the process of selecting the Statutory Auditors and renewing their appointments, providing an opinion on the fees requested, and submitting the results of the selection process to the Board of Directors; and
- reviewing in detail the fees paid by the Company and the Group to the Statutory Auditors and verifying that the portion of fees paid to each audit firm relative to its revenue is not likely to impair the Auditors' independence.

#### *16.3.5.2 Responsibilities of the Compensation Committee*

The Compensation Committee is responsible for:

- making recommendations to the Board of Directors on the compensation and benefits to be allocated to corporate officers;
- establishing and conducting an annual review of the rules governing the variable portion of corporate officers' compensation, ensuring that it is consistent with their performance assessments and the Company's medium-term strategy;
- defining general policies for allocating stock options, with or without discounts;
- reviewing stock option plans for the Company's and/or Group's corporate officers and employees; and
- providing recommendations on compensation and incentive systems for managers of the Company.

Until now, the duties provided for in the Board of Directors' internal rules concerning the Audit Committee and the Compensation Committee have been directly performed by the Board of Directors and have not been formally designated.

#### *16.3.6 Code of conduct applicable to trading in the Company's securities*

The Board of Directors' internal rules implement Articles 222-14 and 222-15 of the General Regulations of the AMF concerning the obligation of directors to report transactions involving the Company's securities to the Company on an individual basis, and the Company's responsibility to inform the public of those trades on its website within five trading days from receipt of such report.

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The Board of Directors' code of conduct prohibits directors from trading in the securities of companies for which they possess non-public information by reason of their positions.

In addition, directors are barred from buying or selling the Company's shares during the fifteen calendar days preceding the announcement of the Company's quarterly, half-year and annual earnings.

### **16.4 INTERNAL CONTROL**

#### ***16.4.1 Report on the conditions governing the preparation and organization of the work of the Board of Directors and internal control procedures***

In accordance with Article L. 225-37 of the French Commercial Code, and in addition to the management report prepared by the Company's Board of Directors, the Chairman of the Board of Directors hereby reports to you on the conditions for preparing and organizing the work of the Board, and on the internal control procedures put in place by the Company.

This report describes the conditions for preparing and organizing the work of the Board of Directors of Iliad SA during fiscal year 2007. It also sets out the internal control procedures implemented within the Iliad Group.

##### ***16.4.1.1 Corporate Governance***

The Company is headed by a Chief Executive Officer who is responsible for the Company's management, together with a number of Senior Vice-Presidents. At its December 12, 2003 meeting, the Board of Directors elected to segregate the duties of Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer. The Board of Directors has not placed any specific restrictions on the powers of the Chief Executive Officer.

At December 31, 2007 the Board of Directors comprised the following nine members:

- Cyril Poidatz, Chairman of the Board of Directors
- Maxime Lombardini, Director and Chief Executive Officer
- Xavier Niel, Director and Senior Vice-President
- Olivier Rosenfeld, Director and Senior Vice-President
- Antoine Levavasseur, Director and Senior Vice-President
- Alain Weill, Director
- Jean-Louis Missika, Director
- Antoinette Willard, Director.
- Pierre Pringuet, Director.

In accordance with the criteria set out in the Board of Directors' internal rules adopted on December 12, 2003, as amended on February 9, 2005 and October 25, 2006, three directors qualified as independent: Alain Weill, Antoinette Willard and Pierre Pringuet.

The directors were appointed at the Shareholders' Meeting held on December 12, 2003, for a term expiring at the close of the Shareholders' Meeting to be held to approve the financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2008, except for:

- Jean-Louis Missika, who was appointed at the Shareholders' Meeting of June 28, 2004 for a period expiring at the close of the Shareholders' Meeting to be held to approve the financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2009.

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- Antoine Levavasseur, who was appointed at the Shareholders' Meeting of May 27, 2005, for a term expiring at the close of the Shareholders' Meeting to be held to approve the financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2010.
- Antoinette Willard, who was appointed at the Board of Directors' meeting of February 6, 2007 and whose appointment was ratified at the Shareholders' Meeting held on May 29, 2007. Antoinette Willard's term of office expires at the close of the Shareholders' Meeting to be held to approve the financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2008.
- Maxime Lombardini, who was appointed at the Shareholders' Meeting of May 29, 2007 for a term of six years. Maxime Lombardini's term of office expires at the close of the Shareholders' Meeting to be held to approve the financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2012.
- Pierre Pringuet, who was appointed at the Board of Directors' meeting of July 25, 2007 and whose appointment will be submitted to the Shareholders' Meeting to be held to approve the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2007. If the Shareholders' Meeting approves Pierre Pringuet's appointment, his term of office will expire at the close of the Shareholders' Meeting to be held to approve the financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2008.

The Board of Directors determines the Company's overall business, economic, financial and technological strategies and oversees their implementation by Management.

#### **Meetings of the Board of Directors**

In 2007, Iliad's Board of Directors met ten (10) times, with an average attendance rate of around 93%.

#### **Information provided to directors**

Prior to every meeting, Board members receive a pack containing information about items on the agenda, in order to help them prepare for the meeting and make fully informed decisions.

#### **Venue and participants**

Board meetings take place at the Company's registered office, located at 8 Rue de la Ville l'Evêque, 75008 Paris, France.

In accordance with Article L. 225-238 of the French Commercial Code, the Statutory Auditors were given notice of and attended the Board meetings devoted to the review and/or approval of the interim and annual financial statements.

#### **Minutes of the meetings**

The minutes of Board meetings are drawn up by the Board Secretary after each meeting. The directors receive a draft version on which they may comment, and the Chairman subsequently submits the minutes for their approval at the following Board meeting.

#### **Operational structure of the Company's Senior Management team**

Since June 2004, the Company's Senior Management team has been structured around a Management Committee headed by the Chairman of the Board of Directors. The Management Committee is the Group's decision-making body. It meets once a week, and is responsible for tracking weekly reporting schedules, deciding on the Group's strategy and operations in conjunction with the Board, discussing and collectively deciding on key management issues, and setting annual objectives. The meetings are attended by the Chairman of the Board of Directors, the Chief Executive Officer, the Senior Vice-Presidents, and the head of the Group's Research & Development Department. The Chairman and CEO of Centrapel also regularly attends the meetings, as does the Group head of Debt Recovery. The issues covered also serve as a basis for management presentations given during Board of Directors' meetings.

This operational structure complies with corporate governance practices applicable in France.

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#### **Directors' compensation**

##### ***Directors' fees***

The Shareholders' Meeting of May 29, 2007 set at € 60,000 the annual fees to be allocated among the Company's directors. In accordance with this decision, at its July 25, 2007 meeting the Board of Directors resolved to allocate this amount solely among non-employee directors who were members of the Board during 2007. The related fees were paid on December 20, 2007.

##### ***Compensation payable to the Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and Senior Vice-Presidents***

The Board of Directors sets the compensation to be paid to the Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and Senior Vice-Presidents. Compensation payable to the following directors was reviewed by the Board of Directors during its meeting of June 14, 2007:

- Cyril Poidatz, Chairman of the Board of Directors
- Olivier Rosenfeld (Senior Vice-President)
- Franck Brunel (Senior Vice-President)
- Antoine Levavasseur (Senior Vice-President)
- Rani Assaf (Senior Vice-President)

At the aforementioned meeting of June 14, 2007, the Board of Directors noted the compensation allocated to Maxime Lombardini in respect of his duties as Development Director.

#### ***Variable compensation***

No variable compensation system has been set up for the Group's senior managers.

#### ***Pension scheme***

There is no specific pension scheme in place for the Company's senior managers.

#### ***Severance payment plan***

There is no severance payment plan in force for the Group's senior managers holding corporate officers' positions.

##### ***16.4.1.2 Internal control procedures***

###### ***(i) Presentation and organization of the Group***

Since June 2003, the Group's senior management team and corporate functions have been located in one building at 8 Rue de la Ville l'Evêque, 75008 Paris, which has simplified the tasks of relaying information, and monitoring and harmonizing internal control procedures.

In addition, all of the Group's departments – encompassing finance and accounting, legal affairs, human resources, technology and marketing – are cross-functional and are identical for each Group entity. This structure enables the Group to be managed consistently and makes it easier to perform controls.

###### ***(ii) The objectives of internal control***

Internal control is a process implemented by Management designed to provide reasonable assurance that the following objectives are achieved:

- efficiency and effectiveness of operations;
- reliability of financial information; and
- compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

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An internal control system can only provide reasonable assurance – and not an absolute guarantee – that the Company will achieve its objectives.

The Iliad Group's internal control system is structured around (i) internal rules, which set out regulations to be respected by employees within each Group company, and (ii) procedures and controls inherent to the individual systems of each department.

The Group does not currently have a specific Internal Audit department, but the Finance Department, as well as the accounting and management accounting control teams and the other departments described above are at the heart of the overall internal control system.

Each Group company reviews its accounting and financial data on a monthly basis.

#### *(iii) Control processes for major risks*

The Group has set up an internal control system that enables it to manage the risks relating to its business strategy, development and decision-making processes.

##### **Risks relating to the Group's operations and business strategy**

In 2000, the Group created a research and development team with a view to safeguarding its capacity to remain technologically innovative. This team reports directly to Senior Management.

In addition, in view of the Group's rapid growth and in order to anticipate recruiting needs – notably within the call center teams – a reporting procedure has been established to measure the volume of calls received and dealt with, and to monitor queuing time. These reporting schedules are relayed regularly to Management.

Management is also regularly provided with technical information concerning the Group's platform and network, as well as recruitment needs (in terms of number of staff and skills), and the financing required in order to develop the Group's technical infrastructure.

##### **Risks relating to the Internet and telecommunications sectors**

In accordance with the specific regulations relating to the Group's operations in the field of telecommunications, the Company's compliance with the applicable laws and regulations is regularly monitored by the compliance department. Risks relating to the Group's business sectors are principally monitored by an internal team dedicated to tracking regulations within the Internet and telecommunications sectors as well as the financial and legal impact of these regulations on the Group's operations.

This team reports to the Senior Vice-President responsible for compliance issues.

##### **Legal risks linked to Internet access**

In order to limit the risks relating to the potential liability of Internet access and web hosting service providers, the subscription procedure set up by Free does not permit any anonymous users on its network. This procedure does not allow a new user to connect online, as new users must wait until they have received a confirmation letter with a username and password before they can connect to Free for the first time.

This procedure, which enables the Group to validate the name and address of each new subscriber, was set up when Free was initially launched and means that the Group has no anonymous users on its network. Consequently, Free can respond to and assist with any requests concerning the identity of any dubious users in the event of a legal claim.

Legal risks are monitored by a specific department. In addition, the Company has taken out specific insurance policies to cover the risks arising from its operations.

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#### **Security**

The Group has set up procedures to guarantee the security and physical integrity of its network.

#### **Control procedures relating to financial communication**

The Company is required to keep its shareholders, the financial community and the general public informed about its financial position.

All financial information, including press releases, management reports, and financial statements, is drawn up by the Finance Department and is reviewed by Senior Management, including the Chairman of the Board of Directors, the Chief Executive Officer, the Senior Vice-Presidents and the Legal Department. In addition, this information is regularly submitted to the Company's directors for approval.

In order to restrict the risks relating to erroneous or contradictory information, an internal procedure is used whereby the Group's press officer centralizes all strategic, commercial, financial and technical data that is released outside the Group. The information is supplied directly by Management to the press officer. Furthermore, in accordance with the aforementioned procedure, the press officer attends any and all interviews in order to ensure that the information relayed is consistent.

##### ***16.4.1.3 Financial information***

The following procedures have been set up to implement controls over the Group's financial management and ensure that the accounting data provided is correct.

###### ***(i) Budgetary process***

Each year, the Finance Department – assisted by management accounting control – draws up a forecast business model for the Group, based on the Group's strategic decisions, and approved by Management.

The assumptions used for the budgetary process are updated quarterly.

The budget and quarterly reviews are split out into monthly calculations in order to provide a framework for the Group's reporting procedures.

Each Group subsidiary uses the same budgetary process.

###### ***(ii) Monthly reporting process***

A monthly reporting schedule is drawn up by the Group's financial units. During 2007, management accounting control tracked the Group's purchases and investments, notably those relating to the components used in the Freebox modem. The reports of the management accounting controller are transmitted to the Finance Department and incorporated into the overall reporting schedule, which contains key data for monitoring the Group's operations and results. This process forms one of the cornerstones of the internal control and financial information system, and it is the key tool used by Management for tracking, controlling and monitoring the Group's business activity.

The Board of Directors is informed of the latest available indicators during its meetings.

###### ***(iii) Accounts-closing process***

The Group's Finance Department performs a quarterly close for each Group company.

The Group's organization structure, based on a single Finance Department for all of the Group's companies and the use of a common accounting manual, enables consistent use of accounting policies and methods.

In addition, the Group's Finance Department tasks an external certified public accountant with reviewing the statutory accounts of each entity on at least a quarterly basis.

Quarterly consolidated financial data are presented to the Board of Directors.

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#### *(iv) Specific procedures relating to the preparation and processing of accounting and financial information*

The internal control procedures in force within the Group relating to the major operating functions are as follows:

**Sales:** The revenues of each Group company are controlled by the Finance Department in conjunction with the Group's operating teams, by carrying out tests on sales movements, valuations and invoicing of calls and subscriptions, as well as on payment collection and debt recovery processes.

**Capital expenditure:** Controls on the telecommunication network's capital expenditure and asset management programs are performed through a procedure based on predetermined authorized thresholds and budgets.

**Purchases:** Purchases other than capital expenditure are also controlled based on authorized thresholds, as well as by segregating tasks, with control of Internet operating costs being separated from control of fixed telephony costs each month based on a reconciliation of calls made and bills issued.

**Cash and cash equivalents:** Control over cash management is performed through bank reconciliations, secure means of payment, and specific signature authorizations, including for off-balance sheet commitments. Cash flow hedging operations require special authorization and monitoring.

**Payroll:** Employees' salaries are controlled through a procedure that is based on segregating line managers' controls.

#### ***16.4.2 Statutory Auditors' report on the Chairman's report on internal control procedures***

**Statutory auditors' report, prepared in accordance with article L. 225-235 of the French Commercial Code, on the report prepared by the Chairman of the Board OF DIRECTORS of ILIAD on internal control procedures relating to the preparation and processing of financial and accounting information**

**(Year ended December 31, 2007)**

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## **16. FUNCTIONING OF THE COMPANY'S ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGEMENT BODIES**

### **16.4 INTERNAL CONTROL**

**Statutory Auditors' report, prepared in accordance with article L. 225-235 of the French Commercial Code, on the report prepared by the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Iliad on internal control procedures relating to the preparation and processing of financial and accounting information**

**(Year ended December 31, 2007)**

***THIS IS A FREE TRANSLATION INTO ENGLISH OF THE STATUTORY AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE PREPARATION AND PROCESSING OF FINANCIAL AND ACCOUNTING INFORMATION ISSUED IN THE FRENCH LANGUAGE AND IS PROVIDED SOLELY FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF ENGLISH SPEAKING READERS. THIS REPORT SHOULD BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, FRENCH LAW AND PROFESSIONAL AUDITING STANDARDS APPLICABLE IN FRANCE.***

**Iliad**

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To the Shareholders,

In our capacity as Statutory Auditors of Iliad, and in accordance with article L. 225-235 of the French Commercial Code (*Code de commerce*), we hereby report to you on the report prepared by the Chairman of your Company in accordance with article L. 225-37 of the French Commercial Code for the year ended December 31, 2007.

It is the Chairman's responsibility to describe in his report the preparation and organization of the Board of Directors' work and the internal control procedures implemented by the Company. It is our responsibility to report to you on the information set out in the Chairman's report on internal control procedures relating to the preparation and processing of financial and accounting information.

We performed our procedures in accordance with French professional standards. These standards require that we perform procedures to assess the fairness of the information set out in the Chairman's report on internal control procedures relating to the preparation and processing of financial and accounting information. These procedures mainly consisted of:

- obtaining an understanding of the internal control procedures relating to the preparation and processing of financial and accounting information on which the information presented in the Chairman's report and existing documentation are based;
- obtaining an understanding of the work performed to support the information given in the report and of the existing documentation;
- determining if any material weaknesses in internal control relating to the preparation and processing of financial and accounting information that we may have identified during the course of our work are properly described in the Chairman's report.

On the basis of our work, we have no matters to report on the information given on internal control procedures relating to the preparation and processing of financial and accounting information, set out in the Chairman of the Board of Directors' report, prepared in accordance with article L. 225-37 of the French Commercial Code.

Neuilly-sur-Seine and Paris, April 7, 2008

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## 17. EMPLOYEES

### 17.1 HUMAN RESOURCES

#### *17.1.1 Changes in the Group's workforce during the past three years*

At March 30, 2008, the Group had a workforce of 2,761 employees, all with open-ended employment contracts. This number is rising constantly and significantly as a result of the Group's policy of strengthening its technical support and customer service teams working for its Centrapel and Total Call subsidiaries. This active recruitment policy is aimed at meeting the increase in the number of the Group's subscribers, particularly those using telephony services, and at enhancing the support services offered to customers.

The Group also offers callout support to its subscribers. In the case of connection problems, Centrapel's technicians visit the subscriber to establish their cause (faulty user equipment, faulty jumpers, DSLAM failure, etc.) and rectify them. This service is paid for by subscribers unless their personal equipment is not the cause of the problem.

Agreements relating to the reduction of working hours to 35 hours per week have been entered into within the Group companies in compliance with applicable legislation.

#### *17.1.2 Analysis of the Group's workforce during the past three years*

##### Breakdown by socio-professional category

	Number of employees		
	Management	Non-management	Total
December 31, 2005 .....	111	1,017	<b>1,128</b>
December 31, 2006 .....	177	1,600	<b>1,777</b>
December 31, 2007 .....	171	2,241	<b>2,412</b>
March 31, 2008 .....	211	2,550	2,761

##### Breakdown by line of business

	Number of employees		
	Internet	Telephony	Total
December 31, 2005 .....	1,053	75	<b>1,128</b>
December 31, 2006 .....	1,709	68	<b>1,777</b>
December 31, 2007 .....	2,360	52	<b>2,412</b>
March 31, 2008 .....	2,707	54	2,761

### **17.2 STOCK OPTIONS AND FOUNDERS' WARRANTS GRANTED BY THE COMPANY, EXERCISED OR HELD DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007**

#### *17.2.1 Stock options and founders' warrants granted during the year*

The Company did not grant any founders' warrants during 2007. However, it put in place the three (3) stock option plans described below.

#### *17.2.2 Stock options and founders' warrants exercised during the year*

There are no outstanding founders' warrants issued by the Company.

## 17. EMPLOYEES

### 17.2 STOCK OPTIONS AND FOUNDERS' WARRANTS GRANTED BY THE COMPANY, EXERCISED OR HELD DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

#### 17.2.3 Stock options held

The following table sets out the main characteristics of the stock options granted to the ten employees of the Group (other than senior managers) who hold the largest number of options.

	<u>Number of options</u>	<u>Exercise period<sup>28</sup></u>	<u>New shares to be issued on exercise of options</u>	<u>Exercise price (in €)</u>
<b><i>January 20, 2004 plan</i></b>				
The ten Group employees granted the highest number of options	270,643	From Jan. 20, 2008 to Jan. 19, 2014	270,643	16.30
<b><i>December 20, 2005 plan</i></b>				
The ten Group employees granted the highest number of options	20,164	From Dec. 20, 2009 to Dec. 19, 2015	20,164	48.44
<b><i>December 20, 2005 plan</i></b>				
The ten Group employees granted the highest number of options	20,164	From Dec. 20, 2010 to Dec. 19, 2015	20,164	48.44
<b><i>August 30, 2007 plan</i></b>				
The ten Group employees granted the highest number of options	162,455	From Aug. 30, 2012 to Aug. 30, 2017	162,455	68.17
<b><i>August 30, 2007 plan</i></b>				
The ten Group employees granted the highest number of options	176,288	From Aug. 30, 2012 to August 30, 2017	176,288	68.17

#### 17.3 FOUNDERS' WARRANTS ISSUED BY FREE

There are no outstanding founders' warrants issued by the Company.

#### 17.4 EMPLOYEE PROFIT-SHARING

Not applicable.

<sup>28</sup> Except if the beneficiary leaves the Company.

## 18. MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS

### 18.1 IDENTIFICATION OF SHAREHOLDERS

#### 18.1.1 *Ownership structure and voting rights*

At December 31, 2007, the Company's capital and voting rights broke down as follows:

	Number of shares	%	Number of voting rights	%
Xavier Niel <sup>(a)</sup> .....	35,683,077	65.89%	36,183,077	63.03%
Antoine Levavasseur <sup>(a)</sup> .....	902,590	1.67%	1,805,180	3.14%
Rani Assaf <sup>(b)</sup> .....	952,590	1.76%	1,905,180	3.32%
Cyril Poidatz <sup>(a)</sup> .....	650,000	1.20%	650,000	1.13%
Olivier Rosenfeld <sup>(a)</sup> .....	430,000	0.79%	860,000	1.50%
Franck Brunel <sup>(b)</sup> .....	473,269	0.87%	946,538	1.65%
Alain Weill <sup>(c)</sup> .....	24,500	0.05%	24,500	0.04%
Jean-Louis Missika <sup>(c)</sup> .....	250	0.00%	250	0.00%
Antoinette Willard <sup>29(c)</sup> .....	0	0.00%	100	0.00%
Maxime Lombardini <sup>(a)</sup> .....	100	0.00%	100	0.00%
Pierre Pringuet <sup>(c)</sup> .....	287	0.00%	287	0.00%
<b>Public</b> .....	<b>15,035,274</b>	<b>27.77%</b>	<b>15,034,887</b>	<b>26.19%</b>
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>54,151,550</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>57,409,999</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

To the best of the Company's knowledge, there are no shareholders other than those listed above who directly or indirectly hold more than 1% of the Company's capital and voting rights.

#### 18.1.2 *Changes in voting rights during the past three years*

At the close of the past three fiscal years, the Company's voting rights broke down as follows (as a percentage of the total):

Shareholder	Dec. 31, 2005	Dec. 31, 2006	Dec. 31, 2007
Xavier Niel <sup>(a)</sup> .....	67.62%	64.09%	63.03%
Antoine Levavasseur <sup>(a)</sup> .....	1.76%	3.15%	3.14%
Rani Assaf <sup>(b)</sup> .....	1.76%	3.33%	3.32%
Olivier Rosenfeld <sup>(a)</sup> .....	1.15%	0.93%	1.50%
Cyril Poidatz <sup>(a)</sup> .....	1.20%	1.13%	1.13%
Michaël Boukobza <sup>(a)</sup> .....	1.11%	0.50%	1.65%
Franck Brunel <sup>(b)</sup> .....	1.12%	2.00%	0.04%
Alain Weill <sup>(c)</sup> .....	0.10%	0.02%	0.00%
Jean-Louis Missika <sup>(c)</sup> .....	0.01%	0.00%	0.00%
Antoinette Willard <sup>(c)</sup> .....	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Maxime Lombardini <sup>(a)</sup> .....	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Pierre Pringuet <sup>(c)</sup> .....	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
<i>Sub-total</i> .....	<i>75,85%</i>	<i>75,15%</i>	<i>73,81%</i>
Iliad SA (actions auto-détenues) .....	0,08%	0,04%	0,06%
Public .....	24,07%	24,85%	26,19%
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>100,00%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

<sup>(a)</sup> Senior manager and director of the Company

<sup>(b)</sup> Shareholder and senior manager of the Company

<sup>(c)</sup> Shareholder and director of the Company

<sup>29</sup> 100 shares held under a securities lending agreement

## 18. MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS

### 18.2 VOTING RIGHTS OF SHAREHOLDERS

#### 18.2 VOTING RIGHTS OF SHAREHOLDERS

At Ordinary and Extraordinary Shareholders' Meetings, each shareholder has a number of votes equal to the number of shares held, without limitation.

However, the Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting held on December 12, 2003 decided to attribute double voting rights to all fully paid shares registered in the name of the same shareholder for at least three years as from the listing of the Company's shares on a regulated market (January 30, 2004).

The Company's major shareholders held the following shares carrying double voting rights at December 31, 2007.

<u>Major shareholders with double voting rights</u>	<u>Number of shares carrying double voting rights</u>
Xavier Niel .....	500,000
Antoine Levavasseur .....	902,590
Rani Assaf .....	952,590
Olivier Rosenfeld .....	430,000
Cyril Poidatz .....	0
Franck Brunel .....	473,269

In addition, in the event of a capital increase by the capitalization of reserves, profits or premiums, or when shares are exchanged as part of a stock split or reverse stock split, the new registered shares allocated to a shareholder in respect of existing shares carrying double voting rights will also have double voting rights from the date of issue, provided that they are held as registered shares.

Any share converted into bearer form or whose ownership is transferred is stripped of double voting rights, in accordance with Article 28-1 of the Company's bylaws. However, registered shares are not stripped of voting rights and the qualifying period continues to run following the transfer of shares included in the estate of a deceased shareholder, or in connection with the settlement of the marital estate or an *inter vivos* gift to a spouse or relative in the direct line of succession. Any merger or demerger of the Company would have no impact on double voting rights which can be exercised within the new company if the latter's bylaws include such a provision. Double voting rights may only be abolished by an Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting after prior approval by a special meeting of the shareholders holding those rights.

### 18.3 SHAREHOLDERS' AGREEMENTS, LOCK-UP UNDERTAKINGS AND PARTIES ACTING IN CONCERT

#### 18.3.1 *Shareholders' agreements*

Not applicable.

#### 18.3.2 *Lock-up undertakings*

Not applicable.

#### 18.3.3 *Parties acting in concert*

To the best of the Company's knowledge, there are no shareholders acting in concert, other than the Company's senior managers who are also shareholders – corresponding to Xavier Niel, Rani Assaf, Franck Brunel, Antoine Levavasseur, Cyril Poidatz, Olivier Rosenfeld and Alain Weill – who act jointly in their capacity as senior managers of the Company.

### 18.4 ARRANGEMENTS WHICH MAY RESULT IN A CHANGE IN CONTROL OF THE COMPANY

Not applicable.

## **19. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

### **19. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

No transactions have been effected between the Group and entities or groups of entities that hold direct interests in the Company.

The regulated agreements currently in effect are set out in the Statutory Auditors' special report in Section 20.2.

Details of transactions effected with the Company's senior managers are provided in Section 15.3.

See Note 32 to the 2007 consolidated financial statements for information on related party transactions.

**20. FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE COMPANY'S ASSETS AND LIABILITIES,  
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In accordance with article 28 of European Commission Regulation (EC) number 809/2004, the following information has been incorporated by reference into this registration document:

- The consolidated financial statements of the Iliad Group and the report of the Statutory Auditors on the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2005 as shown in Section 20.1 of the registration document filed on May 18, 2006 under number R. 06-063.
- The consolidated financial statements of the Iliad Group and the report of the Statutory Auditors on the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2006 as shown in Section 20.1 of the registration document deposited on May 22, 2007.

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**CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT**

<u>(in € thousands)</u>	<u>Note</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
<b>Revenues</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1,212,375</b>	<b>950,261</b>
Purchases used in production .....	5	(612,496)	(483,682)
Payroll costs .....	6	(47,479)	(39,585)
External charges .....		(68,385)	(64,804)
Taxes other than on income .....		(12,134)	(8,634)
Additions to provisions .....	9	(8,671)	(4,742)
Other income and expenses from operations, net .....	8	(19,592)	(15,414)
<b><i>Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA)</i></b> .....		<b><i>443,618</i></b>	<b><i>333,400</i></b>
Share-based payment expense .....	27	(3,167)	(1,815)
Depreciation, amortization and provisions for impairment of non-current assets .....	9	(226,652)	(146,391)
<b>Profit from ordinary activities</b> .....		<b><u>213,799</u></b>	<b><u>185,194</u></b>
Other operating income and expense, net .....	10	(2,000)	(3,000)
<b>Operating profit</b> .....		<b><u>211,799</u></b>	<b><u>182,194</u></b>
Income from cash and cash equivalents .....	11	10,157	5,343
Finance costs, gross .....	11	(15,228)	(10,026)
<b>Finance costs, net</b> .....	11	<b><u>(5,071)</u></b>	<b><u>(4,683)</u></b>
Other financial income and expense, net .....	11	1,591	741
Corporate income tax .....	12	(72,016)	(61,650)
Profit for the period before profit from discontinued operations .....		<b><u>136,303</u></b>	<b><u>116,602</u></b>
Profit for the period, net of taxes, from discontinued operations .....	13	<b><u>13,923</u></b>	<b><u>7,269</u></b>
<b>PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD</b> .....		<b><u>150,226</u></b>	<b><u>123,871</u></b>
<i>Attributable to:</i>			
• <i>Equity holders of the parent</i> .....		<b><u>150,105</u></b>	<b><u>123,861</u></b>
• <i>Minority interests</i> .....		<b><u>121</u></b>	<b><u>10</u></b>
• Basic earnings per share for profit from continuing operations (in €) .....	14	2.52	2.15
• Diluted earnings per share for profit from continuing operations (in €) .....	14	2.49	2.14
• Basic earnings per share for profit from discontinued operations (in €) .....	14	0.26	0.13
• Diluted earnings per share for profit from discontinued operations (in €) .....	14	0.24	0.13
• Basic earnings per share (in €) .....	14	2.78	2.29
• Diluted earnings per share (in €) .....	14	2.73	2.27

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**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET – ASSETS**

(in € thousands)	At December 31, 2007	At December 31, 2006
Goodwill .....	17	31,206
Intangible assets .....	18	56,546
Property, plant and equipment .....	20	676,600
Other long-term financial assets .....	21	1,983
Deferred income tax assets .....	12	4,870
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b> .....	<b>771,205</b>	<b>632,053</b>
Inventories .....	22	505
Trade and other receivables .....	23	140,579
Other short-term financial assets .....	21	0
Cash and cash equivalents .....	24	234,780
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b> .....	<b>375,864</b>	<b>405,576</b>
<b>ASSETS HELD FOR SALE</b> .....	<b>25</b>	<b>8,110</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b> .....	<b>1,155,179</b>	<b>1,037,629</b>

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**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET – EQUITY AND LIABILITIES**

(in € thousands)		At December 31, 2007	At December 31, 2006
Share capital .....	26	12,000	12,000
Additional paid-in capital .....		84,624	84,624
Retained earnings and other reserves .....	26	420,069	286,014
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b> .....		<b>516,693</b>	<b>382,638</b>
<b>Attributable to:</b>			
• <i>Equity holders of the parent</i> .....		<b>516,563</b>	<b>382,629</b>
• <i>Minority interests</i> .....		<b>130</b>	<b>9</b>
Long-term provisions .....	28	1,416	1,015
Long-term financial liabilities .....	29	324,207	302,874
Deferred income tax liabilities .....	12	27,631	29,578
Other non-current liabilities .....	30	9,244	11,501
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b> .....		<b>362,498</b>	<b>344,968</b>
Short-term provisions .....	28	1,152	1,467
Taxes payable .....		8,569	22,187
Trade and other payables .....	30	235,111	275,423
Short-term financial liabilities .....	29	31,156	10,946
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b> .....		<b>275,988</b>	<b>310,023</b>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b> .....		<b>1,155,179</b>	<b>1,037,629</b>

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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**

(in € thousands)	Share capital	Additional paid-in capital	Own shares held	Reserves	Retained earnings	Total equity
<b>Total equity</b>						
<b>At January 1, 2006</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>86,722</b>	<b>(30)</b>	<b>1,542</b>	<b>148,341</b>	<b>248,575</b>
<b>Movements in 2006</b>						
• Capital increase/decrease .....					(10,829)	(10,829)
• Dividends paid by Iliad SA .....					(83)	(83)
• Dividends paid by subsidiaries .....					123,871	123,871
• Profit for the period .....					(928)	(928)
• Purchases/sales of own shares .....					1,815	1,815
• Impact of stock options .....					22,310	22,310
• Equity component of convertible bonds .....					0	0
• Impact of currency hedges .....					5	(2,093)
• Other .....						
<b>At December 31, 2006</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>84,624</b>	<b>(958)</b>	<b>25,667</b>	<b>261,305</b>	<b>382,638</b>
<b>Total equity At January 1, 2007</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>84,624</b>	<b>(958)</b>	<b>25,667</b>	<b>261,305</b>	<b>382,638</b>
<b>Movements in 2007</b>						
• Capital increase/decrease .....					(14,607)	(14,607)
• Dividends paid by Iliad SA .....					150,226	150,226
• Dividends paid by subsidiaries .....					(1,029)	(1,029)
• Profit for the period .....					3,167	3,167
• Purchases/sales of own shares .....					(3,711)	(3,711)
• Impact of stock options .....					9	9
• Equity component of convertible bonds .....						
• Impact of currency hedges .....						
• Other .....						
<b>At December 31, 2007</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>84,624</b>	<b>(1,987)</b>	<b>25,132</b>	<b>396,924</b>	<b>516,693</b>

Note: Minority interests have not been analyzed as they represent a non-material amount.

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**CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT**

(in € thousands)	Note	2007	2006
<b>Profit for the period</b> (including minority interests) .....		150,226	123,871
+ / - Depreciation, amortization and provisions against non-current assets and net additions to provisions for contingencies and charges .....	9	226,607	147,974
- / + Unrealized gains and losses on changes in fair value .....	21	0	276
+ / - Income and expenses related to stock options and other share-based payments .....		3,167	1,815
- / + Other income and expenses, net .....		2,705	362
- / + Gains and losses on disposals of assets .....		(17,196)	(10,009)
- / + Dilution gains and losses .....		0	0
+ / - Share of profit of associates .....		0	0
- Dividends (investments in non-consolidated undertakings) .....		0	0
Cash flows from operations after finance costs, net, and income tax .....		365,509	264,289
+ Finance costs, net .....	11	5,071	4,683
+ / - Income tax expense (including deferred taxes) .....	12	72,167	61,650
<b>Cash flows from operations before finance costs, net, and income tax (A)</b> .....		<b>442,747</b>	<b>330,622</b>
- <i>Income tax paid (B)</i> .....		(86,959)	(64,880)
+ / - Change in operating working capital requirement (including employee benefit obligations) (C) .....	15	(38,662)	15,502
<b>= NET CASH GENERATED FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		<b>317,126</b>	<b>281,244</b>
(D) = (A + B + C) .....		(372,628)	(289,422)
- Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets .....	15	8,993	5,811
+ Disposals of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets .....		0	0
- Acquisitions of investments in non-consolidated undertakings .....		0	0
+ Disposals of investments in non-consolidated undertakings .....		(1,340)	(10,546)
+ / - Effect of changes in Group structure—acquisitions .....		19,053	7,822
+ / - Effect of changes in Group structure—disposals .....		0	0
+ Dividends received from associates and non-consolidated undertakings .....		2,265	(139)
+ / - Change in outstanding loans and advances .....		0	0
+ Investment grants received .....		(8,110)	0
+ / - Other .....			
<b>= NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES (E)</b> .....		<b>(351,767)</b>	<b>(286,474)</b>
+ Proceeds from capital increases:			
• Paid by shareholders of the parent company .....		0	0
• Paid by minority shareholders of consolidated companies .....		0	0
+ Proceeds received on the exercise of stock options .....		0	0
- / + Own-share transactions .....		(1,029)	(928)
- Dividends paid during the year:			
• Dividends paid to parent company shareholders .....		(14,607)	(10,829)
• Dividends paid to minority shareholders of consolidated companies .....		0	(84)
+ Proceeds from new borrowings .....	29	2	326,262
- Repayment of borrowings (including finance leases) .....	29	(7,265)	(84,139)
- Net interest paid (including on finance leases) .....		4,307	1,856
<b>= NET CASH GENERATED FROM (USED IN) FINANCING ACTIVITIES (F)</b> .....		<b>(18,592)</b>	<b>232,138</b>
+ / - Effect of exchange-rate movements on cash and cash equivalents (G) .....		(2)	0
<b>= NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (D + E + F + G)</b> .....		<b>(53,235)</b>	<b>226,908</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year .....	15	276,324	49,416
Cash and cash equivalents at year-end .....	15	223,089	276,324

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#### **NOTE 1: ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES**

##### ***1-1. GENERAL INFORMATION***

Iliad SA is a *société anonyme* registered in France and listed on Eurolist by Euronext Paris under the symbol "ILD". The Company's registered office is located at 8, rue de la Ville l'Eveque, 75008 Paris, France.

The Iliad Group is a leading operator in the French internet access and telecommunications markets. Its businesses are conducted by Free (an alternative broadband operator), One Tel and Iliad Telecom (fixed telephony operators), and IFW (specialized in Wimax).

The Board of Directors approved the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2007 on March 10, 2008 and authorized their publication on March 12, 2008. These financial statements will only be definitive after approval by the Company's shareholders at the Annual Shareholders' Meeting scheduled to be held on May 29, 2008.

##### ***1.2. APPLICABLE ACCOUNTING STANDARDS***

The principal accounting policies adopted for the preparation of these consolidated financial statements are set out below. Unless otherwise specified, the same policies have been consistently applied for all of the periods presented.

##### **Basis of preparation**

The consolidated financial statements of the Iliad Group have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), as adopted by the European Union. The historical cost convention has been applied, except for financial assets and liabilities (including derivatives) measured at fair value through profit or loss.

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with IFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgment in the process of applying the Group's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgment or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the consolidated financial statements, are disclosed in Note 3.

##### **The following new standards, amendments to existing standards and interpretations are mandatory for annual periods beginning on and after January 1, 2007:**

- IFRS 7, *Financial Instruments: Disclosures* and the complementary amendment to IAS I, *Presentation of Financial Statements – Capital Disclosures*. This standard and amendment introduce new disclosures relating to financial instruments to enable users to assess:
  - the significance of financial instruments for the entity's financial position and performance;
  - the nature and extent of risks arising from financial instruments to which the entity is exposed; and
  - how the entity manages those risks.

The adoption of this standard and amendment only affects the format and scope of information presented in the consolidated financial statements.

- IFRIC 8, *Scope of IFRS 2* (effective from May 1, 2006). IFRIC 8 states that IFRS 2 applies to all transactions in which an entity receives goods or services as consideration for the issue of equity instruments of the entity as well as transactions in which an entity incurs liabilities, in respect of goods or services received, that are based on the price (or value) of the entity's shares or other equity instrument of the entity. This includes transactions in which the entity cannot identify specifically some or all of the goods or services received, in which case the unidentifiable goods or services must be measured at the grant date. The Iliad Group applies IFRIC 8.

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- *IFRIC 10, Interim Financial Reporting and Impairment* (effective from November 1, 2006). IFRIC 10 prohibits the impairment losses recognized in an interim period on goodwill, investments in equity instruments and investments in financial assets carried at cost from being reversed at a subsequent balance sheet date. The Iliad Group applies IFRIC 10.

#### **Interpretations to existing standards effective from January 1, 2007 but which are not relevant to the Iliad Group:**

- *IFRIC 7, Applying the Restatement Approach under IAS 29, Financial Reporting in Hyperinflationary Economies* (effective from March 1, 2006). IFRIC 7 provides guidance on how to apply the requirements of IAS 29 in a reporting period in which an entity identifies the existence of hyperinflation in the economy of its functional currency, when the economy was not hyperinflationary in the prior period. The Iliad Group is not impacted by IFRIC 7 as none of its entities have a currency of a hyperinflationary economy as their functional currency.
- *IFRIC 9, Reassessment of Embedded Derivatives* (effective from June 1, 2006). IFRIC 9 provides guidance on the reassessment of embedded derivatives throughout the life of the host contract. The Iliad Group does not have any material contracts that contain embedded derivatives.

#### **New standards and interpretations to existing standards that are not yet effective and have not been early adopted by the Group:**

- *IFRS 8, Operating Segments* (effective from January 1, 2009). This new standard requires entities to disclose information to enable users of their financial statements to evaluate the nature and financial effects of the business activities in which they engage and the economic environments in which they operate.

IFRS 8 defines what an operating segment is and specifies the disclosures required. The Iliad Group will apply IFRS 8 from January 1, 2009 but it is not expected to have a material impact on the consolidated financial statements.

- *IFRIC 11, IFRS 2 – Group and Treasury Share Transactions* (effective from March 1, 2007). IFRIC 11 provides guidance on whether share-based transactions involving treasury shares or involving group entities should be accounted for as equity-settled or cash-settled share-based payment transactions in the stand-alone accounts of the parent and group companies. Iliad's management team is currently assessing the impact of IFRIC 11 on the Group's operations.

#### **1-3. CONSOLIDATION**

##### **Consolidation methods**

##### **Subsidiaries**

Subsidiaries are entities that are controlled by the Group. Control is presumed to exist when the Group has the power to govern an entity's financial and operating policies, either directly or indirectly, so as to obtain benefits from its activities, generally accompanying a shareholding representing more than one half of the voting rights.

Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Group and they are deconsolidated from the date that control ceases.

Accounting policies of subsidiaries have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the Group.

The Group does not have any investments in special-purpose entities, associates or joint ventures.

##### **Eliminations on consolidation**

All intragroup transactions and balances are eliminated on consolidation as well as gains and losses on transactions between subsidiaries.

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#### **Business combinations**

The purchase method of accounting is used to account for the acquisition of subsidiaries by the Group.

The cost of an acquisition is measured as the fair value of the assets given, equity instruments issued and liabilities incurred or assumed at the date of exchange, plus all costs directly attributable to the acquisition. Identifiable assets acquired and liabilities and contingent liabilities assumed in a business combination are measured initially at their fair values at the acquisition date, irrespective of the extent of any minority interest.

The excess of the cost of acquisition over the fair value of the Group's share of the identifiable net assets acquired is recorded as goodwill. If the cost of acquisition is less than the Group's share of the fair value of the net assets of the subsidiary acquired, the difference is recognized directly in the income statement.

If the initial accounting for a business combination can be determined only provisionally by the end of the period in which the combination is effected, the combination is accounted for using those provisional values and any adjustments made as a result of completing the initial accounting are recognized within 12 months of the acquisition date.

#### ***Goodwill***

Goodwill represents the excess of the cost of an acquisition over the fair value of the Group's share of the net identifiable assets of the acquired subsidiary/associate at the date of acquisition.

Goodwill arising on acquisitions of subsidiaries is recognized as an intangible asset. Goodwill on acquisitions of associates is included in investments in associates. Separately recognized goodwill is tested annually for impairment and carried at cost less accumulated impairment losses. Impairment losses on goodwill are not reversed. Gains and losses on the disposal of an entity include the carrying amount of goodwill relating to the entity sold.

Goodwill is allocated to cash-generating units for the purpose of impairment testing.

Impairment losses are recorded under net other operating income and expenses, within operating profit in the income statement.

#### ***Functional and presentation currency***

Items included in the financial statements of each of the Group's entities are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates (the functional currency). The consolidated financial statements are presented in thousands of euros, unless otherwise specified.

#### ***Foreign currency translation***

Assets and liabilities of the Group that are denominated in foreign currencies are translated into euros at the year-end rate. Income and expense items are translated at average exchange rates for the year.

All resulting exchange differences are recognized directly in equity.

#### ***Fiscal year-end***

All Group companies have a December 31 fiscal year-end.

#### ***1-4. PRESENTATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS***

As permitted under IAS 1, *Presentation of Financial Statements*, the Group's income statement is presented by nature.

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Operating profit corresponds to profit for the period, before:

- Financial income and expense (as defined in Note 11);
- Current and deferred taxes; and
- Profit from discontinued operations.

Profit from ordinary activities corresponds to operating profit as defined above, before “Other operating income and expense, net”. The latter includes income and expenses which are rare, unusual and infrequent, which represent particularly material amounts and whose presentation within other items relating to ordinary activities could be misleading for users of the financial statements in their understanding of the Group’s performance.

The Iliad Group has presented EBITDA (earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization) on a separate line. EBITDA is a key indicator of the Group’s operating performance and corresponds to profit from ordinary activities as defined above, before:

- Depreciation, amortization and impairment recorded in relation to property, plant and equipment and intangible assets; and
- Share-based payment expense.

Prior to 2007, share-based payment expense was included in payroll costs in the consolidated financial statements. The income statement for the year ended December 31, 2006 has been adjusted to reflect this change.

***1-5. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES***

The main accounting policies applied by the Group are as follows:

***Revenues***

Revenues from the Group’s operations are recognized and presented as follows in accordance with IAS 18, *Revenue*:

- Revenues from usage of connection time are recognized in the period in which the usage took place.
- Revenues from subscriptions and fixed-rate packages are recognized over the period covered by the subscriptions or packages.
- Revenues from the sale or provision of content are presented as a gross amount when the Group is deemed to be the party in the transaction with primary responsibility in relation to the end-customer. These revenues are presented net of the amounts due to the content supplier when the latter is responsible for supplying the content to the end-customer and setting the retail price.
- Revenues from the sale of advertising banners are spread over the period during which the banners are displayed.
- Revenues from website hosting activities are recognized during the period in which the service is rendered.

***Foreign currency transactions***

The recognition and measurement rules for foreign currency transactions are set out in IAS 21, *The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates*. In accordance with that standard, transactions denominated in foreign currencies are recorded at their value in euros at the date of the transaction. At each balance sheet date, foreign currency monetary items are translated at the applicable closing rate and any exchange differences are recognized in profit as follows:

- as operating items for commercial transactions.
- as financial income or expense for financial transactions.

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#### ***Earnings per share***

The Iliad Group presents basic and diluted earnings per share.

Basic earnings per share are obtained by dividing attributable profit for the period by the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the period.

Diluted earnings per share are calculated by adjusting the figures for attributable profit for the period and the weighted average number of shares outstanding, for the impact of all potential dilutive instruments.

#### ***Intangible assets***

Intangible assets primarily include:

- Development costs capitalized in accordance with IAS 38, which are amortized over the period during which the Group is expected to consume the related future economic benefits. These costs are incurred in relation to designing new materials and are recognized as intangible assets when they relate to distinctly separate projects for which (i) the costs can be clearly identified; (ii) the technical feasibility of successfully completing the project can be demonstrated; and (iii) it is probable that future economic benefits will be generated. These conditions are deemed to be met when the six general criteria defined in IAS 38 are fulfilled.
- Intangible assets acquired in connection with a business combination. These assets are recognized separately from goodwill when (i) their fair value can be measured reliably; (ii) they are controlled by the Group; and (iii) they are identifiable, i.e. are separable or arise from contractual or other legal rights. Where these assets have a finite useful life they are amortized from the date they are made available for use in the same way as for intangible assets acquired separately, and an impairment loss is recorded if their carrying amount exceeds their recoverable amount. Intangible assets with indefinite useful lives are not amortized but are systematically tested for impairment at least once a year and more frequently when there is an indication that they may be impaired.
- Licenses are amortized over the license period from the date when the related network is technically ready for the service to be marketed.
- Impairment losses are recorded under net other operating income and expenses, within operating profit in the income statement.
- Software, which is amortized on a straight-line basis over a period of one to three years.

#### ***Property, plant and equipment***

Property, plant and equipment are stated at the acquisition cost, including transaction expenses, or at production cost. Cost includes any expenses directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by the Group's management.

Depreciation is calculated by the straight-line method, based on the following expected useful lives:

- Buildings ..... 20 to 30 years
- Technical equipment ..... 3 to 14 years
- General equipment ..... 10 years
- Computer equipment ..... 3 to 5 years
- Office furniture and equipment ..... 2 to 10 years
- Access fees for co-location facilities used to conduct unbundling operations are depreciated over a ten-year period.

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- Other service access fees, particularly those required for the development of broadband Internet operations, are depreciated over three years.
- Amounts paid as consideration for obtaining indefeasible rights of use (IRU) on dark optical fibers are depreciated over the term of use of the fiber concerned, which can be 11, 15, 25 or 27 years.

At each balance sheet date, the Group assesses whether the depreciation schedules reflect the useful lives of its assets, and makes amendments where necessary.

#### ***Borrowing costs***

The Group has not elected to capitalize borrowing costs.

#### ***Finance leases***

Material assets acquired under finance leases are capitalized in the consolidated financial statements.

In accordance with IAS 17, leases are considered to be finance leases when they have the effect of transferring to the lessee substantially all the risks and rewards inherent to ownership of the asset covered by the lease.

In such cases:

- At the commencement of the lease term, the assets acquired are recognized in the balance sheet based on the fair value of the leased property or, if lower, the present value of the minimum lease payments. They are subsequently depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful life.
- The related obligation is recorded under debt, based on the lease terms.
- Lease payments are apportioned between the finance charge and the reduction of the outstanding liability.

#### ***Impairment of assets***

Assets that have an indefinite useful life, for example land, are not subject to depreciation or amortization and are tested annually for impairment. Assets that are subject to depreciation or amortization are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable.

In assessing whether there is any indication that an asset may be impaired the Group considers events or circumstances that suggest that significant unfavorable changes have taken place which may have a prolonged, adverse effect on the Group's economic or technological environment, or on the assumptions used on acquisition of the asset concerned.

An impairment loss is recognized for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use.

For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows (cash-generating units). Non-financial assets other than goodwill that have suffered an impairment are reviewed for possible reversal of the impairment at each reporting date.

#### ***Financial assets***

Financial assets held for trading are classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and are recognized as current assets. Gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of these investments are presented in the income statement.

Financial assets that the Iliad Group has the positive intention and ability to hold to maturity are classified as held-to-maturity investments and measured at amortized cost. Gains and losses on these investments are recognized in the income statement.

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Loans and receivables are also measured at amortized cost, with gains and losses recognized in the income statement.

The Group's other investments are classified as available-for-sale financial assets and are measured at fair value. Changes in the fair value of available-for-sale financial assets are recognized directly in equity. When a decline in the fair value of an available-for-sale financial asset has been recognized directly in equity and there is objective evidence that the asset is impaired, the cumulative loss that had been recognized directly in equity is removed from equity and recognized in the income statement.

#### ***Inventories***

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Cost is determined using the first-in, first-out (FIFO) method.

#### ***Receivables***

Receivables are recognized initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method. The fair value of short-term receivables with no stated interest rate is measured at the original invoice amount if the effect of discounting is immaterial.

A provision for impairment of trade receivables is established when there is objective evidence that the Group will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables. The likelihood of collection is estimated based on the best possible assessment of the risk of non-recovery of the receivable concerned.

#### ***Deferred taxes***

Deferred taxes are recognized using the liability method for all temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the consolidated financial statements.

However, deferred taxes are not accounted for if they arise from initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction other than a business combination that at the time of the transaction affects neither accounting nor taxable profit. Deferred taxes are determined using tax rates (and laws) that have been enacted or substantially enacted by the balance sheet date and are expected to apply when the related deferred tax asset is realized or the deferred tax liability is settled.

Deferred tax assets are recognized to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilized.

Deferred taxes are recognized on temporary differences arising on investments in subsidiaries and associates, except where the timing of the reversal of the temporary difference is controlled by the Group and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

#### ***Cash and cash equivalents***

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less and highly-liquid investments in money-market mutual funds. Short-term investments are marked-to-market at each balance sheet date.

Bank overdrafts are classified as current financial liabilities.

#### ***Own shares***

Own shares held are recognized as a deduction from equity based on their acquisition cost. Gains and losses on the disposal of own shares held are also recorded in equity.

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#### ***Provisions***

In accordance with IAS 37, *Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets*, when the Group's obligations to third parties known at the balance sheet date are certain or likely to cause an outflow of resources for the benefit of a third party, without at least equivalent consideration, a provision is recorded when the amount concerned can be estimated with sufficient reliability.

#### ***Borrowings***

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the Group has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the balance sheet date, in which case they are classified as non-current liabilities.

#### Interest-bearing borrowings

Interest-bearing borrowings are recognized initially at fair value, net of directly attributable transaction costs incurred. They are subsequently measured at amortized cost.

#### Convertible bonds

The fair value of the liability component of a convertible bond is determined based on prevailing market interest rates for similar bonds with no conversion rights. This amount is recognized as a liability based on amortized cost until the liability is settled when the bonds are converted or reach maturity. The balance of the bond issue proceeds is allocated to the conversion option and recognized in equity, net of tax.

#### ***Employee benefits***

Other than share-based payments – which are described in a specific note – the only employee benefits within the Iliad Group correspond to pension benefits.

In accordance with IAS 19, *Employee Benefits*, actuarial valuations of post-employment benefit obligations under defined benefit plans are made using the projected unit credit method, with employee rights recorded on an accruals basis.

For each active participant, the benefit likely to be paid is estimated based on the rules defined in the applicable collective-bargaining agreement and/or company-level agreement, using personal data projected to the standard age for payment of the benefit. The Group's total obligations toward each participant (total actuarial value of future benefits) are then calculated by multiplying the estimated benefit by an actuarial factor, which takes into account the following:

- Assumptions concerning the employee's probability of either leaving the Group or dying before the age of payment of the benefit,
- The discounted value of the benefit at the valuation date.

These total benefits are then allocated over each of the past and future years for which the participant accrued rights under the program. The portion of the Group's obligation allocated to years prior to the measurement date (projected benefit obligation) corresponds to obligations for services rendered. The projected benefit obligation represents the Group's obligation existing at the balance sheet date.

The individual results of the valuation are then aggregated to obtain Group-level results.

The following economic assumptions were used to measure the Group's post-employment benefit obligation at December 31, 2006 and 2007:

- Discount rate : ..... 4.25%
- Inflation rate : ..... 2%
- Salary growth rate : ..... 3%

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#### ***Stock option plans***

In accordance with IFRS 2, *Share-based Payment*, share purchase and subscription options, employee share issues, and share awards to Group employees are measured at fair value at the grant date.

Calculations of the fair value of stock options are performed based on criteria such as the exercise price of the options, the life of the options, the current price of the underlying shares, the volatility range of the share price, expected dividends on the shares and the risk-free interest rate over the life of the options.

The fair value of stock options is recognized under “Share-based payment expense” on a straight-line basis over the vesting period (i.e. the period between the grant date and the exercise date), with a corresponding adjustment to equity for equity-settled plans and to employee-related liabilities for cash-settled plans.

#### ***Derivative financial instruments and hedging activities***

Derivatives are initially recognized at fair value on the date the derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently remeasured at fair value. The method of recognizing the resulting gain or loss depends on whether the derivative is designated as a hedging instrument, and if so, the nature of the item being hedged. The Group designates certain derivatives as hedges of a particular risk associated with a highly probable forecast transaction (cash flow hedges).

The Group documents at the inception of the transaction the relationship between hedging instruments and hedged items, as well as its risk management objectives and hedging strategy. The Group also documents its assessment, both at hedge inception and on an ongoing basis, of whether the derivatives that are used in hedging transactions are highly effective in offsetting changes in fair values or cash flows of hedged items.

The fair values of various derivative instruments used for hedging purposes are disclosed in Note 33. The full fair value of a hedging derivative is classified as a non-current asset or liability when the remaining maturity of the hedged item exceeds 12 months, and as a current asset or liability when the remaining maturity of the hedged item is less than 12 months.

## **NOTE 2: SCOPE OF CONSOLIDATION**

### **List of consolidated companies and consolidation methods**

The scope of consolidation and consolidation methods used are described in Note 37 for the year ended December 31, 2007 and Note 38 for the year ended December 31, 2006.

#### **2-1. CHANGES IN SCOPE OF CONSOLIDATION IN 2007**

A table presenting changes in the scope of consolidation in 2007 is provided in Note 39.

The changes in 2007 correspond to:

- The purchase of minority interests in Assunet and Freebox.
- The incorporation of a wholly-owned subsidiary, Free Mobile, on July 24, 2007. The main corporate purpose of Free Mobile – which was fully consolidated in the 2007 financial statements – is to roll out and operate a mobile telephony network.
- The incorporation of a wholly-owned subsidiary, Immobilière Iliad on December 3, 2007. The main corporate purpose of Immobilière Iliad – which was fully consolidated in the 2007 financial statements – is to purchase and lease real estate assets to be used by the Broadband segment.
- The sale of Iliad's entire interest in Kertel on February 7, 2007 for €20,661,000, including €6 million in vendor finance repayable between June 29, 2007 and December 31, 2007. The first two repayments of €2 million were received in 2007 and the final installment was received in early 2008.

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**2-2. CHANGES IN SCOPE OF CONSOLIDATION IN 2006**

The changes in 2006 correspond to:

- The purchase of minority interests in Free and Freebox.
- The incorporation of a wholly-owned subsidiary, IRE, on April 20, 2006. The main corporate purpose of IRE – which was fully consolidated in the 2006 financial statements – is to acquire assets and rights to be used by the Broadband segment.
- The takeover of PN, acquired for €40,000. Set up in 2006, PN is specialized in telecommunications – particularly developing and building optical fiber networks – and holds a license to lay an optical fiber network within Paris. PN was fully consolidated in the 2006 financial statements.
- The purchase of Citéfibre on October 19, 2006, which is now 99.78% owned by Iliad. Citéfibre was fully consolidated in the 2006 financial statements.
- Citéfibre is an independent multimedia service provider and is listed on Euronext's "Free Market". It has created a fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) infrastructure for individuals and SMEs in Paris (mainly in the 15<sup>th</sup> arrondissement). This acquisition will enable the Iliad Group to gain a firmer foothold in the optical fiber sector.

The key figures relating to the acquisition are summarized in the table below:

<u>(in € thousands)</u>	<u>Citéfibre</u>
Acquisition price of shares (1) .....	2,935
% acquired (2) .....	99.78%
Net assets (3) <sup>30</sup> .....	(212)
Adjusted net assets (4) <sup>30</sup> .....	(911)
Equity in adjusted net assets (5) = (2) x (4) .....	(909)
<b>Goodwill (6) = (1) – (5)</b> .....	<b>3,844</b>

The impact of the acquisition on the Group's cash position was as follows:

• Cash outflow on purchase of Citéfibre .....	(2,935)
• Cash outflow related to the Group taking over the financial advances granted to Citéfibre by its former shareholders .....	(1,991)
• Cash held by Citéfibre at acquisition date .....	325
<b>Net cash outflow</b> .....	<b>(4,601)</b>

During the period ended December 31, 2006 (representing an exceptional three-month accounting period in order to align the company's reporting date with that of the Group's other companies), Citéfibre recorded revenues of €67,000 and an operating loss of €1,020,000.

During the previous period (i.e. the 12 months ended September 30, 2006), Citéfibre recorded revenues of €102,000 and an operating loss of €2,925,000.

- The disposal of the Group's stake in Société.com

On August 2, 2006 Iliad sold its entire interest in Société SA (Société.com).

The divestment of the company had no significant impact on the financial information provided in the 2006 report as it accounted for less than 0.25% of total consolidated revenues and operating profit for the period.

Out of the total €7,840,000 sale price, €6,840,000 was paid on completion of the sale, with the balance of €1,000,000 payable in two equal installments on December 15, 2006 and June 15, 2007.

<sup>30</sup> Based on the company's financial statements for the year ended September 30, 2006.

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#### **NOTE 3: CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGMENTS**

The Group makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. It continually evaluates these estimates and assumptions which are based both on past experience and on other factors deemed reasonable to be used for assessing the carrying amount of assets and liabilities. Actual amounts may differ significantly from these estimations should different assumptions or conditions apply.

The main accounting estimates and judgments used by the Group relate to the following:

- Useful lives and impairment of assets.
- Assessment of doubtful receivables and calculation of the corresponding provisions.
- Impairment tests.
- Share-based payment and other employee benefits.
- Provisions for contingencies and charges.

#### **NOTE 4: REVENUES**

An analysis of revenues by business segment is provided in Note 16.

As substantially all of the Group's operations are in France, presenting data by region would not be significant.

#### **NOTE 5: PURCHASES USED IN PRODUCTION**

Purchases in production include:

- Interconnect costs invoiced by other operators.
- Costs relating to unbundling operations.
- Acquisitions of goods and services for resale or for use in designing goods or services invoiced by the Group.

#### **NOTE 6: HUMAN RESOURCES DATA**

##### **Payroll costs**

Payroll costs break down as follows:

<u>(in € thousands)</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
• Wages and salaries .....	34,360	28,708
• Payroll taxes .....	13,119	10,877
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>47,479</b>	<b>39,585</b>

As explained in Note 1-4 "Presentation of the financial statements", share-based payment expense is now recorded on a separate line of the income statement whereas it was previously included in payroll costs. In order to permit meaningful year-on-year comparisons, 2006 data have been adjusted to reflect this change.

##### **Number of employees at year-end**

Iliad Group employees can be analyzed as follows by category:

	<u>At Dec. 31, 2007</u>	<u>At Dec. 31, 2006</u>
• Management .....	171	177
• Other .....	2,241	1,600
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>2,412</b>	<b>1,777</b>

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The increase in the number of employees is due to recruitments for Iliad's call centers.

Headcount by segment is presented in the "Segment reporting" table.

**Post-employment benefits**

The methods used for recognizing and measuring pension and other post-employment benefit obligations comply with IAS 19, *Employee Benefits*, as amended.

Post-employment benefit obligations totaled €539,000 at December 31, 2007, compared with €407,000 at December 31, 2006.

**NOTE 7: DEVELOPMENT COSTS**

Development costs – which are primarily incurred by Freebox – include the cost of developing new products, tailoring existing products to the Internet, and research and development of databases for new applications.

<u>(in € thousands)</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
• Amortization of capitalized development costs .....	1,223	877
• Development costs recognized directly in the income statement .....	480	602
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>1,703</b>	<b>1,479</b>

**NOTE 8: OTHER INCOME AND EXPENSES FROM OPERATIONS, NET**

This item breaks down as follows:

<u>(in € thousands)</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
• Other expenses:		
• Carrying amount of non-current assets sold .....	(6,066)	(3,511)
• Royalties and similar fees .....	(17,919)	(14,063)
• Bad debts .....	(5,231)	(5,197)
• Other .....	(246)	(395)
• Other income:		
• Proceeds from sales of non-current assets .....	9,021	5,884
• Other .....	849	1,868
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>(19,592)</b>	<b>(15,414)</b>

**Comments on 2006 and 2007 data**

"Royalties and similar fees" primarily comprise expenses payable by the Group within the scope of its operations, including royalties, payments to the Universal Service Fund and costs relating to the use of various licenses.

**NOTE 9: DEPRECIATION, AMORTIZATION AND PROVISIONS**

The following table shows the breakdown between the various components of depreciation, amortization and provisions:

**Depreciation, amortization and provisions for impairment in value of non-current assets**

<u>(in € thousands)</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
• Depreciation and amortization expense:		
• Intangible assets .....	1,635	1,104
• Property, plant and equipment .....	224,301	143,974
• Provisions for impairment in value of property, plant and equipment .....	716	1,313
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>226,652</b>	<b>146,391</b>

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**Additions to other provisions**

(in € thousands)	2007	2006
• Provisions for contingencies and charges .....	519	1,140
• Provisions for impairment in value of inventories and trade receivables .....	8,152	3,602
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>8,671</b>	<b>4,742</b>

**Comments on 2006 and 2007 data**

The high level of depreciation and amortization relating to non-current assets in both 2006 and 2007 reflects the major capital expenditure incurred by the Group over the past few years.

**NOTE 10: OTHER OPERATING INCOME AND EXPENSE, NET**

This item breaks down as follows:

(in € thousands)	2007	2006
• Contribution to the Free Foundation .....	0	3,000
• Fair value adjustments (see Note 17) .....	2,000	0
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>3,000</b>

**Comments on 2006 and 2007 data**

The Iliad Group has made a financial commitment to the Free Corporate Foundation, whose purpose is to implement measures aimed at promoting and developing the Internet and web-based services. In 2006 the Group undertook to pay €300,000 every six months for a period of five years spanning from 2007 to 2011, representing an aggregate amount of €3,000,000.

In accordance with IAS 32, this commitment has been recognized in full on the liabilities side of the balance sheet, and in view of its specific nature, the corresponding expense for the period has been recorded under "Other operating income and expense, net" in the income statement.

In 2007 the Group made two payments of €300,000 each to the Free Corporate Foundation in relation with this undertaking.

**NOTE 11: FINANCIAL INCOME AND EXPENSE**

Financial income and expense can be analyzed as follows:

(in € thousands)	2007	2006
• Income from cash and cash equivalents .....	10,157	5,343
• Finance costs, gross .....	(15,228)	(10,026)
<b>Finance costs, net .....</b>	<b>(5,071)</b>	<b>(4,683)</b>
• Other financial income and expense		
• Translation adjustments .....	1,508	1,567
• Other .....	83	(826)
<b>Financial income and expense, net .....</b>	<b>(3,480)</b>	<b>(3,942)</b>

Income from cash and cash equivalents corresponds to income from short-term investments.

Finance costs, gross comprises interest on borrowings and finance leases.

The expense for the year relating to the Group's OCEANE bonds includes interest payable both on the bonds and on the bond premium.

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**NOTE 12: CORPORATE INCOME TAX**

*Analysis of the corporate income tax charge*

The corporate income tax charge breaks down as follows:

(in € thousands)	2007	2006
• Current tax charge .....	73,185	64,714
• Deferred tax charge .....	(1,169)	(3,064)
<b>Total tax charge .....</b>	<b>72,016</b>	<b>61,650</b>

**Tax group**

The Iliad Group has set up a tax group, which in 2007 included all consolidated companies except Assunet, Total Call, Dedibox, Free Mobile and Immobilière Iliad.

**Tax proof**

The table below reconciles the Group's theoretical tax rate with the effective tax rate calculated on consolidated profit from continuing operations before tax.

	2007	2006
<b>Profit for the period .....</b>	<b>150,226</b>	<b>123,871</b>
• Corporate income tax .....	72,016	61,650
• Profit for the period, net of taxes, from discontinued operations .....	(13,923)	(7,269)
<b>Consolidated profit from continuing operations before tax .....</b>	<b>208,319</b>	<b>178,252</b>
<i>Theoretical tax rate .....</i>	<i>34.43%</i>	<i>34.43%</i>
• Net impact of permanent differences .....	0.85%	0.27%
• Impact of unrecognized tax loss carryforwards .....	0.02%	0.31%
• Impact of the commitment to the Free Corporate Foundation .....	0%	- 0.43%
• Impact of different tax rates .....	- 0.45%	0%
• Other impacts .....	- 0.28%	0.01%
<i>Effective tax rate .....</i>	<i>34.57%</i>	<i>34.59%</i>

**Deferred taxes**

Movements in deferred taxes in 2007 can be analyzed as follows:

Type of movement	Value of DT assets/ (liabilities) at Jan. 1, 2007	Credits	(Charges)	Changes in Group structure	Currency translation	Other	Value of DT assets/ (liabilities) at Dec. 31, 2007
Recognition of deferred tax assets arising from tax loss carryforwards .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Consolidation entries .....	(9,820)	2,521	1,022	(9)	0	1,949	(6,381)
Temporary differences .....	2,654	864	1,194	(20)	0	0	2,304
Other .....	(18,684)	0	0	0	0	0	(18,684)
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>(25,850)</b>	<b>3,385</b>	<b>2,216</b>	<b>(29)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,949</b>	<b>(22,761)</b>

DT assets at Jan. 1, 2007 .....	3,728	DT assets at Dec. 31, 2007 .....	4,780
DT liabilities at Jan. 1, 2007 .....	29,578	DT liabilities at Dec. 31, 2007 .....	27,631
<b>Net DT liabilities at Jan. 1, 2007 .....</b>	<b>(25,850)</b>	<b>Net DT liabilities at Dec. 31, 2007 .....</b>	<b>(22,761)</b>

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Movements in deferred taxes in 2006 can be analyzed as follows:

Type of movement	Value of DT assets/ (liabilities) at Jan. 1, 2006	Credits	(Charges)	Changes in Group structure	Currency translation	Other <sup>31</sup>	Value of DT assets/ (liabilities) at Dec. 31, 2006
Recognition of deferred tax assets arising from tax loss							
carryforwards .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Consolidation entries .....	799	1,832	735	0	0	(11,716)	(9,820)
Temporary differences .....	687	2,654	687	0	0	0	2,654
Other .....	(18,684)	0	0	0	0	0	(18,684)
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>(17,198)</b>	<b>4,486</b>	<b>1,422</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(11,716)</b>	<b>(25,850)</b>
DT assets at Jan. 1, 2006 .....	2,232			DT assets at Dec. 31, 2006 .....			3,728
DT liabilities at Jan. 1, 2006 .....	19,430			DT liabilities at Dec. 31, 2006 .....			29,578
<b>Net DT liabilities at Jan. 1, 2006</b> .....	<b>(17,198)</b>			<b>Net DT liabilities at Dec. 31, 2006</b> .....			<b>(25,850)</b>

#### Unrecognized deferred tax assets

Unrecognized deferred tax assets concern:

- tax loss carryforwards of companies outside the Iliad tax group which have been in a loss-making position for several years and are not expected to return to profit in the near future;
- tax loss carryforwards that are not expected to be utilized based on the projected future earnings of the companies concerned at the balance sheet date, or when the companies concerned have been historically loss-making and their turnaround is in progress.

Unrecognized deferred taxes break down into the following broad categories:

(in € thousands)	At Dec. 31, 2007	At Dec. 31, 2006
• Temporary differences .....	0	1
• Tax loss carryforwards .....	3,756	3,801
• Consolidation entries .....	14	11
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>3,770</b>	<b>3,813</b>

#### NOTE 13: PROFIT FROM DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS

On February 7, 2007 Iliad sold its entire interest in Kertel SA, a company specialized in prepaid phone cards which was part of the Group's Traditional Telephony business segment.

Kertel was sold for €20,661,000, including €6 million in vendor finance repayable between June 29, 2007 and December 31, 2007. The first two repayments of €2 million were received in 2007 and the final installment was received in early 2008.

The sale agreement includes an earn-out clause based on Kertel's EBIDTA for 2007, as follows:

- €1 million for EBITDA between €4 million and €4.75 million.
- €1.5 million for EBITDA between €4.75 million and €5.55 million.
- €2 million for EBITDA above €5.55 million.

<sup>31</sup> Other movements correspond to the deferred tax impact of the equity component of the 2006 bond issue (see Note 29).

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No provision has been recorded in the 2007 consolidated financial statements for any such additional purchase consideration.

Profit for the period, net of taxes, from discontinued operations can be analyzed as follows:

• Net earnings of discontinued operations .....	165
• Net disposal proceeds .....	<u>13,758</u>
<b>Profit for the period, net of taxes, from discontinued operations .....</b>	<b>13,923</b>

The net disposal proceeds break down as follows:

• Pre-tax disposal proceeds .....	13,909
• Disposal-related tax .....	<u>(151)</u>
<b>Net disposal proceeds .....</b>	<b>13,758</b>

Net earnings of discontinued operations represents the profit generated by Kertel between January 1, 2007 and January 31, 2007, which breaks down as follows:

	January 2007
	Data reported by Kertel (fully attributable to the Iliad Group)
<b>(in € thousands)</b>	
<b>Revenues .....</b>	2,950
<b>EBITDA .....</b>	248
<b>Profit from ordinary activities .....</b>	233
<b>Operating profit .....</b>	233

## NOTE 14: BASIC AND DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE

### Basic earnings per share

Number of shares used for the calculation	2007	2006
• Number of shares at the year-end .....	54,151,550	54,151,550
• Weighted average number of shares .....	54,151,550	54,139,975

### Diluted earnings per share

Number of shares used for the calculation	2007	2006
• Weighted average number of shares outstanding (see above) .....	54,151,550	54,139,975
• Number of share equivalents:		
• Stock options .....	412,906	327,566
• OCEANE bonds .....	<u>3,754,968</u>	0
<b>Maximum weighted average number of shares after dilution .....</b>	<b>58,319,424</b>	<b>54,467,541</b>

The OCEANE bonds issued on June 29, 2006 had no dilutive impact at December 31, 2006.

## NOTE 15: NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT

### Cash flows from operating activities

Net cash generated from operating activities is determined by the indirect method, which consists of adding back to or deducting from profit for the period (i) all non-cash transactions, (ii) deferrals or adjustments concerning past or future cash inflows or outflows related to operations, and (iii) all cash flows relating to investing or financing activities.

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#### Changes in operating working capital requirement

Changes in working capital requirement during 2007 and 2006 can be analyzed as follows:

<u>2007</u>	<u>Note</u>	<u>Balance at Jan. 1, 2007</u>	<u>Net debits</u>	<u>Net credits</u>	<u>Changes in Group structure</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Balance at Dec. 31, 2007</u>
• Net inventories .....	22	2,936		1,858	(573)		505
• Net trade receivables .....	23	67,355	19,866		(6,079)		81,142
• Net other receivables .....	23	55,420	3,633		384		59,437
• Supplier payables .....	30	136,713	7,788		(2,554)		126,371
• Other liabilities .....		63,143	9,233		(2,344)	2,141	53,707
<b>Total</b> .....		<b>(74,145)</b>	<b>40,520</b>	<b>1,858</b>	<b>(1,370)</b>	<b>(2,141)</b>	<b>(38,994)</b>
<b>Change in operating working capital requirement in 2007</b> .....					<b>38,662</b>		
<b>2006</b>	<u>Note</u>	<u>Balance at Jan. 1, 2006</u>	<u>Net debits</u>	<u>Net credits</u>	<u>Changes in Group structure</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Balance at Dec. 31, 2006</u>
• Net inventories .....	22	5,965		3,029			2,936
• Net trade receivables .....	23	61,853	5,682		(180)		67,355
• Net other receivables .....	23	38,602	16,232		586		55,420
• Supplier payables .....	30	108,833		27,520	360		136,713
• Other liabilities .....		55,635		6,867	641		63,143
<b>Total</b> .....		<b>(58,048)</b>	<b>21,914</b>	<b>37,416</b>	<b>(595)</b>		<b>(74,145)</b>
<b>Change in operating working capital requirement in 2006</b> .....					<b>15,502</b>		

#### Other liabilities

This item can be analyzed as follows:

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Total trade and other payables .....	30	244,355	286,924
• Suppliers of goods and services (incl. VAT) .....	30	(126,371)	(136,713)
• Suppliers of non-current assets (excl. VAT) .....		(64,277)	(84,921)
• Other items with no impact on working capital requirements .....			(2,147)
<b>Recognized in cash flow statement</b> .....		<b>53,707</b>	<b>63,143</b>

#### Acquisitions of non-current assets

Acquisitions of non-current assets can be analyzed as follows:

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
• Intangible assets .....	18	1,857	1,617
• Property, plant and equipment .....	20	350,127	315,540
• Suppliers of non-current assets (excl. VAT)			
• at beginning of year .....		84,921	56,660
• impact of changes in Group structure .....		0	526
• at year-end .....		(64,277)	(84,921)
<b>Recognized in cash flow statement</b> .....		<b>372,628</b>	<b>289,422</b>

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**Cash and cash equivalents**

	<u>Note</u>	<b>Cash and cash equivalents at Dec. 31, 2007</b>	<b>Cash and cash equivalents at Dec. 31, 2006</b>
Cash .....	24	80,112	275,270
Marketable securities .....	24	154,668	4,270
<b>Sub-total</b> .....		<b>234,780</b>	<b>279,540</b>
Bank borrowing facilities .....	29	(11,691)	(3,216)
<b>Total</b> .....		<b>223,089</b>	<b>276,324</b>

**Non-monetary flows relating to investing and financing activities**

The following table presents transactions carried out by the Iliad Group that did not have an impact on cash flows, and which are therefore not included in the cash flow statement.

<u>(in € thousands)</u>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
• Acquisitions of assets under finance leases .....	24,551	7,745
• Acquisition of a company through a share issue .....	0	0
• Conversion of debt into equity .....	0	0

**NOTE 16: SEGMENT REPORTING**

**Segment reporting format**

The Iliad Group's primary segment reporting format is business segments.

As almost all of its operations are in France, the Group only has one geographic segment.

**Identifying business segments**

The Group's operations are made up of two business segments, defined based on operating criteria:

- The **Broadband** segment, which includes Internet service provider operations (marketed under Free and related brands), hosting services (the Online, BookMyName and Dedibox brands), call center operations (Centrapel and Total Call), Wimax activities (operated by IFW) and optical fiber operations (carried out by IRE, Immobilière Iliad, Free Infrastructure and Citéfibre).
- The **Traditional Telephony** segment, which includes switched fixed-line telephony (One.Tel and Iliad Telecom), resale of airtime to operators (Kedra), directory services (mainly the ANNU reverse look-up directory accessible by Minitel, telephone, Internet and SMS text messaging) and e-commerce operations (Assunet.com).

This segment reporting format complies with the criteria set out in IAS 14.

These business segments may change in the future, depending on operating criteria and the development of the Group's businesses.

**Analysis of the consolidated income statement by business segment**

<u>2007</u>	<b>Broadband</b>	<b>Traditional Telephony</b>	<b>Inter- segment</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Revenues</b>				
External revenues .....	1,178,422	33,953		<b>1,212,375</b>
Inter-segment revenues .....	10,557	19,009	(29,566)	<b>0</b>
Total revenues .....	1,188,979	52,962	(29,566)	<b>1,212,375</b>
<b>Earnings</b>				
EBITDA .....	435,013	8,605	0	<b>443,618</b>
Share-based payment .....	2,417	750	0	<b>3,167</b>
Depreciation, amortization and provisions for impairment of non-current assets .....	226,379	273	0	<b>226,652</b>
Profit from ordinary activities .....	206,217	7,582	0	<b>213,799</b>

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<u>2006</u>	<u>Broadband</u>	<u>Traditional Telephony</u>	<u>Inter- segment</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Revenues</b>				
External revenues .....	842,222	108,039		<b>950,261</b>
Inter-segment revenues .....	39,358	43,205	(82,563)	<b>0</b>
Total revenues .....	881,580	151,244	(82,563)	<b>950,261</b>

<b>Earnings</b>	<u>Broadband</u>	<u>Traditional Telephony</u>	<u>Inter- segment</u>	<u>Total</u>
EBITDA .....	309,183	24,217	0	<b>333,400</b>
Share-based payment .....	1,265	550	0	<b>1,815</b>
Depreciation, amortization and provisions for impairment of non-current assets .....	144,961	1,430	0	<b>146,391</b>
Profit from ordinary activities .....	162,957	22,237	0	<b>185,194</b>

**Capital expenditure by business segment**

<u>2007</u>	<u>Broadband</u>	<u>Traditional Telephony</u>	<u>Inter- segment</u>	<u>Total</u>
Intangible assets .....	1,857	0	0	<b>1,857</b>
Property, plant and equipment .....	370,725	46	0	<b>370,771</b>

<u>2006</u>	<u>Broadband</u>	<u>Traditional Telephony</u>	<u>Inter- segment</u>	<u>Total</u>
Intangible assets .....	1,614	2	0	<b>1,616</b>
Property, plant and equipment .....	295,267	454	0	<b>295,721</b>

**Employee numbers by business segment**

<u>2007</u>	<u>Broadband</u>	<u>Traditional Telephony</u>	<u>Inter- segment</u>	<u>Total</u>
Number of employees at year-end .....	2,360	52	0	<b>2,412</b>
<b>2006</b>				
<u>2006</u>	<u>Broadband</u>	<u>Traditional Telephony</u>	<u>Inter- segment</u>	<u>Total</u>
Number of employees at year-end .....	1,709	68	0	<b>1,777</b>

**Analysis of consolidated assets by business segment**

<u>At December 31, 2007</u>	<u>Broadband</u>	<u>Traditional Telephony</u>	<u>Total</u>
Non-current assets (excl. deferred taxes) .....	<b>764,616</b>	<b>1,719</b>	<b>766,335</b>
Current assets (excl. cash and cash equivalents) .....	<b>124,067</b>	<b>17,017</b>	<b>141,084</b>
Inventories .....	505	0	<b>505</b>
Trade and other receivables .....	123,562	17,017	<b>140,579</b>
Other short-term financial assets .....	0	0	<b>0</b>
Assets held for sale .....	8,110	0	<b>8,110</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents</b> .....			<b>234,780</b>

<u>At December 31, 2006</u>	<u>Broadband</u>	<u>Traditional Telephony</u>	<u>Total</u>
Non-current assets (excl. deferred taxes) .....	<b>623,046</b>	<b>5,279</b>	<b>628,325</b>
Current assets (excl. cash and cash equivalents) .....	<b>101,540</b>	<b>24,496</b>	<b>126,036</b>
Inventories .....	2,364	572	<b>2,936</b>
Trade and other receivables .....	98,851	23,924	<b>122,775</b>
Other long-term financial assets .....	325	0	<b>325</b>
Assets held for sale .....	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents</b> .....			<b>279,540</b>

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**Analysis of consolidated equity and liabilities by business segment (excluding OCEANE convertible bonds)**

<u>At December 31, 2007</u>	<u>Broadband</u>	<u>Traditional Telephony</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Non-current Liabilities (EXCL. DEFERRED TAXES)</b> .....	<b>31,559</b>	<b>1,381</b>	<b>32,940</b>
Long-term provisions .....	923	493	1,416
Long-term financial liabilities .....	22,236	44	22,280
Other non-current liabilities .....	8,400	844	9,244
<b>Current liabilities</b> (excl. tax liabilities) .....	<b>244,184</b>	<b>15,961</b>	<b>260,145</b>
Short-term provisions .....	1,087	65	1,152
Trade and other payables .....	219,276	15,835	235,111
Short-term financial liabilities .....	23,821	61	23,882

<u>At December 31, 2006</u>	<u>Broadband</u>	<u>Traditional Telephony</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Non-current Liabilities (EXCL. DEFERRED TAXES)</b> .....	<b>19,794</b>	<b>2,008</b>	<b>21,802</b>
Long-term provisions .....	498	517	1,015
Long-term financial liabilities .....	9,259	27	9,286
Other non-current liabilities .....	10,037	1,464	11,501
<b>Current liabilities</b> (excl. tax liabilities) .....	<b>250,182</b>	<b>32,119</b>	<b>282,301</b>
Short-term provisions .....	1,337	130	1,467
Trade and other payables .....	244,046	31,377	275,423
Short-term financial liabilities .....	4,799	612	5,411

**NOTE 17: GOODWILL**

Goodwill breaks down as follows:

<u>(in € thousands)</u>	<u>At Dec. 31, 2007</u>	<u>At Dec. 31, 2006</u>
Free .....	7,757	7,757
Kertel .....	0	2,721
Freebox .....	2,121	1,568
IFW .....	19,484	18,684
Citéfibre <sup>(1)</sup> .....	1,844	3,844
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>31,206</b>	<b>34,574</b>

(1) The goodwill recorded for Citéfibre at December 31, 2006 was a provisional figure as the initial accounting for the acquisition had not been finalized.

The main movements in goodwill in 2007 and 2006 were as follows:

<u>(in € thousands)</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Net amount at Jan. 1 .....	34,574	24,922
Increase following acquisitions:		
• Free .....	0	5,081
• Freebox .....	553	727
• IFW .....	800	0
• Citéfibre .....	0	3,844
Decrease following disposals:		
• Kertel .....	(2,721)	0
Decrease following analysis:		
• Citéfibre .....	(2,000)	0
<b>Net amount at Dec. 31</b> .....	<b>31,206</b>	<b>34,574</b>

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- **FREEBOX**

The Group purchased several minority interests in Freebox in 2006 and 2007, recording €727,000 and €553,000 respectively in related goodwill.

- **IFW**

When Iliad acquired IFW in November 2005 the related purchase agreement provided for the payment of additional consideration by Iliad representing up to a maximum of €1 million if certain rights are exercised by the seller between January 1, 2007 and December 31, 2010.

In 2007 the seller partially exercised its rights under the agreement and Iliad paid €800,000 in additional purchase consideration which was allocated to IFW's goodwill.

At the date these financial statements were prepared, Iliad did not have any further information about whether the seller intended to request the payment of the remaining €200,000 in additional purchase consideration.

- **CITEFIBRE**

In 2007 Iliad completed its initial accounting for Citéfibre based on the assets and liabilities recognized in the company's balance sheet at October 30, 2006. This process also involved reviewing whether Citéfibre had any unrecognized intangible assets but no such assets were identified.

In view of the forward-looking information available concerning Citéfibre and the conditions related to rolling out the Group's optical fiber network, Iliad reduced the value of Citéfibre's goodwill from €3.8 million to €1.8 million in 2007.

### Comments on 2006 data

- **FREE**

In 2006, Free, a wholly-owned Iliad subsidiary, issued shares further to the exercise of founders' share subscription warrants (BSPCE) granted in prior years to certain employees. As Iliad wished to retain full ownership of Free, the Company purchased these newly-issued shares from the beneficiaries of the exercised warrants.

Total goodwill of €5,081,000 was recorded in relation to these share purchases in the 2006 consolidated balance sheet.

## NOTE 18: INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Intangible assets break down as follows:

(in € thousands)	At December 31, 2007			At December 31, 2006		
	Gross	Amortization	Net	Gross	Amortization	Net
<b>Acquisitions:</b>						
• Development costs .....	154	28	126	231	52	179
• Wimax license <sup>32</sup> .....	54,266	0	54,266	54,266	0	54,266
• Other .....	1,283	782	501	1,406	735	671
<b>Internally-generated intangible assets</b>						
• Development costs .....	2,820	1,167	1,653	2,137	842	1,295
• Other .....	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>58,523</b>	<b>1,977</b>	<b>56,546</b>	<b>58,040</b>	<b>1,629</b>	<b>56,411</b>

<sup>32</sup> The Wimax license owned by the Group is currently classified as an intangible asset in progress and will be amortized over the license period from the date when the related network is technically ready for the service to be marketed. The tests that need to be conducted prior to implementing Wimax-related technology began in 2007 and will continue in 2008.

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There are no restrictions on the legal title of the Group's intangible assets, and none of these assets have been pledged as security for borrowings.

Changes in net intangible assets can be analyzed as follows:

<b>(in € thousands)</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
Net amount at Jan. 1 .....	56,411	55,592
• Acquisitions .....	275	379
• Internally-generated intangible assets .....	1,582	1,238
Disposals .....	0	0
Impact of changes in Group structure .....	(87)	306
Amortization .....	(1,635)	(1,104)
<b>Net amount at Dec. 31 .....</b>	<b>56,546</b>	<b>56,411</b>

**Impairment of intangible assets**

There was no indication at the balance sheet date that any intangible assets were impaired, either at the level of the Iliad Group, or at the level of each cash-generating unit. Consequently no impairment tests were performed.

At the end of 2006 the Group tested its Wimax license for impairment by comparing its carrying amount with its fair value, determined based on the cost of obtaining regional licenses. Another impairment test was performed in 2007, which also factored in recent data relating to obtaining similar licenses in Europe.

Based on all of these data, Management did not consider it necessary to recognize an impairment loss for this license in 2007.

**NOTE 19: IMPAIRMENT TESTS ON GOODWILL AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS WITH INDEFINITE USEFUL LIVES**

**Allocating goodwill to cash-generating unit (CGUs)**

The CGUs identified by the Iliad Group correspond to the Group's business segments.

For the purpose of impairment testing, the total €31,206,000 in goodwill recognized by the Group at December 31, 2007 was allocated to the Broadband CGU.

**Allocation of intangible assets with indefinite useful lives**

The Iliad Group does not have any intangible assets with indefinite useful lives.

**Impairment tests**

The recoverable amounts of the Group's CGUs were determined based on fair value less costs to sell. No impairment losses were recorded, as the carrying amounts of the CGUs did not exceed their recoverable amounts.

As over 95% of the Group's operations correspond to the Broadband CGU, the fair value less costs to sell of this CGU was determined by reference to the Group's market value.

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#### NOTE 20: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Property, plant and equipment can be analyzed as follows:

(in € thousands)	At December 31, 2007			At December 31, 2006		
	Gross	Depreciation	Net	Gross	Depreciation	Net
• Land and buildings <sup>33</sup> .....	19,015	362	18,653	963	331	632
• Network usage rights .....	133,190	16,508	116,682	118,956	10,853	108,103
• Service access fees .....	281,058	141,025	140,033	203,681	84,032	119,649
• Network equipment <sup>34</sup> .....	636,839	256,777	380,062	419,188	128,981	290,207
• Other .....	32,862	11,692	21,170	22,175	7,562	14,613
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>1,102,964</b>	<b>426,364</b>	<b>676,600</b>	<b>764,963</b>	<b>231,759</b>	<b>533,204</b>
33 of which finance leases .....	12,988	0	12,988	0	0	0
34 of which finance leases .....	31,151	14,720	16,431	19,588	10,382	9,206

There are no restrictions on the legal title of the Group's property, plant and equipment, and none of these assets have been pledged as security for borrowings.

Changes in net property, plant and equipment can be analyzed as follows:

(in € thousands)	2007	2006
Net amount at Jan. 1 .....	533,204	357,244
Acquisitions <sup>35</sup> .....	374,678	323,285
Disposals .....	(6,026)	(3,487)
Impact of changes in Group structure .....	(239)	1,449
Depreciation .....	(225,017)	(145,287)
<b>Net amount at Dec. 31</b> .....	<b>676,600</b>	<b>533,204</b>
35 excluding assets acquired under finance leases .....	350,127	315,540

#### Comments on 2007 data

In 2007 the Group continued to invest in expanding its operations and managing the ADSL subscriber base (including investments in Freebox modems and service access fees). It also pursued its capital expenditure programs relating to its ADSL operator business by extending the coverage of its optical fiber network (including through IRUs) and by further improving and renewing network equipment.

At the same time, the Group actively pursued the work launched in 2006 to roll out its FTTH network by acquiring premises to house the necessary equipment – either through real estate finance leases or outright acquisitions – and by continuing to lay optical fiber cable, particularly in Paris.

#### Comments on 2006 data

In 2006, the Iliad Group continued to invest heavily in building up its network in order to enable its customers to benefit from the latest technological developments. As part of this strategy, Iliad pursued its capital outlay program for optical fiber, which is either installed directly by the Group or used in accordance with Indefeasible Rights of Use (IRU) contracts. It also rolled out and renewed network equipment and in April 2006 launched the new Freebox HD modem designed by the Group's research teams, which is equipped with numerous state-of-the-art features.

Also during the year, the Group began work on rolling out its FTTH network with a view to providing each home in the areas concerned with optical fiber dedicated to multi-media use.

#### Impairment of property, plant and equipment

There was no indication at the balance sheet date that any item of property, plant and equipment was impaired, either at the level of the Iliad Group, or at the level of each cash-generating unit. Consequently no impairment tests were performed.

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**Assets under construction**

The carrying amount of assets under construction is included in the carrying amounts of each item of property, plant and equipment, as follows:

(in € thousands)	At December 31, 2007	At December 31, 2006
• Land and buildings .....	18,052	0
• Network usage rights .....	7,635	3,682
• Network equipment .....	64,166	36,563
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>89,853</b>	<b>40,245</b>

**NOTE 21: OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS**

Other financial assets break down as follows:

(in € thousands)	At December 31, 2007 Net	At December 31, 2006 Net
<b>Other long-term financial assets</b>		
• Loans .....	0	2,318
• Other investment securities .....	44	322
• Guarantee deposits .....	1,939	1,496
<b>Total other long-term financial assets</b> .....	<b>1,983</b>	<b>4,136</b>
<b>Other short-term financial assets</b>		
• Loans .....	0	325
• Other .....	0	0
<b>Total other short-term financial assets</b> .....	<b>1,983</b>	<b>325</b>
<b>Total other financial assets</b> .....	<b>1,983</b>	<b>4,461</b>

Other short-term and long-term financial assets correspond to the portion of receivables due within one year and beyond one year respectively.

Other financial assets break down as follows by function:

(in € thousands)	At December 31, 2007 Net	At December 31, 2006 Net
<b>Total other financial assets</b> .....		
• Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss .....	44	322
• Held-for-trading investments .....	0	0
• Held-to-maturity investments .....	0	0
• Loans and receivables issued by the Group .....	1,939	4,139
• Available-for-sale financial assets .....	0	0
<b>Total other financial assets</b> .....	<b>1,983</b>	<b>4,461</b>

Changes in net other financial assets can be analyzed as follows:

(in € thousands)	2007	2006
Net amount at Jan. 1 .....	4,461	4,968
Acquisitions .....	584	609
Redemptions .....	(2,849)	(470)
Impact of changes in Group structure .....	(396)	79
Changes in provisions .....	183	(725)
<b>Net amount at Dec. 31</b> .....	<b>1,983</b>	<b>4,461</b>

In 2004 the Group granted a ten-year seller's loan in connection with the sale of a building. In 2007 the purchaser of the building repaid this loan in full in advance of term.

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#### NOTE 22: INVENTORIES

Inventories break down as follows:

(in € thousands)	At December 31, 2007	At December 31, 2006
Raw materials .....	298	207
Work-in-progress .....	0	0
Finished products .....	<u>762</u>	<u>3,145</u>
<b>Inventories – gross .....</b>	<b><u>1,060</u></b>	<b><u>3,352</u></b>
Provisions:		
• raw materials .....	(197)	(207)
• finished products .....	<u>(358)</u>	<u>(209)</u>
<b>Total provisions .....</b>	<b><u>(555)</u></b>	<b><u>(416)</u></b>
<b>Inventories – net .....</b>	<b><u>505</u></b>	<b><u>2,936</u></b>

#### Comments on 2006 and 2007 data

Finished products inventories correspond primarily to WiFi cards, as well as cell phones and accessories marketed by the Iliad Group since the launch of the new Freebox HD modem.

#### NOTE 23: TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

Trade and other receivables break down as follows:

(in € thousands)	At December 31, 2007	At December 31, 2006
<b>Trade and other receivables</b>		
Trade receivables .....	96,490	76,706
Advances and prepayments .....	932	593
Tax receivables (VAT) .....	35,405	37,642
Other receivables .....	16,382	9,593
Prepaid expenses .....	7,946	8,811
<b>Total – gross .....</b>	<b><u>157,155</u></b>	<b><u>133,345</u></b>
Provisions for trade receivables .....	(15,348)	(9,351)
Provisions for other receivables .....	(1,228)	(1,219)
<b>Net trade and other receivables .....</b>	<b><u>140,579</u></b>	<b><u>122,775</u></b>
Net trade receivables .....	81,142	67,355
Net other receivables .....	<u>59,437</u>	<u>55,420</u>

#### NOTE 24: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents can be analyzed as follows:

(in € thousands)	At December 31, 2007	At December 31, 2006		
	Carrying amount	Fair value	Carrying amount	Fair value
Certificates of deposit .....	150,974	150,974	0	0
<b>Net value .....</b>	<b>150,974</b>	<b>150,974</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Money-market mutual funds .....	3,694	3,694	4,270	4,270
<b>Net value .....</b>	<b>3,694</b>	<b>3,694</b>	<b>4,270</b>	<b>4,270</b>
<b>Cash .....</b>	<b>80,112</b>	<b>80,112</b>	<b>275,270</b>	<b>275,270</b>
<b>Total, net .....</b>	<b>234,780</b>	<b>234,780</b>	<b>279,540</b>	<b>279,540</b>

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The Group's certificates of deposit have terms of less than three months from their issue date.

The Group's portfolio of money-market mutual funds consists of units that can be sold at immediate notice and which fall within the "euro monetary" and "international monetary" classifications of the French securities regulator (AMF).

**NOTE 25: ASSETS HELD FOR SALE**

Assets held for sale break down as follows:

<u>(in € thousands)</u>	<u>At December 31, 2007</u>	<u>At December 31, 2006</u>
Buildings held for sale .....	8,110	0
Other assets held for sale .....	0	0
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>8,110</b>	<b>0</b>

In line with its strategy of acquiring the premises necessary for rolling out its FTTH network – particularly in Paris – the Group has purchased certain buildings of which it intends to only keep part for its future operations. The remaining portion of these buildings will therefore be sold.

The portions of the buildings acquired that the Group intends to subsequently sell have been classified under "Assets held for sale". In 2007, a specialist subsidiary was set up by the Group to manage these transactions and the corresponding sales are expected to complete in 2008.

Assets held for sale had no related liabilities at December 31, 2007 and they did not give rise to the recognition of any gains or losses in the 2007 income statement.

An analysis of assets held for sale is provided by business segment in Note 16.

**NOTE 26: EQUITY**

**Share capital**

There were no changes in Iliad's share capital during 2006 or 2007 and at December 31, 2007 the Group held 32,541 treasury shares.

At December 31, 2007, Iliad's ownership structure was as follows:

<u>Shareholder</u>	<u>Number of shares</u>	<u>%</u>
Executive Management .....	39,116,276	72.23
Public .....	15,035,274	27.77
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>54,151,550</b>	<b>100.00</b>

**Dividends paid and dividends recommended to shareholders at the Annual General Meeting**

Dividends paid in 2007 for 2006 totaled €14,607,000. No interim dividend was paid during the year.

At the next Annual General Meeting, shareholders will be invited to approve a dividend payment of €0.31 per share.

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#### Reserves

(in € thousands)	At December 31, 2007	At December 31, 2006
• Legal reserve .....	1,200	1,200
• Long-term capital gains reserve .....	0	0
• Other reserves .....	159,224	110,793
• Retained earnings .....	113,130	50,150
• Reserves relating to:		
• Revaluation of property, plant and equipment .....	0	0
• Revaluation of intangible assets .....	0	0
• Revaluation of available-for-sale financial assets .....	0	0
• Cash flow hedges .....	(3,711)	0
• Translation adjustments .....	0	0
• Current and deferred tax on items recorded directly in, or transferred from equity .....	0	0
• Equity-settled share-based payments .....	0	0
• Profit for the period .....	150,226	123,871
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>420,069</b>	<b>286,014</b>

#### Cash flow hedge reserve

In the second half of 2007 the Group set up a strategy to actively hedge its exposure to fluctuations in the EUR/USD exchange rate as a result of its increasing number of purchases denominated in US dollars.

The Group's derivative instruments are described in Note 34.

At December 31, 2007, the cash flow hedge reserve had a negative balance of €3,711,000.

#### NOTE 27: STOCK OPTION PLANS

The following tables summarize the main features of the various stock option plans approved in 2007 and prior years and outstanding at the year-end.

#### At December 31, 2007

<u>Date of Shareholders' Meeting</u>	<u>Date of plan launch</u>	<u>Number of options exercisable</u>	<u>Number of beneficiaries</u>	<u>Exercise price (in €)</u>	<u>Number of options exercised in 2007</u>	<u>Options outstanding at Dec. 31, 2007</u>
December 12, 2003 .....	January 20, 2004	409,434	19	16.30	0	409,434
December 12, 2003 .....	December 20, 2005	439,203	70	48.44	0	439,203
May 29, 2006 .....	June 14, 2007	162,455	1	74.62	0	162,455
May 29, 2006 .....	August 30, 2007	703,960 <sup>36</sup>	96	68.17	0	703,960
<b>Total</b> .....						<b>1,715,052</b>

#### At December 31, 2006

<u>Date of Shareholders' Meeting</u>	<u>Date of plan launch</u>	<u>Number of options exercisable</u>	<u>Number of beneficiaries</u>	<u>Exercise price (in €)</u>	<u>Number of options exercised in 2006</u>	<u>Options outstanding at Dec. 31, 2006</u>
December 12, 2003 .....	January 20, 2004	409,434	19	16.30	0	409,434
December 12, 2003 .....	December 20, 2005	536,931	81	48.44	0	536,931
<b>Total</b> .....						<b>946,365</b>

<sup>36</sup> Split in 2 plans: 162,455 stock options granted to one beneficiary and 541,505 stock options granted to 95 beneficiaries.

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**Exercise date of the options**

The exercise terms and conditions applicable to the outstanding stock options are as follows:

<b>Date of plan launch</b>	<b>Exercise terms and conditions</b>
January 20, 2004	Options exercisable on January 20, 2008
December 20, 2005	Half of the options under this plan are exercisable on December 20, 2009 and half on December 20, 2010.
June 14, 2007	Options exercisable on June 13, 2012
August 30, 2007	Options exercisable on August 30, 2012

**Fair value of options granted**

The fair value of the options granted was calculated using the Black & Scholes option pricing model.

The main assumptions applied under this model were as follows:

	<b>01/20/2004</b>	<b>12/19/2005</b>	<b>12/19/2005</b>	<b>06/14/2007</b>	<b>08/30/2007</b>
Quantity .....	487,769	270,758	270,757	162,455	703,960
Exercise price .....	€16.30	€48.44	€48.44	€74.62	€68.17
Underlying volatility .....	15%	30.40%	30.40%	38.40%	38.85%
Life of the options .....	4 years	4 years	5 years	5 years	5 years
Annual cost (in € thousands) .....	275	865	675	700	2,800

The expense recorded in relation to these plans totaled €3,167,000 in 2007 and €1,815,000 in 2006.

**NOTE 28: PROVISIONS**

Provisions break down as follows:

<b>(in € thousands)</b>	<b>At December 31, 2007</b>	<b>At December 31, 2006</b>
<b>Long-term provisions</b>		
Provisions for charges .....	1,416	1,015
<b>Total long-term provisions</b> .....	<b>1,416</b>	<b>1,015</b>
<b>Short-term provisions</b>		
Provisions for contingencies .....	1,152	1,205
Provisions for charges .....	0	262
<b>Total short-term provisions</b> .....	<b>1,152</b>	<b>1,467</b>
<b>Total provisions</b> .....	<b>2,568</b>	<b>2,482</b>

Provisions are considered to be "long-term" when the Iliad Group does not expect to use them within 12 months after the balance sheet date. In all other cases they are deemed to be "short-term".

Provisions for contingencies and charges break down as follows:

<b>(in € thousands)</b>	<b>At December 31, 2007</b>	<b>At December 31, 2006</b>
Provisions for charges .....	1,416	1,277
Provisions for contingencies .....	1,152	1,205
<b>Total provisions for contingencies and charges</b> .....	<b>2,568</b>	<b>2,482</b>

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Movements in provisions for contingencies and charges were as follows in 2007:

(in € thousands)	At Dec. 31, 2006	Increases in 2007	Decreases in 2007 (utilizations)	Decreases in 2007 (surplus provisions)	Changes in Group structure	Changes in foreign exchange rates	At Dec. 31, 2007
Provisions for claims and litigation and general contingencies .....	1,205	713	108	633	(25)	0	1,152
Provisions for charges .....	1,277	439	1	272	(27)	0	1,416
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>2,482</b>	<b>1,152</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>905</b>	<b>(52)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,568</b>

See Note 6, "Human Resources Data" for further information concerning the amount set aside during the year for employee benefits.

Movements in provisions for contingencies and charges were as follows in 2006:

(in € thousands)	At Dec. 31, 2005	Increase in 2006	Decreases in 2006 (utilizations)	Decreases in 2006 (surplus provisions)	Changes in Group structure	Changes in foreign exchange rates	At Dec. 31, 2006
Provisions for claims and litigation and general contingencies .....	707	950	235	217	0	0	1,205
Provisions for restructuring costs .....	30	0	30	0	0	0	0
Provisions for charges .....	596	679	1	12	15	0	1,277
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>1,333</b>	<b>1,629</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,482</b>

The impact (net of charges incurred) of movements in provisions on operating profit and net financial expense was as follows:

(in € thousands)	2007	2006
Operating profit .....	(519)	(1,140)
Net financial expense .....	272	(260)
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>(247)</b>	<b>(1,400)</b>

### NOTE 29: FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

Financial liabilities can be analyzed as follows:

(in € thousands)	At December 31, 2007	At December 31, 2006
Bank borrowings .....	0	1,766
Bonds .....	301,927	295,416
Borrowings related to finance leases .....	21,404	5,650
Cash flow hedges .....	802	0
Other .....	74	42
<b>Total long-term financial liabilities</b> .....	<b>324,207</b>	<b>302,874</b>
Bank borrowings .....	750	941
Bonds .....	7,274	3,707
Borrowings related to finance leases .....	6,556	3,066
Other bank borrowing facilities .....	11,691	3,216
Cash flow hedges .....	4,858	0
Other .....	27	16
<b>Total short-term financial liabilities</b> .....	<b>31,156</b>	<b>10,946</b>
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>355,363</b>	<b>313,820</b>

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Short- and long-term financial liabilities correspond to the portion of payables due within one year and beyond one year respectively.

All Group borrowings are in euros.

The table below summarizes movements in borrowings in 2007 and 2006:

<u>(in € thousands)</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Borrowings at Jan. 1 .....	313,820	89,600
New borrowings <sup>37</sup> .....	24,552	333,998
Bonds (reallocation of equity component) .....	0	(34,026)
Repayments of borrowings .....	(7,265)	(84,139)
Change in other bank borrowing facilities .....	8,475	1,386
Impact of changes in Group structure .....	33	183
Interest on OCEANE bonds and bond premium .....	10,078	6,893
Impact of cash flow hedges .....	5,660	0
Other .....	10	(75)
<b>Total borrowings at Dec. 31 .....</b>	<b>355,363</b>	<b>313,820</b>

<sup>37</sup> excluding borrowings related to finance leases .....

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### **Bonds**

On June 21, 2006, Iliad issued 3,265,190 OCEANE bonds convertible into new shares and/or exchangeable for existing shares, with a total face value of €287.5 million and paying interest at a rate of 2.20%. After the full exercise of the greenshoe option to the financial institutions which underwrote the issue, the number of OCEANE bonds outstanding at June 29, 2006 totaled 3,754,968, representing a total value of €330.6 million.

The bonds mature on January 1, 2012 and are redeemable at face value, i.e. €88.05 per bond.

The liability component of the OCEANE bond issue was analyzed as follows at June 29, 2006:

<u>(in € thousands)</u>	<u>At June 29, 2006</u>
<b>Face value of the bonds issued on June 29, 2006 .....</b>	<b>330,625</b>
Issuance costs .....	(4,371)
Net impact on 2006 cash flow .....	<b>326,254</b>
Equity component (gross value) .....	(34,026)
<b>Liability component at June 29, 2006 .....</b>	<b>292,228</b>

The impact of the bond issue on the Group's equity was as follows:

<u>(in € thousands)</u>	<u>At June 29, 2006</u>
Equity component (gross value) .....	34,026
Deferred tax impact .....	(11,716)
<b>Net impact on equity .....</b>	<b>22,310</b>

### **Guarantees given**

The Iliad Group has not given any specific guarantees in return for its existing borrowing facilities with banks.

### **Description of the Group's main bank borrowing facilities outstanding at December 31, 2007**

The Group did not have any significant outstanding bank borrowings at December 31, 2007.

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#### Breakdown of borrowings by type of rate

Gross borrowings at the year-end can be analyzed as follows by type of rate:

(in € thousands)	At December 31, 2007	At December 31, 2006
Fixed-rate borrowings .....	337,235	307,880
Variable-rate borrowings .....	18,128	5,940
<b>Total borrowings</b> .....	<b>355,363</b>	<b>313,820</b>

#### Breakdown of borrowings by nature and maturity

The following table presents borrowings by nature and maturity at December 31, 2007:

(in € thousands)	Due within 1 year	Due in 1 to 2 years	Due in 2 to 3 years	Due in 3 to 4 years	Due in 4 to 5 years	Due beyond 5 years	Total
Bonds .....	7,274	0	0	0	301,927	0	309,201
Bank borrowings .....	750	0	0	0	0	0	750
Borrowings related to finance leases .....	6,556	5,093	3,447	2,705	2,323	7,836	27,960
Other bank borrowing facilities .....	11,691	0	0	0	0	0	11,691
Other .....	4,885	801	0	0	0	75	5,761
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>31,156</b>	<b>5,894</b>	<b>3,447</b>	<b>2,705</b>	<b>304,250</b>	<b>7,911</b>	<b>355,363</b>

The following table presents borrowings by nature and maturity at December 31, 2006:

(in € thousands)	Due within 1 year	Due in 1 to 2 years	Due in 2 to 3 years	Due in 3 to 4 years	Due in 4 to 5 years	Due beyond 5 years	Total
Bonds .....	3,707	0	0	0	0	295,416	299,123
Bank borrowings .....	941	940	191	191	190	254	2,707
Borrowings related to finance leases .....	3,066	2,823	1,570	464	318	475	8,716
Other bank borrowing facilities .....	3,216	0	0	0	0	0	3,216
Other .....	16	0	0	0	0	42	58
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>10,946</b>	<b>3,763</b>	<b>1,761</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>296,187</b>	<b>313,820</b>

#### Description of the Group's main finance leases outstanding at December 31, 2007

##### *Real estate finance leases*

The Group purchases premises to house the technical equipment required for rolling out its FTTH network. As part of this process, in January 2007 Iliad entered into a master agreement with Genefim to finance the purchase of such premises through a real-estate finance lease with a 12-year term following which the related assets may be acquired for a token amount of €1. The agreement does not contain any contingent lease payment or renewal options, and does not impose specific restrictions, for example concerning dividends, additional debt or further leasing.

##### *Equipment finance leases*

As part of its operations, the Group holds several items of equipment (mainly switching equipment) under finance leases with terms of between three and seven years. None of the lease arrangements contain contingent lease payment or renewal options, nor do they impose specific restrictions, for example concerning dividends, additional debt or further leasing. All of the contracts include bargain purchase options at the end of the lease term.

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**Present value of future minimum lease payments due under finance leases**

The following table presents a reconciliation between total future minimum lease payments due under finance leases at December 31, 2007 and their present value.

<u>(in € thousands)</u>	<u>Due within 1 year</u>	<u>Due between 1 and 5 years</u>	<u>Due beyond 5 years</u>	<u>Total</u>
Future minimum lease payments .....	6,556	13,568	7,836	<b>27,960</b>
Present value .....	6,556	12,274	5,590	<b>24,420</b>

Present value is determined by applying a 4.80% discount rate.

**NOTE 30: TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES**

These items break down as follows:

<u>(in € thousands)</u>	<u>At December 31, 2007</u>	<u>At December 31, 2006</u>
Trade and other payables recorded under non-current liabilities		
Trade payables .....	1,021	2,373
Other payables .....	8,223	9,128
<b>Sub-total</b> .....	<b>9,244</b>	<b>11,501</b>
Trade and other payables recorded under current liabilities		
Trade payables .....	197,109	232,110
Advances and prepayments .....	0	0
Accrued taxes and payroll costs .....	35,085	30,843
Other payables .....	1,587	5,251
Deferred income .....	1,330	7,219
<b>Sub-total</b> .....	<b>235,111</b>	<b>275,423</b>
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>244,355</b>	<b>286,924</b>

Total trade payables can be analyzed as follows

<u>(in € thousands)</u>	<u>At December 31, 2007</u>	<u>At December 31, 2006</u>
Suppliers of goods and services .....	126,371	136,713
Suppliers of non-current assets .....	71,759	96,734
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>198,130</b>	<b>233,447</b>

**NOTE 31: LEASE COMMITMENTS**

Lease expenses recognized in the income statement break down as follows:

<u>(in € thousands)</u>	<u>At Dec. 31, 2007</u>	<u>At Dec. 31, 2006</u>
• Minimum lease payments .....	5,999	4,393
• Contingent lease payments .....	11	92
• Sub-leases .....	3,963	3,711
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>9,973</b>	<b>8,196</b>

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The table below analyzes the Group's lease commitments at December 31, 2007 by type of asset and maturity.

(in € thousands) Type of leased asset	Due within 1 year	Due in 1 to 2 years	Due in 2 to 3 years	Due in 3 to 4 years	Due in 4 to 5 years	Due beyond 5 years	Total
Real estate .....	5,825	3,474	726	673	673	156	11,527
Vehicles .....	855	500	15	0	0	0	1,370
Equipment and network infrastructure .....	2,186	1,049	515	328	302	1,415	5,795
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>8,866</b>	<b>5,023</b>	<b>1,256</b>	<b>1,001</b>	<b>975</b>	<b>1,571</b>	<b>18,692</b>

None of the Group's lease arrangements contain material contingent lease payments or renewal options, nor do they impose specific restrictions, for example concerning dividends, additional debt or further leasing.

### NOTE 32: RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Related-party transactions solely correspond to transactions with key management personnel.

#### Transactions with key management personnel

- Persons concerned:

Under IAS 24, key management personnel are those persons who have authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of an entity, directly or indirectly. For the Iliad Group, these persons correspond to members of the Board of Directors of Iliad SA and members of the Management Committee.

- Compensation paid to key management personnel in 2007 and 2006 breaks down as follows:

(in € thousands)	2007	2006
• Total compensation .....	1,632	1,074
• Short-term benefits .....	0	0
• Post-employment benefits .....	0	0
• Other long-term benefits .....	0	0
• Termination benefits .....	0	0
• Share-based payments .....	2,714	1,040
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>4,346</b>	<b>2,114</b>

In addition, in 2007 the Iliad Group purchased 18 Freebox shares from Rani Assaf for €120,000.

No liabilities have been recognized in the balance sheet in relation to compensation payable to key management personnel.

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**NOTE 33: FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

**Reconciliation by class of instrument and accounting category**

(in € millions)	Assets carried at fair value through profit or loss	Hedging instruments carried at fair value with changes recognized in equity	Loans and receivables	Liabilities carried at amortized cost	Carrying amount	Fair value
<b>At December 31, 2007</b>						
Cash .....	80,112				80,112	80,112
Marketable securities .....	154,668				154,668	154,668
Trade receivables .....		81,142			81,142	81,142
Other receivables .....		59,437			59,437	59,437
Other long-term financial assets .....	44		1,939		1,983	1,983
Long-term financial liabilities (excl. OCEANE bonds) .....		(802)		(21,478)	(22,280)	(22,280)
Short-term financial liabilities (excl. OCEANE bonds) .....		(4,858)		(19,024)	(23,882)	(23,882)
OCEANE bonds .....				(309,201)	(309,201)	<sup>38</sup>
Other non-current liabilities .....				(9,244)	(9,244)	(9,244)
Other current liabilities .....				(235,111)	(235,111)	(235,111)
<b>Total carrying amount .....</b>	<b>234,824</b>	<b>(5,660)</b>	<b>142,518</b>	<b>(594,058)</b>	<b>(222,376)</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>At December 31, 2006</b>						
Cash .....	275,270				275,270	275,270
Marketable securities .....	4,270				4,270	4,270
Trade receivables .....		67,355			67,355	67,355
Other receivables .....		55,420			55,420	55,420
Other long-term financial assets .....	322	3,814			4,136	4,136
Other short-term financial assets .....		325			325	325
Long-term financial liabilities (excl. OCEANE bonds) .....				(7,458)	(7,458)	(7,458)
Short-term financial liabilities (excl. OCEANE bonds) .....				(7,239)	(7,239)	(7,239)
OCEANE bonds .....				(299,123)	(299,123)	*
Other non-current liabilities .....				(11,501)	(11,501)	(11,501)
Other current liabilities .....				(275,423)	(275,423)	(275,423)
<b>Total carrying amount .....</b>	<b>279,862</b>		<b>126,914</b>	<b>(600,744)</b>	<b>(193,968)</b>	<b>N/A</b>

The main components of each financial instrument category and the applicable measurement methods are as follows:

- Assets carried at fair value through profit or loss primarily correspond to cash and cash equivalents. They are measured by reference to a quoted market price in an active market where such a market exists.
- Loans and receivables primarily comprise trade and other receivables.
- Liabilities carried at amortized cost – calculated using the effective interest method – essentially correspond to borrowings, trade payables and other current and non-current liabilities.
- Derivative instruments are carried at fair value with changes in fair value recognized either directly in the income statement or in equity when hedge accounting is applied.

<sup>38</sup> The Group was unable to determine the fair value of these bonds at the balance sheet date as they are not listed on a regulated market and have a low trading volume.

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The fair value of financial assets and liabilities is primarily determined as follows:

- The fair value of (i) trade receivables and payables; and (ii) other short-term receivables and payables, corresponds to their carrying amount in view of their very short maturities.
- The fair value of bonds is estimated at each balance sheet date.
- The fair value of liabilities related to finance leases corresponds to their carrying amount in view of their differing forms and maturities.

### **NOTE 34: FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT**

#### **Market risks**

##### **Foreign exchange risk**

###### *Exposure to foreign exchange risk*

The Iliad Group's functional currency is the euro. However, it purchases certain goods and services outside France and is therefore exposed to foreign exchange risks arising from various currency exposures, mainly with respect to the US dollar.

In 2007 the Group decided to set up a hedging strategy in relation to highly probable commercial transactions denominated in US dollars expected to take place over the coming 18 months. The instruments used for this purpose are zero-premium collars.

Detailed forecasts of the Group's future purchases denominated in US dollars are drawn up as part of the budget process. These transactions are hedged over a maximum period of one and a half years. Consequently, the Group's residual exposure after hedging foreign exchange risk on US dollar-denominated transactions was not material in 2007.

At December 31, 2007 all of these currency hedges qualified as cash flow hedges under IAS 39.

The table below sets out the Group's foreign exchange risks and related sensitivity.

##### **Foreign exchange risk**

<b>(in € thousands)</b>	<b>USD</b>
Assets .....	11,158
Liabilities .....	28,054
Net position before hedging .....	16,896
Off-balance sheet position .....	0
Net position after hedging .....	16,896
Closing rate .....	1.47185

##### **Foreign exchange risk sensitivity**

	<b>USD</b>
Net position after hedging .....	16,896
Net position after hedging based on the assumption that exchange rates change unfavorably for the Group by €0.01 .....	17,011
Sensitivity .....	115

##### **Interest rate risk**

###### *Exposure to interest rate risk*

The Group is not exposed to any significant interest rate risk. In 2007, Group companies had access to a confirmed syndicated line of credit representing a maximum amount of €220 million, available until June 2011. No drawdowns had been made under this facility at the year-end.

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Obligations under finance leases and equipment leasing arrangements amounted to €28 million at December 31, 2007 compared with €8.7 million at December 31, 2006. The majority of the financing arrangements entered into by Iliad in 2007 related to the roll-out of the Group's FTTH network. At December 31, 2007, the Group had €12.6 million in obligations under real estate finance leases entered into with Genefim (a subsidiary of Société Générale) to acquire Optical Nodes (ONs), corresponding to the Free premises where all optical fiber connections are made for a given geographic area. At the same date, the Group's obligations under FTTH equipment leasing contracts entered into with Cisco Capital represented over €7.1 million.

The Group's cash investments are at variable rates. At December 31, 2007, the Group did not have any interest rate hedges. In addition, the Group has no significant financial assets (such as bonds, treasury bills, other money market securities, loans or advances) and no off-balance sheet commitments (such as repos or forward rate agreements) that expose it to interest rate risk.

The tables below show the Group's net interest rate exposure (at December 31, 2007) and an analysis of sensitivity to interest rate fluctuations.

(in € thousands)	Within 1 year	Between 1 and 5 years	Beyond 5 years
Financial liabilities .....	26,271	315,420	7,985
Financial assets .....	0	0	1,939
Net position before hedging .....	<b>26,271</b>	<b>315,420</b>	<b>6,046</b>
Off-balance sheet items .....	0	0	0
Net position after hedging .....	<b>26,271</b>	<b>315,420</b>	<b>6,046</b>
Net position to be rolled over within one year (in € thousands) .....		<b>26,271</b>	
Change in interest rate .....			1%
Average remaining life (in months) .....			12
Sensitivity (in € thousands) .....			<b>263</b>

***Equity risk***

The Group does not hold any equities in its investment portfolio apart from a non-material stake in Mandrake Soft. It does, however, own treasury shares but in view of the very low number held any change in the Iliad share price would have only a minimal impact on the Group's earnings and equity.

**Liquidity risk**

The Group has historically financed its growth principally with internal resources, with limited recourse to borrowing to finance specific projects.

On June 29, 2006, the Company issued €330.6 million worth of OCEANE convertible/exchangeable bonds.

At December 31, 2007, the Group's net cash position stood at €223.1 million, compared with €276.3 million at December 31, 2006.

In view of the ratios set out below, the Group is not subject to any liquidity risk as a result of acceleration clauses in loans entered into by Group companies or as a result of the breach of any financial covenants.

Certain of the Group's credit agreements contain covenants corresponding to financial ratios, particularly the confirmed syndicated line of credit representing a maximum of €220 million. As of December 31, 2007, the Group had never breached any of these covenants.

	Applicable financial ratio	Consequence of breach	Actual ratios at December 31, 2007
€220 million credit line (Borrower – Iliad)	Leverage ratio < 2.5 Interest cover ratio > 5.1	Default	Leverage ratio: 0.258 Interest cover ratio: 126.743

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#### **Credit and counterparty risk**

The Group's financial assets primarily comprise cash and cash equivalents – particularly investments – as well as trade and other receivables (see Note 33 "Financial instruments").

The financial assets which could expose the Group to credit or counterparty risk chiefly correspond to the following:

- Trade receivables: at December 31, 2007 trade receivables represented a gross amount of €96 million and a net amount of €81 million (see Note 23 "Trade and other receivables"). The Group's exposure to customer credit risk is not material and is monitored daily through cash collection and debt recovery processes.
- Investments: the Group's policy is to invest in (i) money market securities such as certificates of deposit and commercial paper; and (ii) other monetary instruments with short-term maturities, generally not exceeding one month. It also takes care to diversify its investments and ensure that the securities in its portfolio are issued by leading companies and financial institutions in order to minimize counterparty risk.

At December 31, 2007, the Group's short-term investments – which amounted to €155 million (see Note 24 "Cash and cash equivalents") – mainly comprised money market securities (certificates of deposit and commercial paper) with maximum maturities of three months and issued by companies or financial institutions with a good credit rating (a minimum of A2/P2 or equivalent). Consequently, these investments do not expose the Group to a significant level of counterparty risk.

In addition, as part of its foreign exchange risk management strategy, the Group sets up hedges with leading financial institutions for which the counterparty risk is deemed as negligible.

#### ***Analysis of trade receivables***

At December 31, 2007 trade receivables totaled €96 million and provisions for doubtful receivables amounted to €15 million.

At the balance-sheet date, substantially all past-due receivables were classified as doubtful and provisions had been recorded based on statistical recovery rates. At December 31, 2006 and 2007 the amount of past-due trade receivables that had not been written down was not material.

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**NOTE 35: OFF BALANCE SHEET COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

**Commitments given**

The following table itemizes the commitments given by Iliad to third parties:

<u>Beneficiary</u>	<u>Amount (in € thousands)</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
SITA (Suez Environnement) ...	1,700	Guarantee relating to the premises at Rue de la Ville l'Eveque
ARCEP .....	(1)	Investments to be made by IFW
France Telecom .....	(2)	Investments relating to dark optical fiber
BNP .....	3,000	Financial guarantee for commitments given by Free Infrastructure

(1) *In a ruling handed down on December 9, 2003, the French Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (ARCEP) granted IFW the right to use across France a batch of frequencies included in the 3.5 GHz bandwidth of the wireless local loop. In connection with this ruling, IFW committed to guarantee a minimum population coverage rate and to undertake the requisite capital expenditure to do so. The minimum rate was set at 33.4% of the population in Normandy and the Greater Paris area for December 31, 2005. At the same date it was set at 5% of the population for other regions in mainland France, to be raised to 7% at December 31, 2008 and 9% at December 31, 2011.*

(2) *In April 2006, the Iliad Group signed an agreement subscribing to France Telecom's subscriber connection node service which involves leasing dark optical fibers specially dedicated to unbundling operators. Under this open-ended agreement, the Group can request France Telecom to provide it with one or more dark optical fiber links between (i) one of France Telecom's subscriber connection nodes where the Group is present and one of Free's Points of Presence (POPs); or (ii) between two France Telecom subscriber connection nodes where the Group is present. These services are provided subject to availability and in return for an annual fee.*

*The Group may decide whether to lease these optical fiber links either for a period of three or fifteen years. In May 2006, the Group issued its first batch of requests for dark optical fiber links for a period of fifteen years.*

**Commitments received**

- At December 31, 2007, the Group had a confirmed credit line totaling a maximum of €220 million, expiring in more than one year. No drawdowns had been made under this credit line at the year-end.
- One of the Group's financial partners has granted a €3,000,000 financial guarantee to the Paris City Authorities in connection with the right to use public land granted by the said authorities to the Iliad Group in 2006.
- In 2006, the Group announced plans to begin rolling out an FTTH optical fiber network to provide home subscribers in eligible areas with optical fiber dedicated to multi-media use.

In January 2007, Iliad entered into a master finance lease with Genefim to finance the purchase of premises to house equipment required to develop the FTTH network. Under the terms of the master lease, Genefim will finance all property acquisitions made in the period to June 30, 2008, up to an aggregate maximum of €50 million, through 12-year finance leases. At December 31, 2007, the Group had used €12,988,000 of this budget.

**Collateralized debt**

None of the assets belonging to the Iliad Group have been used as collateral for any debt.

**Accrued discounted trade notes**

The Iliad Group does not use this type of financing.

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#### **Statutory training entitlement**

In accordance with French Act no. 2004-391 of May 4, 2004 relating to professional training, the Group's French companies grant their employees an entitlement to at least 20 hours' training per calendar year, which may be carried forward for up to six years. If all or part of the cumulative entitlement is not used within six years, it is capped at 120 hours.

In order for the Group to approve any training, an employee making a request must show that the training program concerned will assist with his or her career development within the Group. Consequently no related provisions have been recorded. At December 31, 2007 the Group's employees had accumulated a total of 32,300 unused training hours.

#### **Dependence of the Iliad Group on patents and licenses**

The Iliad Group holds a license to use the One.Tel brand in France, granted in 2001 by Centrica Telecommunications Ltd for a 10-year period in return for an annual fee based on revenues but capped at €250,000.

#### **Claims and litigation**

Group companies are involved in a certain number of disputes arising in the normal course of business. When the Group and its legal advisors estimate that charges are likely to result, provisions for contingencies and charges are recorded, in accordance with IAS 37.

The Group considers that the provisions set up to cover such contingencies, litigation or disputes known of or in progress at December 31, 2007 are sufficient to ensure that there would be no material impact on the Group's consolidated financial position in the event of unfavorable outcomes.

#### **NOTE 36: EVENTS AFTER THE BALANCE SHEET DATE**

Between January 1, 2008 and the date on which the accounts were approved, no events occurred that would be likely to have a material impact on the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2007.

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**NOTE 37: LIST OF CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES AT DECEMBER 31, 2007**

	Registration number	Head office	Percentage control Dec. 31, 2007	Percentage control Dec. 31, 2006	Percentage ownership Dec. 31, 2007	Percentage ownership Dec. 31, 2006	Consolidation method in 2007
<b>ILIAD</b> 8 rue de la Ville l'Evêque 75008 Paris	342 376 332	Paris	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	Full
<b>ASSUNET</b> 8 rue de la Ville l'Evêque 75008 Paris	421 259 797	Paris	89.96%	89.92%	89.96%	89.92%	Full
<b>CENTRAPEL</b> 8 rue de la Ville l'Evêque 75008 Paris	434 130 860	Paris	99.98%	99.98%	99.98%	99.98%	Full
<b>CITEFIBRE</b> 8 rue de la Ville l'Evêque 75008 Paris	479 015 240	Paris	99.78%	99.78%	99.78%	99.78%	Full
<b>DEDIBOX</b> 8 rue de la Ville l'Evêque 75008 Paris	484 961 206	Paris	90.00%	90.00%	90.00%	90.00%	Full
<b>FREE</b> 8 rue de la Ville l'Evêque 75008 Paris	421 938 861	Paris	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	Full
<b>FREEBOX</b> 8 rue de la Ville l'Evêque 75008 Paris	433 910 616	Paris	96.08%	95.79%	96.08%	95.79%	Full
<b>FREE INFRASTRUCTURE (formerly PN)</b> 8 rue de la Ville l'Evêque 75008 Paris	488 095 803	Paris	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	Full
<b>FREE MOBILE</b> 8 rue de la Ville l'Evêque 75008 Paris	499 247 138	Paris	100.00%	/	100.00%	/	Full
<b>IFW</b> 8 rue de la Ville l'Evêque 75008 Paris	400 089 942	Paris	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	Full
<b>IH</b> 8 rue de la Ville l'Evêque 75008 Paris	441 532 173	Paris	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	Full
<b>IMMOBILIERE ILIAD</b> 8 rue de la Ville l'Evêque 75008 Paris	501 194 419	Paris	100.00%	/	100.00%	/	Full
<b>IRE</b> 8 rue de la Ville l'Evêque 75008 Paris	489 741 645	Paris	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	Full
<b>KEDRA</b> 8 rue de la Ville l'Evêque 75008 Paris	439 597 857	Paris	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	Full
<b>ON LINE</b> 8 rue de la Ville l'Evêque 75008 Paris	433 115 904	Paris	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	Full
<b>ONE TEL</b> 8 rue de la Ville l'Evêque 75008 Paris	419 392 931	Paris	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	Full

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	Registration number	Head office	Percentage control Dec. 31, 2007	Percentage control Dec. 31, 2006	Percentage ownership Dec. 31, 2007	Percentage ownership Dec. 31, 2006	Consolidation method in 2007
<b>TOTAL CALL</b>							
Technoparc – Route de Nouceur Sidi Maar Casablanca – Morocco	/	Morocco	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	Full
<b>TOUTCOM</b>							
8 rue de la Ville l'Evêque 75008 Paris	387 601 636	Paris	98.00%	98.00%	98.00%	98.00%	Full

**NOTE 38: LIST OF CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES AT DECEMBER 31, 2006**

	Registration number	Head office	Percentage control Dec. 31, 2006	Percentage control Dec. 31, 2005	Percentage ownership Dec. 31, 2006	Percentage ownership Dec. 31, 2005	Consolidation method in 2006
<b>ILIAD</b>							
8 rue de la Ville l'Evêque 75008 Paris	342 376 332	Paris	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	Full
<b>ASSUNET</b>							
8 rue de la Ville l'Evêque 75008 Paris	421 259 797	Paris	89.92%	89.88%	89.92%	89.88%	Full
<b>CENTRAPEL</b>							
8 rue de la Ville l'Evêque 75008 Paris	434 130 860	Paris	99.98%	99.98%	99.98%	99.98%	Full
<b>CITEFIBRE</b>							
8 rue de la Ville l'Evêque 75008 Paris	479 015 240	Paris	99.78%	0	99.78%	0	Full
<b>DEDIBOX</b>							
8 rue de la Ville l'Evêque 75008 Paris	484 961 206	Paris	90.00%	90.00%	90.00%	90.00%	Full
<b>FREE</b>							
8 rue de la Ville l'Evêque 75008 Paris	421 938 861	Paris	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	Full
<b>FREEBOX</b>							
8 rue de la Ville l'Evêque 75008 Paris	433 910 616	Paris	95.79%	95.43%	95.79%	95.43%	Full
<b>IFW</b>							
8 rue de la Ville l'Evêque 75008 Paris	400 089 942	Paris	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	Full
<b>IH</b>							
8 rue de la Ville l'Evêque 75008 Paris	441 532 173	Paris	100.00%	99.98%	100.00%	99.98%	Full
<b>IRE</b>							
8 rue de la Ville l'Evêque 75008 Paris	489 741 645	Paris	100.00%	0	100.00%	0	Full
<b>KEDRA</b>							
8 rue de la Ville l'Evêque 75008 Paris	439 597 857	Paris	100.00%	99.98%	100.00%	99.98%	Full
<b>KERTEL</b>							
8 rue de la Ville l'Evêque 75008 Paris	422 135 459	Paris	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	Full
<b>ON LINE</b>							
8 rue de la Ville l'Evêque 75008 Paris	433 115 904	Paris	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	Full

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	Registration number	Head office	Percentage control Dec. 31, 2006	Percentage control Dec. 31, 2005	Percentage ownership Dec. 31, 2006	Percentage ownership Dec. 31, 2005	Consolidation method in 2006
<b>ONE TEL</b>							
8 rue de la Ville l'Evêque 75008 Paris	419 392 931	Paris	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	Full
<b>PN</b>							
8 rue de la Ville l'Evêque 75008 Paris	488 095 803	Paris	100.00%	0	100.00%	0	Full
<b>TOTAL CALL</b>							
Technoparc – Route de Nouceur Sidi Maar Casablanca – Morocco	/	Morocco	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	Full
<b>TOUTCOM</b>							
8 rue de la Ville l'Evêque 75008 Paris	387 601 636	Paris	98.00%	98.00%	98.00%	98.00%	Full

**NOTE 39: CHANGES IN SCOPE OF CONSOLIDATION AND PERCENTAGE CONTROL IN 2007**

**Consolidated companies**

	Percentage control Dec. 31, 2006	Consolidation method at Dec. 31, 2006	Acquisition/ incorporation date	Percentage control Dec. 31, 2007	Consolidation method at Dec. 31, 2007
<b>FREEBOX</b> .....	95.79%	Full	January 19, 2007 August 1, 2007	96.08%	Full
<b>ASSUNET</b> .....	89.92%	Full	May 25, 2007	89.96%	Full
<b>FREE MOBILE</b> .....	/	/	July 24, 2007	100.00%	Full
<b>IMMOBILIERE ILIAD</b> .....	/	/	December 3, 2007	100.00%	Full

**Deconsolidated companies**

	Percentage control at Dec. 31, 2006	Consolidation method at Dec. 31, 2006	Deconsolidation date	Percentage control at Dec. 31, 2007	Consolidation method at Dec. 31, 2007
<b>KERTEL</b> .....	100.00%	Full	February 7, 2007	/	/

**ILIAD**

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**(Year ended December 31, 2007)**

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**STATUTORY AUDITORS' REPORT  
ON THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**(Year ended December 31, 2007)**

This is a free translation into English of the Statutory Auditors' report and is provided solely for the convenience of English speaking readers. The Statutory Auditors' report includes information specifically required by French law in all audit reports, whether qualified or not, and this is presented below the opinion on the consolidated financial statements. This information includes an explanatory paragraph discussing the auditors' assessments of significant accounting and auditing matters. These assessments were considered for the purpose of issuing an audit opinion on the consolidated financial statements taken as a whole and not to provide separate assurance on individual accounting captions or on information taken outside of the consolidated financial statements.

This report should be read in conjunction with, and construed in accordance with, French law and professional auditing standards applicable in France.

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To the Shareholders,

In compliance with the assignment entrusted to us by your Shareholders' Meeting, we have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Iliad for the year ended December 31, 2007.

The consolidated financial statements have been approved by the Board of Directors. Our role is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audit.

***I – Opinion on the consolidated financial statements***

We conducted our audit in accordance with professional standards applicable in France. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the assets and liabilities and of the financial position of the Group at December 31, 2007, and of the results of its operations for the year then ended, in accordance with IFRS as adopted for use in the European Union.

***II – Justification of our assessments***

In accordance with the requirements of article L. 823-9 of the French Commercial Code (*Code de commerce*) relating to the justification of our assessments, we bring to your attention the following matters:

- Note 3 to the consolidated financial statements describes the significant accounting estimates and judgments made by management. Our work consisted of assessing the data and assumptions on which these accounting estimates were based; reviewing, on a test basis, the calculations performed by the Company; comparing the accounting estimates made in prior periods with actual results; examining management's procedures for approving these estimates; and verifying that the notes to the consolidated financial statements contain the appropriate disclosures as regards the assumptions and options applied by the Company. As part of our assessments, we verified whether these estimates were reasonable.

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- Your Company has tested goodwill and its Wimax license, which has not yet been brought into commercial use, for impairment in accordance with the methods described in notes 18 and 19 to the consolidated financial statements.

We reviewed the methods used to carry out these impairment tests and to determine the recoverable amounts of the Broadband Internet cash-generating unit and the Wimax license. We also examined the underlying documentation and assessed the consistency of the data used.

These assessments were made in the context of our audit of the consolidated financial statements taken as a whole, and therefore contributed to the opinion we formed which is expressed in the first part of this report.

***III – Specific verifications***

In accordance with professional standards applicable in France, we have also verified the information given in the Group's Management Report. We have no matters to report as to its fair presentation and its consistency with the consolidated financial statements.

Neuilly-sur-Seine and Paris, April 7, 2008

The Statutory Auditors

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Boissière Expertise Audit

Xavier Cauchois

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**BALANCE SHEET—ASSETS**

<u>(in € thousands)</u>	<u>Gross</u>	<u>Depr., amort. and provisions</u>	<u>Net at Dec. 31, 2007</u>	<u>Net at Dec. 31, 2006</u>
<b>INTANGIBLE ASSETS</b>				
Start-up costs .....	0	0	0	0
Research and development costs .....	0	0	0	0
Concessions, patents and trademarks .....	154	129	25	39
Business goodwill .....	0	0	0	0
Other .....	46	46	0	3
<b>PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT</b>				
Land .....	119	0	119	119
Buildings .....	356	254	102	119
Fixtures and fittings .....	835	747	88	187
Technical equipment .....	7	7	0	0
Computer equipment .....	508	445	63	78
Furniture .....	138	89	49	69
Advances and prepayments .....				
<b>LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS</b>				
Investments in subsidiaries and affiliates .....	100,706	3,507	97,199	99,114
Loans and advances to subsidiaries and affiliates .....	291,803	2,000	289,803	254,503
Other investment securities .....	1,753	1,709	44	309
Other .....	1,187	0	1,187	1,014
<b>TOTAL FIXED ASSETS</b> .....	<b>397,612</b>	<b>8,933</b>	<b>388,679</b>	<b>355,554</b>
Inventories .....	0	0	0	0
Advances and prepayments on orders .....	0	0	0	0
Trade receivables .....	7,804	22	7,782	4,224
Receivable from suppliers .....	0	0	0	0
Employee-related receivables .....	2	0	2	0
Recoverable sales taxes .....	1,869	0	1,869	608
Other receivables .....	24,619	1,220	23,399	10,820
Other advances and prepayments made .....	0	0	0	0
Marketable securities .....	157,519	681	156,838	4,789
Cash and cash equivalents .....	50,261	0	50,261	255,981
Prepaid expenses .....	225	0	225	1,087
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b> .....	<b>242,299</b>	<b>1,923</b>	<b>240,376</b>	<b>277,509</b>
<b>ACCRUALS</b>				
Debt issuance costs .....	3,173	0	3,173	3,966
Conversion losses .....			0	0
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b> .....	<b>643,084</b>	<b>10,856</b>	<b>632,228</b>	<b>637,029</b>

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**BALANCE SHEET—EQUITY AND LIABILITIES**

<u>(in € thousands)</u>	<u>At Dec. 31, 2007</u>	<u>At Dec. 31, 2006</u>
Capital stock .....	12,000	12,000
Additional paid-in capital .....	84,623	84,623
Legal reserve .....	1,200	1,200
Regulated reserves .....	0	0
Other reserves .....	731	731
Retained earnings .....	113,130	50,150
Interim dividends .....	0	0
<i>Profit for the year</i> .....	<u>32,415</u>	<u>77,587</u>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b> .....	<b><u>244,099</u></b>	<b><u>226,291</u></b>
<b>OTHER EQUITY</b>		
Provisions for contingencies .....	28	67
Provisions for charges .....	0	0
<b>TOTAL PROVISIONS</b> .....	<b><u>28</u></b>	<b><u>67</u></b>
Bonds .....	337,912	334,334
Bank borrowings .....	26	16
Bank overdrafts .....	8	15
Other borrowings .....	411	14,825
Current accounts with subsidiaries .....	24,606	29,142
Trade payables .....	10,223	3,964
Employee-related payables .....	205	147
Accrued payroll and other employee-related taxes .....	307	237
Accrued corporate income tax .....	8,024	22,196
Accrued sales taxes .....	2,368	791
Other accrued taxes .....	101	113
Amounts due on fixed assets .....	0	0
Other liabilities .....	3,910	4,891
Deferred income .....	0	0
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b> .....	<b><u>388,101</u></b>	<b><u>410,671</u></b>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b> .....	<b><u>632,228</u></b>	<b><u>637,029</u></b>

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**INCOME STATEMENT**

<u>(in € thousands)</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Sales in France .....	25,758	25,319
Sales outside France .....	0	0
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b> .....	<b>25,758</b>	<b>25,319</b>
Reversals of depreciation, amortization and provisions, expense transfers .....	145	354
Other revenues .....	287	876
<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES</b> .....	<b>26,190</b>	<b>26,549</b>
Rebilled purchases .....	13,417	12,878
Other purchases and external charges .....	11,758	10,250
Taxes other than on income .....	216	148
Wages and salaries .....	2,408	2,073
Payroll taxes .....	1,064	857
Depreciation and amortization of fixed assets .....	998	649
Additions to provisions for current assets .....	8	13
Additions to provisions for contingencies and charges .....	0	67
Other expenses .....	510	282
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b> .....	<b>30,379</b>	<b>27,217</b>
<b>OPERATING INCOME/(EXPENSE)</b> .....	<b>(4,189)</b>	<b>(668)</b>
Interest and other financial income .....	25,203	76,302
Reversals of provisions .....	34	1,736
Net gains on disposals of marketable securities .....	9,157	5,798
<b>TOTAL FINANCIAL INCOME</b> .....	<b>34,394</b>	<b>83,836</b>
Interest and other financial expense .....	9,114	8,267
Additions to provisions .....	5,201	276
Net losses on disposals of marketable securities .....	882	205
<b>TOTAL FINANCIAL EXPENSE</b> .....	<b>15,197</b>	<b>8,748</b>
<b>NET FINANCIAL INCOME</b> .....	<b>19,197</b>	<b>75,088</b>
<b>OPERATING PROFIT BEFORE EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS AND TAX</b> .....	<b>15,008</b>	<b>74,420</b>
Exceptional income from operating transactions .....	1,048	0
Exceptional income from capital transactions .....	20,661	7,840
Reversals of provisions .....	0	0
<b>TOTAL EXCEPTIONAL INCOME</b> .....	<b>21,709</b>	<b>7,840</b>
Exceptional expense on operating transactions .....	1,491	0
Exceptional expense on capital transactions .....	800	3,856
Exceptional depreciation, amortization and provision expense .....	0	0
<b>TOTAL EXCEPTIONAL EXPENSE</b> .....	<b>2,291</b>	<b>3,856</b>
<b>NET EXCEPTIONAL INCOME</b> .....	<b>19,418</b>	<b>3,984</b>
Corporate income tax .....	2,011	817
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b> .....	<b>82,293</b>	<b>118,225</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b> .....	<b>49,878</b>	<b>40,638</b>
<b>PROFIT FOR THE YEAR</b> .....	<b>32,415</b>	<b>77,587</b>

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**

<u>(in € thousands)</u>	<u>Capital stock</u>	<u>Additional paid-in capital</u>	<u>Retained earnings and other reserves</u>	<u>Profit for the year</u>	<u>Total equity</u>
<b>Equity at December 31, 2005</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>86,721</b>	<b>34,962</b>	<b>27,948</b>	<b>161,631</b>
<b>Movements in 2006</b>					
• Issuance/cancellation of shares .....			27,948	(27,948)	0
• Appropriation of 2005 profit .....			(10,829)		(10,829)
• Dividends paid .....				77,587	77,587
• Profit for the year .....					
• Other .....		(2,098)			(2,098)
<b>Equity at December 31, 2006</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>84,623</b>	<b>52,081</b>	<b>77,587</b>	<b>226,291</b>
<b>Movements in 2007</b>					
• Issuance/cancellation of shares .....			77,587	(77,587)	0
• Appropriation of 2006 profit .....			(14,607)		(14,607)
• Dividends paid .....				32,415	32,415
• Profit for the year .....					
• Other .....					
<b>Equity at December 31, 2007</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>84,623</b>	<b>115,061</b>	<b>32,415</b>	<b>244,099</b>

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The Company financial statements and notes thereto have been prepared based on the following data, within the meaning of Article 17 of the French decree dated November 29, 1983:

- Year-end: ***December 31, 2007***
- Accounting period: ***12 months***
- Previous accounting period: ***12 months***
- Total assets at December 31, 2007: ***€632,228,000***
- 2007 revenues: ***€25,758,000***
- Number of employees at December 31, 2007: ***33***

In application of Article 10 of the French Commercial Code (*Code de Commerce*), the attached notes are presented in the standard format. Certain additional material data have also been provided.

*Note: Unless otherwise specified, all amounts in the following notes are stated in thousands of euros.*

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**1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**1.1 SIGNIFICANT EVENTS OF THE YEAR**

Free Mobile was incorporated by Iliad in July 2007 in order to bid for a license to develop and operate a mobile telephony network. Immobilière Iliad was incorporated in December 2007 to purchase and lease real estate assets as part of the development of the Company's optical fiber business.

In February 2007, Iliad sold its entire interest in Kertel.

**1.2 GENERAL ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, in accordance with French generally accepted accounting principles, including the principles of prudence and segregation of accounting periods, applied consistently from one accounting period to the next.

**1.3 EXCEPTIONS**

No exceptions to French generally accepted accounting principles were applied in the preparation of these financial statements.

**1.4 MAIN ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The main accounting policies applied by the Company are described below.

**1.4.1 *Property, plant and equipment and intangible assets***

Property, plant and equipment and intangible assets are stated at acquisition cost (including transaction expenses) or production cost.

Depreciation and amortization are calculated by the straight-line method, as follows:

• Software .....	1 year
• Trademarks .....	10 years
• Buildings .....	20 or 30 years
• Fixtures and fittings .....	10 years
• Plant and equipment .....	5 years
• Furniture .....	5 years
• Computer equipment .....	4 years

**1.4.2 *Investments in subsidiaries and affiliates, loans and advances to subsidiaries and affiliates, and other investment securities***

Investments in subsidiaries and affiliates, loans and advances to subsidiaries and affiliates, and other investment securities are stated at the lower of cost and fair value, excluding incidental expenses. Fair value is determined based on the net assets of the company concerned and its projected future earnings.

**1.4.3 *Receivables***

Receivables are stated at nominal value.

A provision is recorded for doubtful accounts based on the estimated risk of non-recovery.

**1.4.4 *Foreign currency transactions***

Income and expenses in foreign currencies are converted at the exchange rate prevailing on the date of the transaction.

Balance sheet items are converted at the year-end rate.

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**1.4.5 *Provisions for contingencies and charges***

When Iliad's obligations to third parties known at the balance sheet date are certain or likely to cause an outflow of resources, without at least equivalent consideration, a provision is recorded when the amount can be estimated reliably.

**1.4.6 *Bonds***

The issue price of the Company's OCEANE bonds is recognized in full on the liabilities side of the balance sheet, under "Bonds". The related debt issuance costs are being amortized over the life of the bonds.

**1.4.7 *Difference between operating and exceptional items***

Exceptional income and expense include both exceptional items relating to ordinary activities and extraordinary items.

Exceptional items relating to ordinary activities correspond to items that are unusual in terms of their size or impact or which arise from events that occur rarely.

**1.4.8 *Use of estimates***

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in France involves the use of estimates and assumptions which may have an impact on the reported amounts in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual amounts may differ from these estimates.

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**2 NOTES TO THE BALANCE SHEET AT DECEMBER 31, 2007**

**2.1 INTANGIBLE ASSETS**

**2.1.1 Movements in 2007**

Movements in intangible assets in 2007 can be analyzed as follows:

	<u>At Jan. 1, 2007</u>	<u>Acquisitions</u>	<u>Disposals</u>	<u>At Dec. 31, 2007</u>
Software .....	<u>46</u>	0	0	<u>46</u>
Trademarks .....	<u>154</u>	0	0	<u>154</u>
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b><u>200</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>200</u></b>

**2.1.2 Trademarks**

The Company has registered several trademarks related to its corporate name and businesses.

**2.2 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT**

**2.2.1 Movements in 2007**

Movements in property, plant and equipment in 2007 can be analyzed as follows:

	<u>At Jan. 1, 2007</u>	<u>Acquisitions</u>	<u>Disposals</u>	<u>At Dec. 31, 2007</u>
Land .....	<u>119</u>	0	0	<u>119</u>
Buildings .....	<u>356</u>	0	0	<u>356</u>
Fixtures and fittings .....	<u>833</u>	2	0	<u>835</u>
Technical equipment .....	<u>7</u>	0	0	<u>7</u>
Computer equipment .....	<u>474</u>	34	0	<u>508</u>
Furniture .....	<u>137</u>	1	0	<u>138</u>
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b><u>1,926</u></b>	<b><u>37</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>1,963</u></b>

**2.2.2 Analysis of property, plant and equipment**

- Land and buildings**

The Company owns a building at Rue de Crimée in Paris.

- Computer equipment**

This item corresponds to purchases of computer equipment.

**2.3 LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS**

**2.3.1 Movements in 2007**

	<u>At Jan. 1, 2007</u>	<u>Acquisitions</u>	<u>Disposals</u>	<u>At Dec. 31, 2007</u>
Investments in subsidiaries and affiliates .....	<u>99,720</u>	1,786	800	<u>100,706</u>
Loans and advances to subsidiaries and affiliates .....	<u>254,503</u>	49,514	12,214	<u>291,803</u>
Other investment securities .....	<u>1,753</u>	0	0	<u>1,753</u>
Guarantee deposits .....	<u>1,014</u>	233	60	<u>1,187</u>
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b><u>356,990</u></b>	<b><u>51,533</u></b>	<b><u>13,074</u></b>	<b><u>395,449</u></b>

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#### **2.3.2 *Investments in subsidiaries and affiliates***

The main movements during the year are described below.

- **FREEBOX**

Iliad purchased several minority interests in Freebox during the year, raising its interest in the company from 95.79% to 96.08%.

- **ASSUNET**

Iliad purchased several minority interests in Assunet in 2007, raising its interest in the company from 89.92% to 89.96%.

- **KERTEL**

In February 2007, Iliad sold its entire 100% interest in the share capital of Kertel for an amount of €20,661,000, including €6 million in vendor finance repayable between June 29 and December 31, 2007. The first two repayments of €2 million were received in 2007 and the final installment was received in early 2008.

- **FREE MOBILE**

In July 2007 Iliad set up a wholly-owned subsidiary, Free Mobile. The main corporate purpose of Free Mobile is to roll out and operate a mobile telephony network.

- **IMMOBILIÈRE ILIAD**

In December 2007, Iliad set up a wholly-owned subsidiary, Immobilière Iliad, whose main corporate purpose is to purchase and lease real estate assets to be used by the Broadband segment.

- **TOTAL CALL**

In June 2007, Iliad's wholly-owned subsidiary Total Call carried out a capital increase as required by Moroccan legislation, offset against the current account advances granted by Iliad to its subsidiary.

#### **2.3.3 *Loans and advances to subsidiaries and affiliates***

A substantial portion of the proceeds generated on the flotation of Iliad and on its 2006 bond issue was used to finance the investments in unbundling and optical fiber operations made by Free, Freebox and Free Infrastructure.

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**2.3.4 List of subsidiaries and affiliates**

See table overleaf.

	Capital stock	Retained earnings and other reserves	% ownership	2007 profit/ (loss)	Gross value of shares held	Net value of shares held	Loans and advanced granted by the Company	Commitments given	2007 revenues	Dividends received during the year
ASSUNET SA	38	(261)	89.96	253	34	34	0	/	706	0
CENTRAPEL SA	38	(1,486)	99.98	1,491	38	38	3,534	/	35,993	0
CITEFIBRE SA	826	(2,054)	99.78	(2,792)	2,935	0	5,539	/	347	0
DEDIBOX SAS	37	48	90.00	1,190	33	33	1,297	/	3,438	0
FREE SAS	3,037	169,179	100.00	131,057	36,332	36,332	198,194	16,626	1,184,300	0
FREE BOX SAS	50	1,363	96.08	1,016	2,136	2,136	27,461	\$30,000	207,988	0
FREE INFRASTRUCTURE SASU <sup>39</sup>	40	(1,011)	100.00	(3,556)	40	40	36,237	4,000	0	0
FREE MOBILE SAS <sup>40</sup>	40	0	100.00	(100)	40	40	75	/	0	0
IFW SASU	2,584	(243)	100.00	(2,233)	57,930	57,930	161	/	159	0
IH SA	39	76	100.00	34	39	39	654	/	1,054	0
IMMOBILIÈRE ILLIAD SRL <sup>41</sup>	(3)	1	0	100.00	(20)	1	5,215	/	0	0
IRE SASU	37	(30)	100.00	(1,287)	37	37	10,079	50,000	0	0
KEDRA SA	39	4	100.00	75	39	39	1,462	/	4,883	791
ONLINE SASU	85	64	100.00	903	85	85	0	/	2,601	1,125
ONE TEL SAS	2,511	11,644	100.00	7,852	0	0	0	/	22,316	11,898
SNDM SRL	2	(424)	100.00	12	297	0	0	/	1	0
TOTAL CALL	409	8	100.00	2,759	415	415	1,871	/	11,696	0
TOUTCOM SRL	8	(25)	98.00	(2)	275	0	24	/	0	0

<sup>39</sup> Formerly PN

<sup>40</sup> Incorporated in July 2007

<sup>41</sup> Incorporated in December 2007

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**2.3.5 Related-party transactions**

	<b>Debit balances</b>	<b>Credit balances</b>
<b>Loans and advances to subsidiaries and affiliates</b> .....	291,803	
Trade receivables .....	6,457	
Other receivables .....	14,164	
Business premise deposits received .....		366
Other borrowings .....		24,601
Trade payables .....		489
Other liabilities .....		3,910
Financial expense .....	1,339	
Financial income .....		24,205

**2.4 DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION**

Movements in depreciation and amortization are broken down in the following table:

	Depreciation and amortization at Jan. 1, 2007	Increases	Decreases	Depreciation and amortization at Dec. 31, 2007
<b>Intangible assets</b>				
<b>SUB-TOTAL I</b> .....	<b>158</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>175</b>
Buildings .....	237	17	0	254
Plant and equipment .....	7	0	0	7
Other property, plant and equipment				
Fixtures and fittings .....	646	101	0	747
Furniture, office and computer equipment .....	464	70	0	534
<b>SUB-TOTAL II</b> .....	<b>1,354</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,542</b>
<b>TOTAL (I+II)</b> .....	<b>1,512</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,717</b>

**2.5 OTHER ASSETS**

**2.5.1 Analysis of receivables by maturity**

<u>At December 31, 2007</u>	<u>Gross amount</u>	<u>Due within 1 year</u>	<u>Due beyond 1 year</u>
<i>Fixed assets</i>			
• Loans and advances to subsidiaries and affiliates .....	291,803	291,803	0
• Other long-term investments .....	1,187	0	1,187
<i>Current assets</i>			
• Advances and prepayments .....	0	0	0
• Trade receivables .....	7,804	7,804	0
• Doubtful and disputed receivables .....	0	0	0
• Payroll and other recoverable employee-related taxes .....	2	2	0
• Employee-related receivables .....	0	0	0
• Recoverable VAT .....	1,869	1,869	0
• Other receivables (including inter-company current accounts) .....	24,619	24,619	0
• Prepaid expenses .....	225	225	0
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>327,509</b>	<b>326,322</b>	<b>1,187</b>

**2.5.2 Debt issuance costs**

A total of €4,370,000 was recognized under assets corresponding to the costs incurred in 2006 for Iliad's bond issue (see Note 2.8).

These costs are being amortized on a straight-line basis over the life of the bonds.

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Changes in debt issuance costs were as follows in 2007:

	<u>Amount (in € thousands)</u>
• Debt issuance costs .....	4,370
• Prior period amortization .....	(404)
• Amortization charge for the year .....	(793)
<b>Net at December 31, 2007 .....</b>	<b><u>3,173</u></b>

**2.6 CAPITAL STOCK AND CHANGES IN CAPITAL**

**2.6.1 Capital stock**

The Company's capital stock at December 31, 2007 amounted to €12,000,000, divided into 54,151,550 fully paid-up shares. No changes in capital stock occurred during 2007.

**2.6.2 Form of the shares**

Iliad's shares may be held in either registered or bearer form.

The Company does not have any preferred shares.

**2.6.3 Changes in Iliad's capital**

There were no changes in Iliad's capital in 2006 or 2007.

On May 29, 2007, the Shareholders' Meeting granted:

- a 26-month authorization to increase Iliad's capital by up to €4 million by issuing shares and/or securities convertible, redeemable, exchangeable or otherwise exercisable for shares in the Company or a company it controls. The share issue would be carried out with pre-emptive rights for existing shareholders.
- a 26-month authorization to increase Iliad's capital by up to €4 million, without pre-emptive rights for existing shareholders, by issuing shares or share equivalents:
  - in consideration for contributions in kind granted to the Company in the form of equity or similar instruments;
  - in consideration for any shares tendered to the Company as part of a public exchange offer.
- a 26-month authorization to carry out a capital increase by capitalizing reserves, earnings or additional paid-in capital up to an amount of €75 million.
- a 26-month authorization to reduce Iliad's capital by canceling treasury shares representing up to 10% of capital stock.
- full powers to the Board of Directors to determine the timing and terms and conditions of the aforementioned capital increases.

**2.6.4 Ownership structure**

At December 31, 2007, Iliad's ownership structure was as follows:

<u>Shareholder</u>	<u>Number of shares</u>	<u>%</u>
Executive Management .....	39,116,276	72.23
Public .....	<u>15,035,274</u>	<u>27.77</u>
<b>Total .....</b>	<b><u>54,151,550</u></b>	<b><u>100.00</u></b>

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#### 2.6.5 Stock option plans

The following tables summarize the main features of the various stock option plans approved in 2007 and prior years, and outstanding at the year-end.

#### At December 31, 2007

Date of Shareholders' Meeting	Date of plan launch	Number of options exercisable	Number of beneficiaries	Exercise price (in €)	Number of options exercised in 2007	Options outstanding at Dec. 31, 2007
December 12, 2003 .....	January 20, 2004	409,434	19	16.30	0	409,434
December 12, 2003 .....	December 20, 2005	439,203	70	48.44	0	439,203
May 29, 2006 .....	June 14, 2007	162,455	1	74.62	0	162,455
May 29, 2006 .....	August 30, 2007	703,960	96	68.17	0	703,960
<b>Total .....</b>						<b>1,715,052</b>

The exercise terms and conditions applicable to the outstanding stock options are as follows:

Date of plan launch	Exercise terms and conditions
January 20, 2004	Options exercisable on January 20, 2008
December 20, 2005	Half of the options exercisable on December 20, 2009 and half on December 20, 2010
June 14, 2007	Options exercisable on June 13, 2012
August 30, 2007	Options exercisable on August 30, 2012

#### 2.7 PROVISIONS FOR CONTINGENCIES AND CHARGES

Movements in provisions for contingencies and charges in 2007 can be analyzed as follows:

	At Jan. 1, 2007	Additions	Reversals	At Dec. 31, 2007
Provisions for contingencies and charges .....	67	0	39	28
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>o/w utilizations .....</b>			<b>39</b>	

#### 2.8 OTHER LIABILITIES

None of the Company's debts are significantly aged or unusual.

The table below analyzes the Company's liabilities by maturity.

At December 31, 2007	Gross amount	Due within 1 year	Due in 1 to 5 years	Due beyond 5 years
• Bonds:				
• due within one year at issue date .....	7,287	7,287		
• due beyond one year at issue date .....	330,625	0	330,625	
• Bank borrowings:				
• due within one year at inception of loan .....	26	26		
• due beyond one year at inception of loan .....	0	0		
• Bank overdrafts .....	8	8		
• Other borrowings .....	24,606	24,606		
• Guarantees and deposits received .....	411	0		411
• Trade payables .....	10,223	10,223		
• Employee-related payables .....	205	205		
• Accrued payroll and other employee-related taxes .....	307	307		
• Other accrued taxes:				
• Corporate income tax .....	8,024	8,024		
• Value-added tax .....	2,368	2,368		
• Other .....	101	101		
• Amounts due on fixed assets .....	0	0		
• Other liabilities .....	3,910	3,910		
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>388,101</b>	<b>57,065</b>	<b>331,036</b>	

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**Issuance of OCEANE convertible/exchangeable bonds**

On June 21, 2006, Iliad issued 3,265,190 OCEANE bonds convertible into new shares and/or exchangeable for existing shares, with a total face value of €287.5 million and bearing interest at a rate of 2.20%.

After the full exercise of the greenshoe option granted to the financial institutions which underwrote the issue, the number of OCEANE bonds outstanding at June 29, 2006 totaled 3,754,968, representing a total value of €330.6 million.

The bonds mature on January 1, 2012 and are redeemable at face value, i.e. €88.05 per bond.

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#### **3 2007 REVIEW OF OPERATIONS**

##### **3.1 REVENUES**

2007 revenues can be analyzed as follows by segment:

• Minitel services .....	€ 3,324,000
• Iliad Telecom services .....	€ 2,993,000
• Inter-company re-invoicing .....	€18,967,000
• Other revenues .....	€ 474,000
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>€25,758,000</b>

All of the Company's revenues are generated in France.

##### **3.2 NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES**

At December 31, 2007, Iliad had 33 employees, broken down as follows by category:

	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Total</u>
• Management .....	19	9	28
• Other .....	0	5	5
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>33</b>

##### **3.3 EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS**

Net exceptional income came to €19,418,000 in 2007, primarily corresponding to the capital gain realized on the sale of shares in Kertel.

##### **3.4 NET FINANCIAL INCOME**

Net financial income came to €19,197,000 in 2007, broken down as follows by category:

	(in € thousands)
• Net interest on subsidiaries' current accounts .....	9,032
• Income from securities .....	13,814
• Overdraft charges, interest on borrowings and other financial expenses .....	(7,755)
• Net gains on disposals of marketable securities .....	9,157
• Additions to provisions .....	(5,201)
• Reversals of surplus provisions .....	34
• Net gains on disposals of treasury shares .....	116
	<b>19,197</b>

Additions to provisions correspond to:

• Investments in subsidiaries and affiliates .....	2,935
• Other investment securities .....	266
• Loans and advances to subsidiaries and affiliates .....	2,000
	<b>5,201</b>

Iliad took a €4,935,000 impairment loss on all of its shares in Citéfibre and on a portion of the loans and advances granted to said company, reflecting a decline in Citéfibre's prospects going forward.

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**3.5 EXECUTIVE REMUNERATION**

The tables below set out aggregate information concerning the remuneration and benefits paid to members of Iliad's administrative and management bodies.

<b>Administrative bodies</b> (in €)		<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
• Salaries, commission and other remuneration (including lump-sum expense allowances), and paid leave .....		241,850	125,070
• Attendance fees:			
• Exempt from payroll taxes .....		60,000	60,000
<b>Management bodies</b> (in €)		<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
• Salaries, commission and other remuneration (including lump-sum expense allowances), and paid leave .....		772,631	626,664
• Benefits-in-kind .....		105,629	98,906

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**4 FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**4.1 FINANCE LEASES**

The Company has entered into finance leases in relation to various equipment required for its business development.

The table below shows the main terms and conditions of these leases, which expired on December 31, 2007:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<b>Value at inception of lease</b> .....	<b>128</b>	<b>128</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
Cumulative depreciation .....	125	125
Charge for the year .....	3	3
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>128</b>	<b>128</b>
<b>Lease payments made</b>		
Cumulative payments made .....	146	146
Payments for the year .....	3	3
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>149</b>	<b>149</b>
<b>Future minimum lease payments</b>		
Within 1 year .....	0	0
1 to 5 years .....	0	0
Beyond 5 years .....	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Residual value</b>		
Within 1 year .....	0	0
1 to 5 years .....	0	0
<b>Amount charged to the income statement for the year</b> .....	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>

**4.2 FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS**

<u>Company concerned</u>	<u>Beneficiary</u>	<u>Amount</u> (in € thousands)	<u>Purpose of guarantee</u>
ILIAD	SITA (Suez Environnement)	1,700	Guarantee relating to premises at Rue de la Ville l'Evêque

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**Guarantees given by Iliad on behalf of Group companies**

<b>Company concerned</b>	<b>Beneficiary</b>	<b>Amount (in thousands of currency units)</b>	<b>Purpose of the guarantee</b>
FREE	DELL NEWCOURT	€679	Lease relating to IT equipment
FREE	CISCO SYSTEMS CAPITAL	€15,947	Financing for the purchase of equipment under 50 finance and equipment leases
FREEBOX	MEMEC France SAS	/	Guarantee for financial commitments made by Freebox
FREEBOX	ASUS	\$30,000	Guarantee for financial commitments made by Freebox in relation to the provision of electronic components
FREEBOX	SEAGATE	\$6,000	Guarantee for financial commitments made by Freebox in relation to the provision of electronic components
IH	RUGELEC	/	Guarantee for financial commitments made by IH in relation to a memorandum of understanding signed on December 11, 2003
IRE	GENEFIM	€50,000	12-year guarantee agreement effective from January 11, 2007
FREE	BNP Infrastructure	€3,000	Financial guarantee for commitments given by Free Infrastructure
FREE	AXIONE Infrastructure	€1,000	Guarantee for commitments made by Free Infrastructure in relation to a turnkey contract for developing optical fiber networks

**4.2.1 Collateralized debt**

None of the property belonging to the Company has been used as collateral for any debt.

**4.3 POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

Actuarial valuations of post-employment benefit obligations are made using the projected unit credit method, with employee rights recorded on an accruals basis.

For each active participant, the benefit likely to be paid is estimated based on the rules defined in the applicable collective bargaining agreement and/or company-level agreement, using personal data projected to the standard age for payment of the benefit. The Company's total obligations toward each participant (total actuarial value of future benefits) are then calculated by multiplying the estimated benefit by an actuarial factor, which takes into account the following:

- Assumptions concerning the employee's probability of departure or death before the age of payment of the benefit.
- The discounted value of the benefit at the measurement date.

These obligations are then allocated over each of the past and future years for which rights accrue for beneficiaries under the plan. This allocation can be analyzed as follows:

- The portion of the Group's obligation allocated to years prior to the measurement date (projected benefit obligation) corresponds to obligations for services rendered. The projected benefit obligation represents the Group's obligation existing at the balance sheet date.
- The portion of the Company's obligations allocated to the year following the measurement date (service cost) corresponds to the probable increase in obligations due to the additional year's service that the participant will have provided to the Company at the end of the year.

The individual results of the measurement process are subsequently aggregated to obtain Company-level results.

The Company's obligation in relation to post-employment benefits amounted to €39,000 at December 31, 2007. This obligation was not recognized in the 2007 financial statements.

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## **5 OTHER INFORMATION**

### **5.1 CONSOLIDATION**

Iliad SA prepares consolidated financial statements in its capacity as parent company of the Iliad Group.

### **5.2 TAX-RELATED INFORMATION**

#### **5.2.1 Tax group**

Iliad has set up a tax group which included the following companies in 2007:

• SA ILIAD	• SA IH
• SA CENTRAPEL	• SASU IRE
• SA CITEFIBRE	• SA KEDRA
• SAS FREE	• SAS ONE TEL
• SAS FREE BOX	• SASU ONLINE
• SASU FREE INFRASTRUCTURE	• SARL SNDM
• SASU IFW	• SARL TOUTCOM

The following rules apply within the tax group:

- Each company in the tax group, including the parent company, records in its accounts the amount of tax that it would have paid on a stand-alone basis.
- Any tax savings relating to tax losses made by members of the tax group are held at the level of the parent company and therefore do not have any impact on profit.

For as long as they remain members of the tax group, subsidiaries may offset their tax losses generated during their membership of the tax group against future taxable income.

Iliad records these tax savings on the liabilities side of its balance sheet under "Other liabilities". They totaled €3,910,000 at December 31, 2007.

- Any tax charges or savings relating to adjustments to total earnings, as well as any tax credits for loss-making companies, are recorded at the level of Iliad SA.
- No payments in relation to these matters may be due by Iliad when a company leaves the tax group.

#### **5.2.2 Deferred taxes**

Items subject to adjustments for the purposes of calculating taxable income will have the following expected impact on taxes in future years:

<b>Type of temporary difference</b>	<b>Amount (in € thousands)</b>
<b>Deferred tax liabilities</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	/
<b>Total deferred tax liabilities</b>	/
<b>Deferred tax assets</b>	
Government housing levy .....	4
"Contribution sociale" surtax .....	12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Total deferred tax assets</b>	<b>16</b>
Tax loss carryforwards of the Company .....	None
<b>TAX GROUP</b>	
Long-term capital losses .....	None

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**5.2.3 Corporate income tax relating to exceptional items**

Corporate income tax payable for 2007 amounted to €2,011,000 (including surtaxes), breaking down as follows:

- Corporate income tax relating to ordinary activities: ..... €1,669,000
- Corporate income tax relating to exceptional items: ..... € 342,000

**5.3 INFORMATION ON THE SEGREGATION OF ACCOUNTING PERIODS**

**5.3.1 Accrued income**

Accrued income included in balance sheet items can be broken down as follows:

<u>Balance sheet item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Loans and advances to subsidiaries and affiliates .....	0
Other long-term investments .....	0
Trade receivables .....	691
Other receivables .....	7,216
Cash and cash equivalents .....	0
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>7,907</b>

**5.3.2 Accrued expenses**

Accrued expenses included in balance sheet items can be broken down as follows:

<u>Balance sheet item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Convertible bonds .....	7,287
Other bonds .....	0
Bank borrowings .....	26
Other borrowings .....	0
Trade payables .....	658
Accrued taxes and payroll costs .....	370
Other liabilities .....	0
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>8,341</b>

**5.3.3 Deferred income and prepaid expenses**

Deferred income and prepaid expenses break down as follows:

	<u>Prepaid expenses</u>	<u>Deferred income</u>
Operating expense/income .....	225	0
Financial expense/income .....	0	0
Exceptional expense/income .....	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>225</b>	<b>0</b>

**5.4 EVENTS AFTER THE BALANCE SHEET DATE**

- No significant events occurred between January 1, 2008 and the date on which the accounts were approved.

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**STATUTORY AUDITORS' REPORT  
ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**(Year ended December 31, 2007)**

This is a free translation into English of the Statutory Auditors' report issued in the French language and is provided solely for the convenience of English speaking readers. The Statutory Auditors' report includes information specifically required by French law in all audit reports, whether qualified or not, and this is presented below the opinion on the financial statements. This information includes an explanatory paragraph discussing the auditors' assessments of certain significant accounting and auditing matters. These assessments were considered for the purpose of issuing an audit opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole and not to provide separate assurance on individual account captions or on information taken outside of the financial statements.

This report should be read in conjunction with, and construed in accordance with, French law and professional auditing standards applicable in France.

**IIAD**

8, rue de la Ville l'Evêque  
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*To the Shareholders,*

*In compliance with the assignment entrusted to us by your Shareholders' Meeting, we hereby report to you, for the year ended December 31, 2007, on:*

- the audit of the accompanying financial statements of Iliad,
- the justification of our assessments,
- the specific verifications and information required by law.

These financial statements have been approved by the Board of Directors. Our role is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

***I – Opinion on the financial statements***

We conducted our audit in accordance with professional standards applicable in France. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the Company's financial position and its assets and liabilities as at December 31, 2007, and of the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting rules and principles applicable in France.

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***II – Justification of our assessments***

*In accordance with the requirements of article L.823-9 of the French Commercial Code (Code de commerce) relating to the justification of our assessments, we bring to your attention the following matter:*

Note 1.4.2 to the financial statements sets out the accounting rules and methods applied in valuing investments in subsidiaries and affiliates, and loans and advances to subsidiaries and affiliates. As part of our assessment of the accounting rules and principles applied by your Company, we verified the appropriateness of these accounting methods and of the calculation of provisions for impairment in value.

These assessments were made in the context of our audit of the financial statements, taken as a whole, and therefore contributed to the formation of the opinion expressed in the first part of this report.

***III – Specific verifications and information***

We have also performed the specific verifications required by law in accordance with professional standards applicable in France.

We have no matters to report regarding:

- the fair presentation and the conformity with the financial statements of the information given in the Management Report of the Board of Directors, and in the documents addressed to the shareholders with respect to the financial position and the financial statements;
- the fair presentation of the information provided in the Management Report of the Board of Directors in respect of remuneration granted to certain company officers and any other commitments made in their favor in connection with, or subsequent to, their appointment, termination or change in function.

In accordance with the law, we have also verified that the Management Report contained the appropriate disclosures concerning acquisitions of investments and controlling interests and the identity of holders of the Company's shares and voting rights.

Neuilly-sur-Seine and Paris, April 7, 2008

The Statutory Auditors

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**Iliad S.A.**

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To the shareholders,

In our capacity as Statutory Auditors of Iliad SA, we hereby report to shareholders on regulated agreements and commitments with third parties.

**Agreements and commitments entered into during the year**

In application of Article L.225-40 of the French Commercial Code (*Code de commerce*), we have been informed of the agreements and commitments approved in advance by the Board of Directors.

Our responsibility does not include identifying any undisclosed agreements or commitments. We are required to report to shareholders, based on the information provided, about the main terms and conditions of agreements and commitments that have been disclosed to us, without commenting on their relevance or substance. Under the provisions of Article R.225-31 of the French Commercial Code, it is the responsibility of shareholders to determine whether the agreements and commitments are appropriate and should be approved.

We conducted our work in accordance with the professional standards applicable in France. Those standards require that we carry out the necessary procedures to verify the consistency of the information disclosed to us with the source documents from which it was taken.

**1 – With Free**

Director concerned: Cyril Poidatz

On March 12, 2007, the Board of Directors authorized the Company to guarantee commitments made by Free to Cisco Systems concerning an equipment lease, for a period of 36 months and representing an aggregate amount of €601,444.

**2 – With Freebox**

Directors concerned: Xavier Niel, Michaël Boukobza and Olivier Rosenfeld

On April 5, 2007, the Board of Directors authorized the Company to renew the USD 6 million guarantee relating to financial commitments given by its subsidiary Freebox to Seagate Technologie Inc and certain of its subsidiaries.

On May 2, 2007 the Board of Directors authorized the Company to increase this guarantee to USD 7 million to include financial commitments made by its subsidiary Dedibox.

On June 14, 2007, the Board of Directors authorized the Company to give a USD 30 million guarantee for a period of one year relating to financial commitments given by its subsidiary Freebox to Assus.

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On December 21, 2007 the Board of Directors authorized the Company to sign an open-ended framework agreement with Freebox concerning forward financial instruments. The purpose of this agreement, which forms part of the Group's foreign exchange risk management strategy, is to (i) reduce uncertainties relating to the cost of components purchased by Freebox and invoiced in US dollars, and (ii) benefit where possible from the impact of the fall in value of the US dollar. It was necessary to enter into this agreement as Iliad's financial institutions stated that they wished to have a single contact point for setting up this type of transaction. The agreement had no financial impact on Iliad's financial statements.

**3 – With Dedibox**

Director concerned: Cyril Poidatz

On May 2, 2007, the Board of Directors authorized the Company to renew the guarantee relating to financial commitments given by its subsidiary Dedibox to Seagate Technologie Inc and certain of its subsidiaries. This guarantee represents a total of USD 7 million including financial commitments made by Freebox.

**4 – With Rani Assaf, Senior Vice-President**

On June 14, 2007 the Board of Directors authorized the Company to purchase €120,000 worth of Freebox shares held by Rani Assaf.

**5 – With Centrapel**

Director concerned: Cyril Poidatz

On July 25, 2007, the Board of Directors authorized the Company to grant Centrapel a debt waiver with a return to profitability clause. In 2007, the debt waiver represented an amount of €1,490,843 and the Company recorded proceeds of €1,046,592 arising from the application of the return to profitability clause.

**6 – With Total Call**

Director concerned: Cyril Poidatz

On July 25, 2007, the Board of Directors authorized the Company to purchase all of the shares issued in connection with a capital increase carried out by its subsidiary Total Call, representing MAD 4,500,000.

**7 – With Free Infrastructure**

Director concerned: Cyril Poidatz

On August 30, 2007 the Board of Directors authorized the Company to grant a €1 million joint and several guarantee to Axione in relation to commitments made by Iliad's subsidiary Free Infrastructure.

**8 – With Immobilière Iliad**

Director concerned: Cyril Poidatz

On December 21, 2007, the Board of Directors approved the signature of a cash facility agreement with Immobilière Iliad.

The debit balance of the current account with Immobilière Iliad amounted to €5,215,225 at December 31, 2007 and the interest billed by the Company during the year totaled €18,225.

**9 – With Free Mobile**

Director concerned: Cyril Poidatz

On December 21, 2007, the Board of Directors approved the signature of a cash facility agreement with Free Mobile.

The debit balance of the current account with Free Mobile amounted to €75,110 at December 31, 2007 and the interest billed by the Company during the year totaled €110.

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**Agreements and commitments entered into in prior years which remained in force during the year**

In application of the French Commercial Code, we were informed of the following agreements and commitments entered into in prior years, which remained in force during the year.

**1 – With IRE**

The guarantee granted by the Company in relation to commitments made by IRE in connection with a property lease signed with Genefim for a principal amount of €50 million plus interest and incidental expenses, which was authorized by the Board of Directors on December 18, 2006, remained in force during 2007.

On July 27, 2006, the Board of Directors approved the signature of a cash facility agreement with IRE.

The debit balance of the current account with IRE amounted to €10,078,866 at December 31, 2007 and the interest billed by the Company during the year totaled €184,919.

**2 – With Dedibox**

On July 27, 2006, the Board of Directors approved the signature of a cash facility agreement with Dedibox.

The debit balance of the current account with Dedibox amounted to €1,297,575 at December 31, 2007 and the interest billed by the Company during the year totaled €85,757.

**3 – With IFW**

On July 27, 2006, the Board of Directors approved the signature of a cash facility agreement with IFW.

The debit balance of the current account with IFW amounted to €160,511 at December 31, 2007 and the interest billed to the Company during the year totaled €7,627.

**4 – With Free Infrastructure**

On July 27, 2006, the Board of Directors approved the signature of a cash facility agreement with Free Infrastructure.

The debit balance of the current account with Free Infrastructure amounted to €36,236,961 at December 31, 2007 and the interest billed by the Company during the year totaled €626,309.

On July 27, 2006, the Board of Directors authorized the Company to guarantee commitments given by its subsidiary Free Infrastructure to Draka Comteq France in an amount of €6,500,000. This guarantee remained in force until July 27, 2007.

**5 – With Citefibre**

On December 11, 2006, the Board of Directors approved the signature of a cash facility agreement with Citefibre.

A €2 million provision for impairment was recorded in respect of the €5,538,527 debit balance on Citefibre's current account at December 31, 2007 reducing the net debit balance on the account to €3,538,527.

The Company billed a total of €180,737 in interest in 2007 in relation to this account.

**6 – With Jean-Louis Missika SAS**

At its meeting of December 11, 2006, the Board of Directors approved the signature of a services agreement with Jean-Louis Missika SAS.

The Company paid €110,000 in fees under this agreement in 2007.

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**7 – With Kedra**

On December 12, 2001, the Supervisory Board approved the signature of a cash facility agreement with Kedra.

The debit balance of the current account with Kedra amounted to €1,462,163 at December 31, 2007 and the interest billed by the Company during the year totaled €83,353.

**8 – With Freebox**

On December 12, 2001, the Supervisory Board approved the signature of a cash facility agreement with Freebox.

The debit balance of the current account with Freebox amounted to €27,460,613 at December 31, 2007 and the interest billed by the Company during the year totaled €1,311,273.

**9 – With Centrapel**

On December 12, 2001, the Supervisory Board approved the signature of a cash facility agreement with Centrapel.

The debit balance of the current account with Centrapel amounted to €3,534,438 at December 31, 2007 and the interest billed by the Company during the year totaled €188,674.

**10 – With Assunet**

On July 12, 2000, the Board of Directors approved the signature of a cash facility agreement with Assunet.

The credit balance of the current account with Assunet amounted to €2,187 at December 31, 2007 and the interest billed to the Company during the year totaled €8,919.

**11 – With Kertel**

On December 17, 2003, the Board of Directors approved the signature of a cash facility agreement with Kertel.

Kertel was sold in February 2007 and its current account was cleared at that date. The interest billed to the Company in 2007 prior to the sale of Kertel totaled €19,518.

**12 – With Toutcom**

The cash facility agreement entered into with Toutcom remained in force in 2007. The debit balance of the current account with Toutcom amounted to €24,351 at December 31, 2007 and the interest billed by the Company during the year totaled €925.

The agreement to provide Toutcom with premises free of charge for domiciliation purposes, as approved by the Board of Directors on October 26, 2005, remained in force during the year.

**13 – With Free**

The cash facility agreement entered into with Free remained in force in 2007.

The debit balance of the current account with Free amounted to €198,194,428 at December 31, 2007 and the interest billed by the Company during the year totaled €7,314,708.

The agreement between Iliad and Free concerning the Company's promotion of the French directory services website "www.annu.com" remained in force during the year. As consideration for the right granted to the Company by Free to manage the multiple-criteria telephone directory search services on "www.free.fr" and "www.home.free.fr", Free billed the Company €150,000 in fees for 2007.

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**14 – With One.Tel**

On December 12, 2002, the Supervisory Board approved the signature of a cash facility agreement with One.Tel.

The credit balance of the current account with One.Tel amounted to €20,578,398 at December 31, 2007 and the interest billed to the Company during the year totaled €992,984.

**15 – With Online**

On December 12, 2002, the Supervisory Board approved the signature of a cash facility agreement with Online.

The credit balance of the current account with Online amounted to €202,513 at December 31, 2007 and the interest billed to the Company during the year totaled €28,228.

**16 – With IH**

On December 12, 2002, the Supervisory Board approved the signature of a cash facility agreement with IH.

The debit balance of the current account with IH amounted to €653,649 at December 31, 2007 and the interest billed by the Company during the year totaled €41,222.

**17 – With Total Call**

On February 9, 2005, the Board of Directors approved the signature of a cash facility agreement with Total Call.

The debit balance of the current account with Total Call amounted to €1,870,708 at December 31, 2007 and the interest billed by the Company during the year totaled €71,771.

**18 – With Xavier Niel**

On February 9, 2005 the Board of Directors approved the signature of a cash facility agreement with Xavier Niel.

Xavier Niel's current account had a credit balance of €3,565 at December 31, 2007 and no interest was paid in relation to this account during the year.

**19 – With Sndm**

The agreement to provide Sndm with premises free of charge for domiciliation purposes, as approved by the Board of Directors on October 26, 2005, remained in force during the year.

Paris, Neuilly-sur-Seine, April 7, 2008

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## 21. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## 21.1 SHARE CAPITAL

21.1.1 *Amount of share capital*

At the date this registration document was filed, the Company's share capital amounted to €12,013,188.97, divided into 54,211,067 shares, all issued, fully paid up and of the same class. The par value of the shares is not set in the Company's bylaws.

21.1.2 *Shares not representing capital*

At the date this registration document was filed, the Company has not issued any shares not representing capital.

21.1.3 *Share buyback programs*

The eighth resolution of the May 29, 2007 Shareholders' Meeting authorized the Board of Directors, with authority to delegate under the terms provided by law, to acquire shares representing up to 4% of the Company's capital. This authorization was granted for a period of eighteen months and remains in effect until November 27, 2008.

The maximum purchase price under this program is €200 per share.

The objectives of the share buyback program, in decreasing order of priority, were as follows:

- Market making for the Company's shares under a liquidity contract that complies with the code of ethics of the French Association of Investment Firms (AFEI) which is recognized by the French securities regulator (AMF) as an approved market practice.
- To allocate shares to employees and corporate officers of the Company and Group subsidiaries, in accordance with the applicable legislation, including by awarding bonus shares, as permitted by Articles L.225-197-1 *et seq.* of the French Commercial Code, or by granting stock options in accordance with Articles L.225-179 *et seq.* of the French Commercial Code, or in relation to profit-sharing schemes.
- To allocate shares on the exercise of stock options granted to the Company's employees and corporate officers in accordance with the law.
- To purchase shares to be held and subsequently used in connection with external growth transactions (as consideration, in exchange for shares in another company, or any other use).
- To cancel all or some of the shares purchased, provided that the May 29, 2007 Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting adopts the fourteenth resolution set out below.
- To attribute shares on redemption, conversion, exercise or exchange of share equivalents.

The Company carried out the following transactions in connection with the share buyback program:

	Purchases	Sales
Number of shares .....	1,118,359	1,104,850
Average transaction price ( <i>in €</i> ) .....	74.3848	74.4533
Total ( <i>in €</i> ) .....	83,188,864	82,259,780

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Following the above transactions, the Company held the following Iliad shares at December 31, 2007:

Percentage of capital directly or indirectly held by the Company .....	0.06%
Number of shares cancelled in the past 24 months .....	0
Number of shares held in the portfolio .....	32,541
Carrying amount of the portfolio ( <i>in €</i> ) .....	2,395,017
Market value of the portfolio ( <i>in €</i> ) <sup>42</sup> .....	2,395,017

At the Annual Shareholders' Meeting to be held on May 29, 2008, the Board of Directors will recommend to the Company's shareholders that they renew the authorization to implement a share buyback program in accordance with the General Regulations of the AMF, which particularly reflect European Commission Regulation No. 2273/2003 of December 22, 2003 implementing European Directive 2003/6/EC of January 28, 2003.

#### 21.1.4 Potential share capital

##### 21.1.4.1 Stock options

In accordance with Articles L.225-177 *et seq.* of the French Commercial Code, the Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting held on May 29, 2006 authorized the Board of Directors to grant on one or more occasions senior managers or other employees of the Company, or related companies within the meaning of Article L.225-180 of the French Commercial Code, options to purchase new or existing shares in the Company.

The total number of stock options granted, taking into account options granted under previous authorizations, may not be exercisable for shares representing over 4% of the Company's capital at the grant date. This authorization was given for a period of thirty-eight months from the date of the Shareholders' Meeting, i.e. until July 29, 2009.

The exercise price of the options granted under this authorization may not represent less than 80% of the average of the prices quoted for the Company's shares over the 20 trading sessions preceding the grant date. No stock option may be granted less than 20 trading sessions following the ex-dividend date or the issue of a preferential right to subscribe for new shares issued by the Company. In addition, the exercise price for options to purchase existing shares may not represent less than 80% of the average price paid for shares held by the Company pursuant to Article L.225-208 of the French Commercial Code or any share buyback program in effect.

During the year ended December 31, 2007, in connection with the above authorization granted by the May 29, 2006 Shareholders' Meeting, the Company's Board of Directors met on June 14 and August 30, 2007 in order to implement the stock option plans under the terms and conditions set out below.

- The Board of Directors met on June 14, 2007 and decided, first, to set up a new stock option plan, and second, to grant 162,455 stock options to 1 corporate officer of the Group, with each option entitling its holder to purchase one new share at a unit price of €74.62.
- The Board of Directors met on August 30, 2007 and decided, first, to set up a new stock option plan, and second, to grant 162,455 stock options to 1 employee of the Group, with each option entitling its holder to purchase one new share at a unit price of €68.17.
- At its August 30, 2007 meeting, the Board of Directors further decided, first, to set up a new stock option plan, and second, to grant 541,505 stock options to 95 employees and corporate officers of the Group, with each option entitling its holder to purchase one new share at a unit price of €68.17.

The Board of Directors used the authorization granted by the December 12, 2003 meeting at its January 20 and January 29, 2004 meetings to set up a new stock option plan and grant 485,769 stock options to 22 employees of the Group, with each option entitling its holder to purchase one new share at a unit price of €16.30.

The Board of Directors used the same authorization at its December 20, 2005 meeting to set up a new stock option plan and grant 541,515 stock options to 84 employees and corporate officers of the Group, with each option entitling its holder to purchase one new share at a unit price of €48.44.

<sup>42</sup> Based on the closing Iliad share price on December 31, 2007, *i.e.*, €73.60.

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The table below sets out the main characteristics of the stock options granted by the Company which were outstanding at March 31, 2008.

Date of Shareholders' Meeting .....	December 12, 2003
<i>First stock option plan</i>	
Date of Board meeting .....	January 20, 2004
Total number of options granted by the Board of Directors .....	485,769
<i>o/w to members of the Board of Directors</i> .....	0
Total number of beneficiaries .....	22
Exercise price per share (in €) .....	16.30
Exercise date of the options .....	January 20, 2008
Expiration date of the options .....	January 19, 2014
Number of options exercised .....	159,800
Number of options forfeited .....	76,335
Total number of exercisable options .....	249,634
New number of beneficiaries .....	18
Total number of new shares to be issued .....	249,634
Maximum dilutive impact of the options .....	0.46%
<i>Second stock option plan</i>	
Date of Board meeting .....	December 20, 2005
Total number of options granted by the Board of Directors .....	541,515 <sup>43</sup>
<i>o/w to members of the Board of Directors</i> .....	243,684
Total number of beneficiaries .....	84
Exercise price per share (in €) .....	48.44
Exercise date of the options .....	December 20, 2009
Expiration date of the options .....	December 20, 2010
Number of options exercised .....	0
Number of options forfeited .....	105,062 <sup>44</sup>
Total number of exercisable options .....	0
New number of beneficiaries .....	69
Total number of new shares to be issued .....	436,453
Maximum dilutive impact of the options .....	0.81%
<i>Third stock option plan</i>	
Date of Board meeting .....	June 14, 2007
Total number of options granted by the Board of Directors .....	162,455
<i>o/w to members of the Board of Directors</i> .....	162,455
Total number of beneficiaries .....	1
Exercise price per share (in €) .....	74.62
Exercise date of the options .....	June 14, 2012
Expiration date of the options .....	June 13, 2017
Number of options exercised .....	0
Number of options forfeited .....	0
Total number of exercisable options .....	0
Total number of new shares to be issued .....	162,455
Maximum dilutive impact of outstanding options .....	0.30%
<i>Fourth stock option plan</i>	
Date of Board meeting .....	August 30, 2007
Total number of options granted by the Board of Directors .....	162,455
<i>o/w to members of the Board of Directors</i> .....	0
Total number of beneficiaries .....	1
Exercise price per share (in €) .....	68.17
Exercise date of the options .....	August 30, 2012
Expiration date of the options .....	August 29, 2017
Number of options exercised .....	0
Number of options forfeited .....	0
Total number of exercisable options .....	0
Total number of new shares to be issued .....	162,455
Maximum dilutive impact of outstanding options .....	0.30%

<sup>43</sup> o/w half exercisable at each year-end

<sup>44</sup> o/w 81,228 options belong to former employee directors

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#### *Fifth stock option plan*

Date of Board meeting .....	August 30, 2007
Total number of options granted by the Board of Directors .....	541,505
<i>o/w to members of the Board of Directors</i> .....	0
Total number of beneficiaries .....	95
Exercise price per share (in €) .....	68.17
Exercise date of the options .....	August 30, 2012
Expiration date of the options .....	August 29, 2017
Number of options exercised .....	0
Number of options forfeited .....	2,629
Total number of exercisable options .....	541,505
New number of beneficiaries .....	94
Total number of new shares to be issued .....	538,876
Maximum dilutive impact of outstanding options .....	1%

During first-quarter 2008, 159,800 stock subscription options were exercised.

At March 31, 2008:

- 18 Group employees held 409,434 options entitling them to purchase 249,634 new Iliad shares at a unit price of €16.30.
- 69 Group employees held 436,453 options entitling them to purchase 441,037 new Iliad shares at a unit price of €48.44.
- 1 Group corporate officer held 162,455 options entitling him to purchase 162,455 new Iliad shares at a unit price of €74.62.
- 1 Group employee held 162,455 options entitling him to purchase 162,455 new Iliad shares at a unit price of €68.17.
- 94 Group employees held 538,876 options entitling them to purchase 538,876 new Iliad shares at a unit price of €68.17.

#### **21.1.4.2 OCEANE bonds convertible into new shares and/or exchangeable for existing shares of the Company**

On June 29, 2006, the Company issued 3,265,190 OCEANE convertible/exchangeable bonds governed by Articles L.228-91 *et seq.* of the French Commercial Code. Following the exercise of the related greenshoe option, the number of bonds issued was increased to 3,754,968, representing a total nominal value of €330,624,932.40, or €88.05 per bond. A prospectus relating to the issue was approved by the AMF on June 21, 2006 under number 06-219 and a legal notice was published in the *Bulletin des Annonces Légales Obligatoires* on June 26, 2006.

The OCEANE bonds bear interest at an annual rate of 2.20% and will be redeemed at par on January 1, 2012, unless they are redeemed in advance at the option of the Company under certain conditions, or at the option of the bondholders in the event of a change of control of the Company within the meaning of Article L.233-3 of the French Commercial Code. Early redemption of the bonds may also be required in certain other circumstances, notably if (i) the Company does not comply with its obligations relating to the bonds, (ii) the Company or one of its major subsidiaries defaults on the payment of a loan or a loan guarantee representing a total amount of at least €5 million, (iii) the Company or one of its major subsidiaries is required to repay another form of borrowing in advance of term, or (iv) the Company reduces its interest in Free SAS to below 95%.

Each bond is convertible into/exchangeable for one Iliad share at any time up to the seventh working day preceding the redemption or early redemption date, subject to any subsequent adjustments. Where OCEANE bondholders exercise their rights to receive Iliad shares, the Company may elect to allocate newly issued or existing shares, or a combination of new and existing shares.

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The OCEANE bonds (including interest thereon) constitute direct, general, unconditional, unsubordinated, unsecured debts of the Company. They rank equally at all times among themselves, and with all other present and future unsecured obligations of the Company (other than those that are deemed to be preferred, in accordance with the law). For as long as any of the bonds remain outstanding, the Company has undertaken not to grant any mortgage on its present and/or future real property interests, nor any pledge or other security interest over its business base or its trade receivables, for the benefit of other bonds without granting the same guarantees and the same ranking to the OCEANE bonds.

The OCEANE bonds are listed on the Eurolist market of Euronext Paris (ISIN code FR0010350280).

#### 21.1.4.3 *Information about the potential dilutive impact on the Company's capital following operations relating to the Company's potential dilutive instruments during the past three fiscal years*

Except for the stock options and OCEANE bonds described respectively in Section 21.1.4.1 and Section 21.1.4.2 above (the "**Dilutive Instruments**"), there are no securities that are convertible, redeemable, exchangeable or otherwise exercisable for the Company's shares or voting rights either now or in the future.

Type of dilutive instrument	Date of grant or issue	Exercise price (in €)	Expiration date of exercise, exchange or conversion period	Number of new shares to be issued	Dilutive impact (%)
Stock options .....	January 20, 2004	16.30	January 19, 2014 <sup>45</sup>	409,434	0.76%
Stock options .....	December 20, 2005	48.44	December 19, 2015	439,203	0.81%
OCEANE bonds .....	June 29, 2006	/	December 21, 2011 <sup>46</sup>	3,754,968	6.93%
Stock options .....	June 14, 2007	74.62	June 13, 2017 <sup>45</sup>	162,455	0.30%
Stock options .....	August 30, 2007	68.17	August 30, 2017 <sup>45</sup>	162,455	0.30%
Stock options .....	August 30, 2007	68.17	August 30, 2017 <sup>45</sup>	538,876	1%
<b>Total .....</b>				<b>5,467,391</b>	<b>10.1%</b>

#### 21.1.5 *Information about the terms of any acquisition rights or any obligations over authorized but unissued capital or an undertaking to increase the share capital*

Not applicable.

#### 21.1.6 *Information about the share capital of any member of the Group which is under option or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be put under option and details of such options (including those persons to whom such options relate)*

There are no options or conditional or unconditional agreements providing for the share capital of any member of the Group to be placed under option.

<sup>45</sup> Except if the beneficiary leaves the Company.

<sup>46</sup> Seventh working day preceding the redemption date, i.e. January 1, 2012, unless the bonds are redeemed in advance.

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#### 21.1.7 Changes in the Company's share capital over the past five years

Date of Shareholders' Meeting	Transaction	Number of shares issued (in €)	Nominal amount of capital increase (in €)	Share or contribution premium (in €)	Total share or contribution premiums (in €)	Total par value of share capital (in €)	Total shares outstanding (in €)	Par value of shares (in €)
12/12/2003	Stock split and decrease in par value	42,861,807	0	0	1,126,687.10	1,000,000	47,624,230	0.02
01/29/2004	Capital increase through cash contributions	5,000,000	104,988.57	78,034,413.23	79,161,200.33	1,104,988.57	52,624,230	0.02
02/03/2004	Capital increase through exercise of equity warrants	828,000	17,386.11	13,479,841.89	92,641,042.22	1,122,374.68	53,452,230	0.02
02/19/2004	Capital increase through capitalization of premiums	0	8,877,625.32	(8,877,625.32)	83,763,416.90	10,000,000	53,452,230	0.19
04/08/2005	Capital increase through exercise of founders' warrants	699,320	130,830.84	859,978.96	84,623,395.86	10,130,830.84	54,151,550	0.19
07/11/2005	Capital increase through capitalization of reserves	0	1,869,169.16	0	84,623,395.86	12,000,000	54,151,550	0.22
2006		0	0	0	84,623,395.86	12,000,000	54,151,550	0.22
2007		0	0	0	84,623,395.86	12,000,000	54,151,550	0.22

### 21.1.8 Authorized unissued share capital

At the Extraordinary Meeting of May 29, 2007 the shareholders authorized the Board of Directors to increase the Company's capital as follows:

Authorizations given to the Board of Directors by the Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting	Nominal amount (in €)		Expiration date	Change in ceilings and/or expiration dates of authorizations submitted for approval at the Shareholders' Meeting of May 29, 2008	
	Authorized	Used		Validity period	Ceiling (in €)
To issue shares and/or share equivalents with pre-emptive subscription rights for existing shareholders	4,000,000	0	07/28/2009	26 months from the date of the Shareholders' Meeting	5,000,000
To issue shares to employees who are members of a corporate savings plan	N/A	N/A	N/A	26 months from the date of the Shareholders' Meeting	100,000
To award stock options <sup>47</sup>	2,166,062 (corresponding to 4% of the capital or €480,000)	1,893,699	09/28/2009	38 months from the date of the Shareholders' Meeting	3,249,093 (corresponding to 6% of the capital or €800,000)
To issue shares and/or share equivalents without pre-emptive subscription rights for existing shareholders	4,000,000	0	07/28/2008	26 months from the date of the Shareholders' Meeting	5,000,000
To issue shares and/or share equivalents to certain categories of persons without pre-emptive subscription rights for existing shareholders	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
To increase the Company's capital through capitalization of reserves, profits or premiums	75,000,000	N/A	07/28/2009	N/A	N/A

## 21.2 BYLAWS

### 21.2.1 Corporate purpose (Article 2 of the bylaws)

The Company's purpose is to directly or indirectly conduct the following activities in France or any other country:

- to study, implement, maintain, operate, manage and/or market all systems, equipment, networks or services in the fields of telecommunications, the Internet, data processing, telematics and communications, including the installation and operation of electronic communications networks;
- to publish and broadcast all services, programs and information, in particular, to publish and provide telephone and telematics services to the public and broadcast audiovisual communications services by any technical means, including through the press, radio, audio-visual media, video or remote transmission, on magnetic or other media;
- to acquire by any means and manage investments in the capital of any French or foreign company, regardless of its form and purpose, by purchase, subscription of shares or otherwise;

<sup>47</sup> Authorization granted by the May 29, 2007 Shareholders' Meeting

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- to acquire, by any means, bonds, founders' shares or other securities issued by such companies;
- to provide any services relating to commercial, financial, accounting and administrative activities;
- to directly or indirectly invest, through contributions from partnerships or otherwise, in any companies having one or more activities directly or indirectly related to the Company's corporate purpose;
- to invest in any business or company with one or more activities which may be directly or indirectly related to the Company's corporate purpose or to any similar or associated purpose, in particular by creating new companies, or through contributions, mergers, joint ventures, partnerships or consortia;
- and more generally, to conduct any industrial, commercial or financial transactions, or any transactions involving either real estate or securities directly or indirectly related to the Company's corporate purpose or any similar or associated purpose.

#### ***21.2.2 Management of the Company***

##### ***21.2.2.1 Board of Directors***

The Company is governed by a Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors is responsible for defining and implementing the Company's strategies. Except for the powers directly vested in shareholders and within the scope of the corporate purpose, the Board is responsible for dealing with all matters related to the efficient management of the Company and for making all related decisions.

##### ***21.2.2.2 Senior Management***

As required by law, the Company is managed either by the Chairman of the Board of Directors, who then has the title of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, or by another person appointed by the Board of Directors with the title of Chief Executive Officer.

The Board of Directors selects one of these two options for managing the Company. The selected management structure must subsequently remain in place for a period of no less than one year.

##### ***21.2.3 Rights and obligations attached to shares***

###### ***21.2.3.1 Appropriation of net income (Article 31 of the bylaws)***

The Company's income statement shows its net income or loss for the fiscal year after deducting depreciation, amortization and provisions.

At least 5% of net income for the year, less any losses carried forward from prior years, is allocated to the legal reserve until such time as that reserve represents one-tenth of the Company's share capital. Further transfers are made on the same basis if the legal reserve falls to below one-tenth of the Company's share capital for any reason.

Distributable income represents net income for the year, less losses carried forward from prior years, and any amount to be appropriated to reserves pursuant to applicable law or the Company's bylaws, plus any retained earnings. The Shareholders' Meeting may appropriate all or part of this amount to any optional reserves or to retained earnings.

The Shareholders' Meeting may also decide to distribute funds drawn from available reserves, expressly indicating the reserve account from which the distributed amounts are to be taken. However, dividends are deducted in priority from distributable income.

Except in the case of a capital reduction, no distribution may be made to shareholders if the Company's shareholders' equity represents or would represent after the planned distribution less than the sum of its share capital plus any reserves which, under applicable laws or the Company's bylaws, are not available for distribution.

The revaluation reserve may not be distributed, but all or part of it may be incorporated into the Company's share capital.

Any losses are carried forward to be offset against net income in future years.

**21.2.3.2 Legal form of securities issued by the Company**

The securities issued by the Company may be held in the form of registered or bearer securities, at the holder's choice. Their existence is evidenced by their registration in securities accounts held in the name of the holder for that purpose under the terms and conditions set out by law either by the Company or its appointed custodian in the case of registered securities or by an intermediary authorized for that purpose in the case of bearer securities.

**21.2.4 Changes in the rights of shareholders**

As there are no specific provisions in the Company's bylaws relating to this issue, any changes in the voting rights attached to shares are subject to the provisions of the applicable laws governing French joint-stock corporations.

**21.2.5 Shareholders' Meetings**

The collective decisions of the Company's shareholders are made in Shareholders' Meetings, which are classified as ordinary or extraordinary according to the types of decisions they are called to make.

Shareholders' Meetings duly convened and constituted represent all of the Company's shareholders. Their decisions are binding on all shareholders, including those absent, dissenting or disqualified.

**21.2.5.1 Notice and conduct of meetings (Article 24 of the bylaws)**

Shareholders' Meetings are called by the Board of Directors or, if necessary, by the Statutory Auditors or any person authorized by law.

The meetings take place at the Company's registered office or any other location indicated in the notice of meeting.

They may be held by videoconference or any other means of telecommunications technology, including the Internet, which permits identification of the shareholders under the terms and conditions prescribed by the applicable laws and regulations.

**21.2.5.2 Agenda (Article 25 of the bylaws)**

The agenda for Shareholders' Meetings is determined by the party calling the meeting.

However, one or more shareholders or the works council may request that proposed resolutions be included in the agenda under the terms and conditions prescribed by the applicable laws and regulations.

The Shareholders' Meeting may not consider matters that do not form part of the agenda. Nevertheless, in any circumstances it may remove from office, or replace, one or more directors.

The agenda for a Shareholders' Meeting may not be amended on second call.

**21.2.5.3 Access to and representation at Shareholders' Meetings (Article 26 of the bylaws)**

a) Any shareholder may participate in Shareholders' Meetings in person or by proxy, regardless of the number of shares owned, subject to proof of the shareholder's identity.

Where it deems fit, the Board of Directors may provide shareholders with individual named admission cards and require them to produce such cards in order to gain entry to a meeting. Shareholders who wish to attend a meeting in person and have not received their admission card by 12:00 a.m. (Paris time) on the third working day preceding the meeting in question, will be provided with a participation certificate.

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b) The right to attend Shareholders' Meetings is subject to the following conditions:

- holders of registered shares must ensure that their shares are recorded in the share register held by the Company or its authorized intermediary.
- holders of bearer shares must ensure that their shares are recorded in the bearer share account held by their authorized intermediary, as evidenced by a participation certificate provided by said intermediary (in physical or electronic form).

These formalities must be completed by 12:00 a.m. (Paris time) on the third working day preceding the meeting concerned.

c) Any shareholder who cannot attend a meeting in person may choose one of the following three options:

- to be represented by another shareholder or his or her spouse; or
- to vote by mail using a form which may be obtained by following instructions provided in the notice of meeting; or
- to send a proxy to the Company without indicating a representative. In this case, the Chairman of the meeting will vote in favor of resolutions presented or approved by the Board of Directors and against all other proposed resolutions. In order to vote otherwise, the shareholder must appoint a representative who agrees to vote as instructed by the shareholder.

#### ***21.2.5.4 Meeting officers (Bureau) (Article 27 of the bylaws)***

Shareholders' Meetings are chaired by the Chairman of the Board of Directors or, in his absence, by a director appointed by the Board for that purpose. Where the meeting is called by the Statutory Auditors or a court-appointed representative, the meeting is chaired by the party calling the meeting. Where necessary, the meeting elects the chair.

The role of teller (*scrutateur*) is filled by the two shareholders present who hold the largest number of votes, either in their own right or as proxies, and agree to serve in this capacity. Those two meeting officers appoint a secretary, who need not be a shareholder.

The meeting officers are responsible for verifying, certifying and signing the attendance register, overseeing deliberations, resolving matters that arise during the meeting, monitoring the voting process, ensuring that it is properly applied, and overseeing preparation of the minutes.

#### ***21.2.5.5 Quorum and voting in Shareholders' Meetings (Article 28 of the bylaws)***

Subject to the double voting rights described in Section 18.2 of this registration document, in Ordinary and Extraordinary Shareholders' Meetings, each shareholder has a number of votes equal to the number of shares owned or represented.

The quorum is calculated based on the total number of shares making up the Company's share capital, less any shares stripped of voting rights, in accordance with the applicable laws and the Company's bylaws.

An Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting cannot validly deliberate on first call unless the shareholders present, represented or voting by mail hold at least one-quarter of the voting rights. No quorum is required on second call. The Shareholders' Meeting adopts decisions by a majority of the votes cast by shareholders present, represented or voting by mail.

An Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting cannot validly deliberate unless the shareholders present, represented or voting by mail hold at least one-third of the voting rights on first call and one-quarter on second call. If a quorum is not reached on second call, the second Shareholders' Meeting may be postponed to a date later than the initial scheduled date, not to exceed two months. The Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting adopts decisions by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast by the shareholders present, represented or voting by mail. In the event of a capital increase through capitalization of reserves, profits or premiums, the quorum and majority voting rules for Ordinary Shareholders' Meetings apply.

Shareholders who participate in a meeting by videoconference or other means of telecommunications technology that allows shareholders to be identified and complies with the terms and conditions prescribed by the applicable regulations are deemed present for the purpose of calculating the quorum and voting majority.

#### ***21.2.6 Articles of the bylaws likely to have an impact on a change in control***

Not applicable.

#### ***21.2.7 Disclosure thresholds (Article 12 of the bylaws)***

Any individual or legal entity, acting alone or in concert, that comes to hold or control, directly or indirectly, a number of shares representing 1% or more of the Company's capital or voting rights must disclose to the Company, within five trading days of the date the threshold was crossed, the total number of shares and voting rights held, as well as the number of securities convertible, redeemable, exchangeable or otherwise exercisable for shares. The disclosure must be made by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by any equivalent method outside France in the case of non-resident shareholders.

The same disclosure formalities must be carried out whenever the portion of capital or voting rights held increases or decreases by any multiple of 1%.

In the event of failure to comply with these disclosure requirements, the shares in excess of the relevant threshold will be stripped of voting rights for all Shareholders' Meetings held within the two-year period from the date when the omission is remedied, at the request of one or more shareholders holding at least 1% of the Company's capital or voting rights, as evidenced in the minutes of the Shareholders' Meeting.

#### ***21.2.8 Specific provisions governing changes in the Company's share capital***

As there are no specific provisions in the Company's bylaws relating to this issue, any changes in the Company's share capital are subject to the provisions of the applicable laws governing French joint-stock corporations.

#### ***21.2.9 Form of shares and identification of shareholders (Article 9 of the bylaws)***

Except as provided by law, fully paid shares can take the form of registered or bearer shares, at the option of the shareholder. However, they must be held in registered form until they are fully paid.

The Company is entitled to request at any time, under the terms and conditions provided for by the applicable laws and regulations, that the securities clearing house provide it with the name, address, nationality, date of birth (or, in the case of corporate shareholders, the year of incorporation), of holders of bearer shares and other securities redeemable, exchangeable, convertible or otherwise exercisable for shares carrying rights to vote at Shareholders' Meetings, as well as the number of shares held by each party and any restrictions applicable to the securities.

After reviewing the information provided by the clearing house, if the Company believes that individuals or legal entities featured on the list may be holding securities on behalf of third parties, it is entitled to request the clearing house, or the listed parties themselves, under the same terms and conditions, whether they are holding the securities on their own account or on behalf of a third party, and if so, to provide the Company with information identifying those third parties. If the identity of the owner(s) of the relevant shares is not disclosed, any vote or proxy issued by the registered intermediary will not be recognized.

#### ***21.2.10 Fiscal year***

The Company's fiscal year begins on January 1 and ends on December 31 of each calendar year.

#### ***21.2.11 Distribution of dividends (Article 32 of the bylaws)***

The method of distributing dividends is determined by vote at Shareholders' Meetings or, when necessary, by the Board of Directors.

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However, cash dividends must be distributed no later than nine months following the close of the fiscal year unless an extension is authorized by court of law.

The Shareholders' Meeting may, under the conditions determined by law, offer each shareholder the option of receiving all or part of the final dividend or any interim dividend in the form of new shares of the Company.

### 21.3 DIVIDENDS

#### 21.3.1 *Dividends distributed in the past five fiscal years*

During the past five fiscal years, the Company distributed dividends for fiscal years 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006.

The Shareholders' Meeting of May 6, 2003 resolved to distribute a total dividend of €4,286,181 (€0.90 per share), representing approximately 16.45% of profit for 2002.

The Shareholders' Meeting of May 28, 2004 resolved to pay a total dividend of €5,345,223 (€0.10 per share), representing approximately 92.35% of profit for 2003.

The Board of Directors' meeting of December 6, 2004 approved the distribution of an interim dividend corresponding to €4,008,917 (€0.075 per share), representing approximately 41.45% of profit for the first three quarters of fiscal 2004.

The Shareholders' Meeting of May 27, 2005 resolved to distribute a total dividend of €6,174,979.25 (€0.115 per share) for each of the shares making up the Company's share capital at that date, and carrying rights to the 2005 dividend.

This dividend was settled by way of a €4,008,917.25 interim dividend distributed on December 6, 2004, with the balance of €2,166,062 distributed on June 8, 2005.

The Shareholders' Meeting of May 29, 2006 resolved to distribute a total dividend of €10,830,310 (€0.20 per share).

The Shareholders' Meeting of May 29, 2007 resolved to distribute a total dividend of €14,620,918.50 (€0.27 per share).

#### 21.3.2 *Dividend distribution policy*

The Board of Directors determines the dividend payment policy based on a review of the Company's earnings and financial position and other factors. At the Shareholders' Meeting to be held on May 29, 2008, the Board will recommend the payment of a €0.31 dividend per share. The Company expects its dividend distribution policy to be consistent with its expansion strategy in 2008. This does not, however, represent any commitment on the Company's part, which may decide to reduce its dividend distribution, or not make any dividend payment, depending on its financial results, capital expenditure requirements, and level of debt.

#### 21.3.3 *Statute of limitations for dividends*

Dividends that have not been claimed within five years are time-barred and are remitted to the French State.

### 21.4 THE MARKET FOR ILIAD SHARES

Iliad's shares have been traded on Eurolist by Euronext™ (segment A) since January 30, 2004.

#### 21.4.1 *General information*

Number of shares listed at February 27, 2008 .....	54,151,550
Closing price at February 27, 2008 .....	€64.13
52-week high .....	€82.01
52-week low .....	€57.02
Market capitalization at February 27, 2008 (in € millions) .....	3,473
Average 6-month daily trading volume .....	159,659
ISIN code .....	FR0004035913
Stock exchange indices .....	SBF 120, Next 150 and SBF 250

## 21. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### 21.1 SHARE CAPITAL

#### 21.4.2 Changes in the Iliad share price since January 1, 2007

	Price per share (in €) <sup>48</sup>	
	Low	High
<b>2007</b>		
January .....	66.40	75.50
February .....	75.40	85.00
March .....	70.25	81.00
April .....	74.25	80.69
May .....	73.55	79.45
June .....	71.35	77.49
July .....	67.10	75.02
August .....	64.45	73.90
September .....	63.10	72.66
October .....	64.19	73.11
November .....	61.90	70.00
December .....	67.51	73.45
<b>2008</b>		
January .....	57.02	72.25

#### 21.4.3 Transfer Agent

Securities services (management of the Company's share register) and financial services (dividend payments) are provided for Iliad by Société Générale (SBAN/BCT/CLE, 32 Rue du Champ de Tir, BP 81236, 44312 Nantes Cedex 3).

#### 21.5 LIQUIDITY CONTRACT

The liquidity contract entered into with Oddo & Cie and Oddo Corporate Finance remained in effect until June 2007. On June 12, 2007, Iliad entered into a liquidity contract with Exane – BNP Paribas, in accordance with the applicable law and regulations, notably European Commission Regulation no. 2273/2003 dated December 22, 2003 implementing Directive 2003/6/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards exemptions for buy-back programs and stabilization of financial instruments, as well as Articles L.225-209 *et seq.* of the French Commercial Code, the General Regulations of the AMF and the decision issued by the AMF on March 22, 2005. This contract also complies with the French Association of Investment Firms' code of ethics approved by the AMF in a decision issued on March 22, 2005 and published in the French legal announcements journal (*Bulletin des Annonces Légales Obligatoires*) on April 1, 2005.

The following transactions were carried out in connection with the liquidity contracts in 2007:

	Purchases			Sales		
	Number of shares	Unweighted average price	Amount (in €)	Number of shares	Unweighted average price	Amount (in €)
		(in €)			(in €)	
<b>2007</b>						
January .....	150,107	71.34	10,707,979.00	159,817	71.45	11,419,717.70
February .....	154,963	80.22	12,431,005.71	131,117	80.38	10,539,145.31
March .....	153,722	76.48	11,756,844.31	171,875	76.94	13,224,476.80
April .....	166,356	76.73	12,763,941.10	155,539	76.95	11,967,996.87
May .....	138,617	76.06	10,543,203.04	128,691	76.15	9,799,511.42
June .....	87,810	74.58	6,548,545.45	78,998	74.65	5,897,096.93
July .....	49,355	72.36	3,571,117.77	41,820	72.14	3,016,783.05
August .....	31,863	67.57	2,152,977.39	36,881	67.97	2,506,715.96
September .....	50,385	66.98	3,375,007.01	45,797	66.58	3,048,921.93
October .....	48,445	70.64	3,422,267.25	64,318	71.02	4,567,821.49
November .....	59,753	67.52	4,034,236.79	53,623	67.49	3,618,877.74
December .....	26,983	71.52	1,929,843.98	36,374	71.58	2,603,508.76
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>1,118,359</b>	<b>74.43</b>	<b>83,236,968.80</b>	<b>1,104,850</b>	<b>74.41</b>	<b>82,210,573.96</b>

<sup>48</sup> Price per share corresponding to the highest and lowest price on a trading day

## **22. MATERIAL CONTRACTS**

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On June 29, 2006 the Company issued 3,265,190 OCEANE convertible/exchangeable bonds. Following the exercise of the related greenshoe option the number of bonds issued was increased to 3,754,968 representing a total nominal value of €330,624,932.40, or €88.05 per bond. For further details see Section 21.1.4.2 of this registration document, entitled “OCEANE bonds convertible into new shares and/or exchangeable for existing shares of the Company”.

In 2006, the Group entered into agreements with a number of banks concerning setting up a line of credit for a maximum amount of €220 million to replace the credit line agreements set up in 2005 for a maximum amount of €120 million.

In 2005, the Group entered into a material contract concerning the acquisition of shares in Altitude Telecom (renamed IFW). See Note 2.2 to the 2006 consolidated financial statements for further details.

In addition, acquisitions of premises to house optical nodes (ONs) in Paris and the near-lying suburbs are mainly carried out under finance leases entered into with Genefim, a subsidiary of Société Générale, representing a maximum amount of €50 million.

Through a turnkey contract, Free Infrastructure engages specialist service providers to carry out studies and work relating to the design and construction of a portion of its fiber optics network.

Save the contracts listed above, Iliad has not entered into any significant contracts other than those executed in the normal course of business.

**23. THIRD PARTY INFORMATION, STATEMENTS BY EXPERTS  
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Not applicable.

## **24. DOCUMENTS ON DISPLAY**

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The Company's bylaws, this registration document and other corporate documents made available to shareholders as required by law can be consulted at the Company's registered office.

Copies of this registration document can be obtained free of charge from the Company's registered office (8, rue de la Ville l'Evêque, 75008 Paris, France – Tel: +33 1 73 50 20 00) and may also be viewed on the Company's website ([www.iliad.fr](http://www.iliad.fr)) as well as on the website of the AMF ([www.amf-france.org](http://www.amf-france.org)).

## **25. INFORMATION ON SHAREHOLDINGS**

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The Company only has shareholdings in Group companies. These shareholdings are described in Section 7 “Organizational Structure” and their financial impact is described in the notes to the consolidated financial statements included in Section 20 of this registration document (“Financial information concerning the Company’s assets and liabilities, financial position and profits and losses”).

## GLOSSARY

### GLOSSARY

The glossary below is provided as a supplement and as an aid to understanding this registration document. Some of the definitions below therefore give only a summary of the technical processes described, without providing details as to the functioning of such processes.

**Add/Drop Multiplexer (ADM):** equipment on a telecommunications network used for inserting or extracting data packets.

**ADM (Add/Drop Multiplexer):** see Add/Drop Multiplexer.

**ADSL (Asymmetrical Digital Subscriber Line):** ADSL is an xDSL technology used for high-speed data transmission, in particular when using a subscriber's conventional telephone line consisting of a pair of copper wires. By using two modems, one installed on the subscriber's premises and the other in a DSLAM located in the main distribution frame, ADSL technology is able to increase network bandwidth considerably and obtain transmission speeds up to 160 times faster than with a conventional analog modem. The principle behind ADSL is that part of the bandwidth is reserved for transporting voice traffic (low frequencies) while another part is used for transporting data (high frequencies) either in the direction of the network backbone (upload) or in the direction of the subscriber (download). The technology is asymmetrical in the sense that the upload bit rate (data sent by the user) is lower than the download rate (data received by the user). For the correct representation of voice traffic (using the low frequency spectrum), splitters located at each end of the line eliminate those parts of the signal which are not needed.

The bandwidth of the line is divided as follows:

0 – 5 kHz	analog telephone line
30 kHz – 130 kHz	narrowband channel towards the network (upload)
30 kHz – 1.1 MHz	broadband channel towards the subscriber (download)

FDM (Frequency Division Multiplexing) is used to separate the various data traffic flows. An echo cancellation system is used for spectrum recovery on the upload and download channels.

**AFNIC (Association française pour le nommage Internet en coopération – [www.afnic.fr/\\_en](http://www.afnic.fr/_en)):** AFNIC is a non-profit organization whose principal function is to establish and implement a naming registry for the .fr (France) and .re (Reunion island) domains. It has drawn up naming charters which set out its rules for registering domain names in these geographic areas. Members of AFNIC include service providers who have been accredited as registrars of domain names in the French domain name areas.

**ATM (Asynchronous Transfer Mode):** this network technology is used for the simultaneous transmission of data, voice and video. ATM is based on the transmission of signals in short, fixed-length packets. The transmission of these packets is said to be asynchronous because they are transported over different routes and do not necessarily arrive at their destination in the same chronological order as they were sent.

**Backbone:** network consisting of a number of very high bandwidth links to which other, smaller networks are connected (including metropolitan networks).

**Bandwidth:** the transmission capacity of a transmission line. Bandwidth determines the quantity of data (in bits per second) which can be transmitted simultaneously.

**Bit rate:** amount of data passing through a communication channel over a given period of time. The bit rate is measured in bits per second or in multiples thereof (kbytes per second = kilobits per second, Mbytes per second = megabits per second, Gbytes per second = gigabits per second, Tbytes per second = terabits per second). The upload bit rate corresponds to the transmission of data from the subscriber to the network and the download bit rate corresponds to data transmitted from the network to the subscriber.

**Bit:** contraction of “binary digit”. A bit is the smallest unit of data processed by a computer. In a binary system, each bit has a value 0 or 1. Data recorded in digital form is coded in bits. One character (letter or figure) is generally coded as 8 bits (1 byte).

**Broadband ARPU (Average Revenue per User):** includes revenues from the flat-rate package and value-added services but excludes one-time revenues (e.g. migration from one offer to another or unsubscription fee) divided by the total number of ADSL subscribers invoiced for the period.

**Broadband:** the concept of broadband is a relative concept, depending on the capabilities of transmission technology at any given time. At present, broadband is generally accepted as corresponding to a bit rate of at least 512 kbytes per second. See also “bit rate”.

**Byte:** a set of eight bits. Bytes and their multiples (kilobyte (kB), megabyte (MB), gigabyte (GB), terabyte (TB), etc.) are used to measure the size of electronic files. When such measurements are given in multiples of bytes, it is generally accepted that a kilobyte is equal to 2<sup>10</sup>, or 1,024, bytes (and not 1,000 bytes), and that a megabyte is equal to 2<sup>20</sup> bytes (and not 1,000,000 bytes).

**Call termination:** this operation consists of the routing of calls to subscribers on a particular network. In principle, call termination requires either that the call be made from the network on which the called party is a subscriber or from an interconnected network.

**CNIL (Commission nationale de l'informatique et des libertés – <http://www.cnil.fr/index.php?id=4>):** the CNIL (National Commission for Information Technology and Freedom) is an independent administrative authority established by Law No. 78-17 of January 6, 1978, known as the “information technology and freedom” (*informatique et libertés*) law. Its principal role is the protection of privacy and of personal or public freedom, and it is responsible for ensuring compliance with the information technology and freedom law.

**Co-location facilities or space:** a room located in France Télécom sites containing equipment belonging to third party operators and used for local loop unbundling. The room is built by France Télécom which then rebills the cost of construction to the operators located in the room. The third party operators then rent whatever space they need (one or more racks each occupying a floor area of 600 mm x 600 mm) for their unbundling activities.

**Cookie:** information recorded by a server in a text file located on the client’s computer and which can be read by this same server (and by this server alone) at a later time.

**Copper pair:** type of cable used for the transmission of electrical signals, consisting of one or more pairs of metal conductors. The two wires forming the pair are braided in order to minimize potential interference between two conductors. By extension, the copper pair also refers to the local loop link between a subscriber and the local concentrator. See also “local loop”.

**CSA (Conseil supérieur de l'audiovisuel – [www.csa.fr](http://www.csa.fr), available in French only):** the CSA is an independent administrative authority established by the Law of January 17, 1989. Its principal role is to guarantee the freedom of audiovisual communications in France in accordance with the provisions of the Law of September 30, 1986, as amended.

**Dark optical fiber:** raw optical fiber without the equipment which allows it to be used.

**Dedicated facilities or space:** a room located in France Télécom sites containing equipment belonging to third party operators used for local loop unbundling. Third party operators rent the space (one or more racks each occupying a floor area of 600 mm x 600 mm) necessary for their unbundling activities. See also “co-location facilities”.

**Dial-up (also called narrowband):** historically this corresponds to the bit rate of a conventional telephone line using the voice frequency spectrum. By way of example, an Internet connection using a conventional telephone line is established at a maximum download rate of 56 kilobits per second (kbps). See also “bit rate”.

**Digital local exchange (DLE/LX):** switch on the France Télécom telephone network to which subscribers are connected by means of local concentrators. The France Télécom network is organized in a hierarchical fashion, with the digital local exchange being the lowest level in the hierarchy of exchanges installed on the network.

**Digital main switching unit (DMSU):** France Télécom’s interconnect point, occupying the highest level in the hierarchy of switches in a trunk exchange area. See also “trunk exchange area”.

**Digital:** coding in binary form (0 or 1) of information to be processed by a computer.

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**DNS (Domain Name System):** a DNS is a database which registers Internet resources (computer, router, etc.) in the form of a domain name and allocates them a unique IP address. The Internet protocol converts the domain name into the corresponding IP address. Without the DNS, users would have to remember websites or email addresses in the complicated form of the domain's IP address. See also "domain name".

**Domain name registration:** domain name registration consists of hosting domain names on a computer with an IP address on behalf of the domain name owners, who are in turn entered in the register relating to their top level domain or TLD. See also "TLD".

**Domain name:** a domain name is the unique identifier of an IP address. The DNS (see "DNS – Domain Name System") matches the domain name to the IP address. A domain name consists of a string of characters (from "a" to "z" or "0" to "9", plus "-") corresponding to the name of a trademark, association, company, individual, etc., plus a suffix known as the TLD (see "TLD – Top Level Domain"), such as .fr, .de, .net, or .com.

**DSL (Digital Subscriber Line):** See xDSL.

**DSLAM (Digital Subscriber Line Access Multiplexer):** equipment installed in the telephone exchange closest to the subscriber which is part of the equipment used to transform a conventional telephone line into an xDSL line. DSLAMs connect several xDSL lines and are connected to the modem on the subscriber's premises via the local loop.

**DWDM (Dense Wavelength Division Multiplexing):** technology permitting the transmission of a large number of frequencies on the same fiber strand, thereby significantly increasing the bandwidth capacity of the optical fiber.

**Eligibility:** a telephone line is said to be "eligible" for ADSL when the technical characteristics of the line in terms of signal loss are such that xDSL-type technologies can be used. The length and diameter of the copper pairs (local loop) are the main parameters determining eligibility. Using current technologies, in order to obtain a 512 kbit Internet connection, the subscriber's access point must be located within four kilometers of the DSLAM.

**Firewall:** hardware or software device which controls access to all the computers on a network from a single point of entry. The main function of the firewall is to filter the data packets transmitted between the protected network and outside networks. In addition, a firewall can be used to perform advanced security functions such as virus detection, IP address masking on the protected network and the establishment of encryption tunnels subject to authentication.

**FTTH (fiber-to-the-home):** technology used to directly connect subscribers' homes to an optical fiber network. FTTH technology offers significantly faster transmission rates than ADSL, as well as new services, and enables the Group to operate totally independently from France Télécom's local loop.

**Full unbundling:** full unbundling consists of allowing a third party operator to control the entire local loop (both low and high frequencies).

**IEEE 802.11a and 802.11b standards:** radio-telecommunications standards established by the IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers) describing the characteristics of wireless networks using the 5 GHz and 2.4 GHz frequency bands, respectively. (See also "RLAN – Radio Local Area Network" and "WLAN – Wireless Local Area Network").

**Interconnection:** the term interconnection refers to the reciprocal services provided by two operators of networks open to the public, permitting all of their users to communicate freely with one another, no matter the type of network or services they use. The term also refers to the provision to a public telephone service provider of access to a public network operator's network. The objective of interconnection is to allow a given operator's subscribers to make telephone calls to the subscribers of all other interconnected operators. Interconnection between the incumbent operator (France Télécom) and third party operators is governed by the provisions of the French Post and Telecommunications Code and is regulated by ARCEP.

**Internet Service Provider (ISP):** organization or company providing its customers with access to the Internet.

**IP (Internet Protocol):** telecommunications protocol used on the networks supporting the Internet which divides the data to be transmitted into packets, addresses the various packets, transports them independently of one another and, finally, recreates the packets in their initial form once they reach their destination. This protocol uses a technique known as packet switching. On the Internet, it is associated with a data transmission control protocol (TCP) – hence the term TCP/IP protocol.

**IP address:** the IP address allows a router using TCP/IP to identify the unique network interface of a machine connected to the Internet. In order to be accessible or to send data packets over the Internet, a machine must have a public IP address, i.e., an address that is known on the Internet. ICANN has overall responsibility for managing IP addressing on a worldwide basis, but delegates responsibility for certain areas to regional and local organizations. An IP address is a sequence of 32 binary digits (see also “bit”) grouped into four bytes in the form A.B.C.D where A, B, C and D are numbers between 0 and 255 (this structure corresponds to version 4 of the IP protocol, or IPv4). The problem of limited addressing resources highlighted by the growth of the Internet has led to the development of a new version of the IP protocol (IPv6), based on 128 binary elements, which will gradually be brought into use.

**IRU (Indefeasible Right of Use):** special type of agreement, specific to the telecommunications sector, for the provision of optical fibers (or transmission capacity) over a long period.

**L.34-1 license:** this license, referring to Article L.34-1 of the former French Post and Telecommunications Code, is the authorization held by an undertaking providing a public telephone service.

**L.0.33-1 license:** this license, referring to Article L.33-1 of the former French Post and Telecommunications Code, is the authorization held by an operator of a telecommunications network open to the public.

**Linux:** Linux is a multi-task and multi-user Unix (Uniplexed Information and Computer Service) based operating system. It is a so-called “open” software system, i.e., it is freely available in source code form and modifiable under the terms of a General Public License (GNU).

**Local concentrator:** active telecommunications equipment connected to both the digital local exchange and the copper pairs constituting the local loop. This is the primary active equipment in the France Télécom network. The function of the local concentrator is to group several subscriber lines into one cable.

**Local loop:** physical circuit of the telephone network which connects the termination point of the network on the subscriber’s premises (i.e., the subscriber’s telephone socket) and the local loop operator’s main distribution frame (i.e. generally France Télécom’s local telephone exchange) which contains a digital switch. The local loop is composed of a pair of braided copper wires.

**Main distribution frame (MDF):** establishes a temporary connection between a copper pair (local loop) and any active equipment on the operator’s network. It is a vital point of flexibility in the operation of a telecommunications network.

**Modem (modulator-demodulator):** device that transforms analog signals into digital signals and vice versa. A modem is required in order to connect to the Internet (where the data exchanged are digital).

**MPEG-2:** video signal compression standard, used mainly for DVDs.

**MPEG-4:** digital compression standard for new generation audiovisual content. This format is able to broadcast High Definition streaming data and provides enhanced audiovisual quality at low bandwidths.

**Multicast:** routing system minimizing the number of data flows from a server to various customers by multiplying the data flows only when they are as close as possible to the destination terminals (the subscribers’ copper pairs).

**Multiplexing:** technique permitting several communication flows to pass through the same channel/transmission bearer. Multiplexing can work in different ways: frequency multiplexing uses different frequencies for the various communications, while time division multiplexing allocates a period of time (known as a slot) to each communication.

**Net adds:** represents the difference between total ADSL subscribers at the end of two different periods.

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**Optical fiber:** transmission medium which routes digital data in the form of modulated light signals. It consists of an extremely thin glass cylinder (the core strand) surrounded by a concentric layer of glass (the sheath). The potential bandwidth that can be passed through an optical fiber in conjunction with the corresponding active equipment is enormous.

**Optical node (ON):** site hosting optical local loop equipment bringing together all of the optical local loop interconnection links serving end-subscribers for a given geographic area.

**Partial unbundling:** partial unbundling involves providing an operator with access to France Télécom's local loop and allowing the operator to use the high (non-voice) frequencies of the frequency spectrum on the copper pair. France Télécom continues to use the local loop in order to provide conventional telephone services to the public (using the low frequencies of the local loop). Customers continue to pay the telephone line rental to France Télécom.

**Peering:** type of interconnection agreement between two IP backbone networks (known as peer networks) for the exchange of Internet traffic destined for their respective networks free of charge. These reciprocal exchanges take place at exchange nodes called peering points.

**Ping:** ping is an acronym for Packet Internet Groper, and is a component of the Internet connection protocol which verifies the connections established on the Internet between one or more remote hosts and measures the time data packets require to be transmitted to one computer connected to the Internet and back again. The lower the ping value (i.e., the closer to zero) the faster the network connection.

**POP (Point of Presence):** physical site from which the operator can use an interconnection link to connect to the interconnect point of another operator (whether another POP or, in the case of France Télécom, a digital main switching unit or a digital local exchange). The POP is located on the operator's network backbone. See also "digital main switching point".

**Portability:** possibility for subscribers to keep their telephone numbers when changing operators and/or geographical location.

**Preselection:** carrier selection mechanism allowing a subscriber automatically to route all eligible calls (local, national, international, and calls to mobile phones) so that they are carried by the operator of the subscriber's choice, without having to dial a special prefix.

**Primary digital block:** basic unit of measurement of the capacity of interconnection links to the France Télécom network (telephone traffic and dial-up Internet traffic). It corresponds to a grouping of several communications on the same physical support structure (31 simultaneous communications, i.e., a capacity of 2 Mbits per second).

**Public switched telephone network (PSTN):** conventional telephone network which uses switching (a non-permanent link established by line seizure and then dialing). Each call established on the PSTN ties up network resources.

**Reference Interconnect Offer:** document describing the technical and pricing terms of France Télécom's interconnect offer (or the interconnect offer of any other operator designated as having significant market power pursuant to Article L.36-7 of the French Post and Telecommunications Code). It informs third party operators of what interconnection services are available and sets out the prices and the technical terms of these services.

**Reverse look-up directory:** service allowing users to retrieve the name and address of the owner of a telephone line by searching the corresponding telephone number.

**RLAN (Radio Local Area Network):** wireless network. RLANs generally conform to IEEE 802.11 standards.

**SDH (Synchronous Digital Hierarchy):** multiplexing technique providing for the secure transmission of different types of data. This technique is used for the transmission of data on conventional telephone networks.

**SMS (Short Message Services):** short alphanumerical text messages.

**Source code:** list of instructions in a computer program in a language capable of being understood by human beings.

**Spamming:** the bulk mailing of unsolicited electronic messages. These types of messages are generally sent to email lists obtained unconventionally or illegally (for example, through the use of a search engine on public websites or through the sale of email address files without the permission of the owners of such addresses).

**Subscriber connection node:** a site hosting France Télécom's network equipment bringing together all of the interconnection links for its copper local loop for a given geographic area. Subscriber connection nodes provide access to the various services available via the copper local loop. Third party operators may access these services through unbundling arrangements in order to directly serve end-subscribers.

**Switch:** equipment which routes calls to destinations by establishing a temporary link between two circuits on a telecommunications network (or occasionally by routing information in packet form). Switches are organized in a hierarchical fashion, i.e., the higher the position they occupy in the hierarchy, the more subscribers they serve.

**TLD (Top Level Domain):** the top level domain name classification, corresponding to a geographic area or a sector of activity, such as .com, .org or .fr.

**Total ADSL subscribers:** represents at the end of a period the total number of customers identified by their individual telephone lines who have signed up for Free's ADSL service excluding those for whom an unsubscription notice has been registered.

**Triple Play:** a technical service capable of managing bandwidth-intensive voice, data and audiovisual content simultaneously and over long distances.

**Trunk exchange (TX):** telephone network switch linking together the digital local exchanges. The France Télécom network is organized in a hierarchical fashion, with the trunk exchange being the highest level in the hierarchy of national exchanges. Through the digital local exchanges, the trunk exchange serves all subscribers in a given geographic area (called a trunk exchange area). See also "trunk exchange area".

**Trunk exchange area:** the geographic area covered by a trunk exchange. France Télécom's switched network in mainland France is divided into 18 trunk exchange areas, defined by France Télécom in its Reference Interconnect Offer and generally corresponding to the administrative regional divisions of France. See also "Trunk exchange (TX)".

**Unbundled subscribers:** ADSL subscribers who have signed up for Free's ADSL service on a Central Office unbundled by Free.

**Unbundling:** operation involving the separation of a range of telecommunications services into several distinct units. Unbundling of the local loop (or unbundled access to France Télécom's local network) consists of separating the access services provided over the local loop, mainly by separating the high frequencies from the low frequencies of the access network which constitutes the local loop, allowing new operators to use the local network of the incumbent operator and provide services directly to their subscribers.

**Universal service:** the main element of the public telecommunications service as defined by law, with the intended purpose of providing high quality telephone services to the general public at an affordable price.

**Urban area:** in the architecture of the France Télécom network, Ile-de-France is divided into two trunk exchange areas. The urban area corresponds to the former *département* of Seine (Paris, Hauts-de-Seine, Seine-Saint-Denis, and Val de Marne) and the peripheral area covers the Seine-et-Marne, Essonne, Yvelines and Val d'Oise *départements*.

**VoDSL (Voice over DSL):** transmission of voice traffic (in packets) using ADSL technology, i.e., using the high frequencies of the local loop, as compared to conventional telephony which uses the low frequencies of the local loop.

**WLAN (Wireless Local Area Network):** a wireless network based on radio telecommunications. An RLAN (see "RLAN – Radio Local Area Network") is a specific type of WLAN.

**xDSL (x Digital Subscriber Line):** the family of technologies used to transmit digital data over the copper pair (local loop) at high speeds (such as ADSL, SDSL, VDSL, etc.) See also ADSL.

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