## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This note is not part of the Order)

The Secretary of State granted to Startec Telecom Limited a licence on 27 April 1998 under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 to run the telecommunication systems specified in the licence. A copy of the licence was laid before Parliament on 3rd September 1998. This Order designates those telecommunication systems as public telecommunication systems. Consequently, by virtue of section 9(3) of that Act, Startec Telecom Limited will be a public telecommunications operator when the Order comes into force on 5th October 1998.

A copy of the licence may be obtained from the Office of Telecommunications, 50 Ludgate Hill, London, EC4M 7JJ.