19 December 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

**THE BUSINESS AND PROPERTY COURTS OF ENGLAND & WALES** 

**INSOLVENCY AND COMPANIES LIST (ChD)** 

IN THE MATTER OF:

NORTEL NETWORKS UK LIMITED (IN ADMINISTRATION) (THE "COMPANY")

No. 536 of 2009 / CR-2016-006154

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

## NEW HEARING DATE SET FOR APPLICATION TO FIX THE TIME FOR THE JOINT ADMINISTRATORS' DISCHARGE FROM LIABILITY

On 17 December 2025, the Joint Administrators appeared before the Court in support of an application dated 7 November 2025 for an order that (among other things) the current and former joint administrators of the Company be discharged from liability pursuant to paragraph 98(2)(c) of Schedule B1 of the Insolvency Act 1986 ("**Schedule B1**") with effect from 28 days after the date on which a notice from the Joint Administrators pursuant to paragraph 84(1) of Schedule B1 has been registered by the Registrar of Companies (the "**Discharge Application**").

Pursuant to an Order dated 17 December 2025, ICC Judge Prentis ordered and directed that the Discharge Application be adjourned and re-listed for hearing by an ICC Judge in the week commencing 16 March 2026, and that <a href="the-hearing-of-the-Discharge-Application-be-listed-on-17 March 2026">the Discharge Application be listed on 17 March 2026 at 11 am in the Rolls Building, London EC4A 1NL.</a>

The Court also recorded in the same Order that it saw no bar, in principle, to the granting of the Discharge Application.

If you consider that you are affected by the Discharge Application, then you have a right to appear at the hearing and be heard if you choose to do so. If you intend to appear at the hearing, we would be grateful if you would inform the Joint Administrators' solicitors, Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer LLP (c/o Matthias Steiner, matthias.steiner@hsfkramer.com) at your earliest convenience.

A copy of Stephen John Harris' twenty-fourth witness statement in support of the Discharge Application, and Stephen John Harris' twenty-sixth witness statement with further information on the Discharge Application can be found on www.emeanortel.com.

The Joint Administrators intend to provide further information about a final dividend in the administration early next year and will provide further updates following the hearing.

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## S J Harris

## Joint Administrator

The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales in the UK authorises S J Harris to act as an Insolvency Practitioner under section 390A(2)(a) of the Insolvency Act 1986 and the Insolvency Practitioners Association authorises A M Hudson and S J Edel to act as an Insolvency Practitioner under section 390A(2)(a) of the Insolvency Act 1986. As Insolvency Practitioners, they are bound by the Insolvency Code of Ethics in carrying out all professional work relating to the appointment.

The affairs, business and property of the Company are being managed by the Joint Administrators, S J Harris, A M Hudson and S J Edel who act as agents of the Company only and without personal liability.

The Joint Administrators, may collect, use, transfer, store or otherwise process (collectively, "Process") information that can be linked to specific individuals ("Personal Data"). They may Process Personal Data in various jurisdictions in accordance with applicable law and professional regulations including (without limitation) the Data Protection Act 2018.

The Joint Administrators may act as data controllers of Personal Data as defined by the UK General Data Protection Regulation (as incorporated in the Data Protection Act 2018), depending upon the specific processing activities undertaken. Ernst & Young LLP and/or the Company may act as a data processor on the instructions of the Joint Administrators. Personal Data will be kept secure and Processed only for matters relating to the Joint Administrators' appointment. The Office Holder Data Privacy Notice can be found at <a href="https://www.ey.com/uk/officeholderprivacy">www.ey.com/uk/officeholderprivacy</a>.

## **Statutory Information**

**NORTEL NETWORKS UK Limited** (In Administration). Registered number 3937799. Registered address: 1 More London Place, London, SE1 2AF. The Joint Administrators are S J Harris, S J Edel and A M Hudson of Ernst & Young LLP, 1 More London Place, London, SE1 2AF.