

Notification of major interest in shares

Fairpoint Group PLC

22 December 2016

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For filings with issuer exclude the annex

TR-1: NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTEREST IN SHARESⁱ

1. Identity of the issuer or the underlying issuer of existing shares to which voting rights are attached: ⁱⁱ	FAIRPOINT GROUP PLC
2 Reason for the notification (please tick the appropriate box or boxes):	
An acquisition or disposal of voting rights	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
An acquisition or disposal of qualifying financial instruments which may result in the acquisition of shares already issued to which voting rights are attached	<input type="checkbox"/>
An acquisition or disposal of instruments with similar economic effect to qualifying financial instruments	<input type="checkbox"/>
An event changing the breakdown of voting rights	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify):	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Full name of person(s) subject to the notification obligation: ⁱⁱⁱ	HARGREAVE HALE LIMITED
4. Full name of shareholder(s) (if different from 3.): ^{iv}	DISCRETIONARY CLIENTS
5. Date of the transaction and date on which the threshold is crossed or reached: ^v	20 DECEMBER 2016
6. Date on which issuer notified:	21 DECEMBER 2016
7. Threshold(s) that is/are crossed or reached: ^{vi, vii}	13%

8. Notified details:**A: Voting rights attached to shares** ^{viii, ix}

Class/type of shares if possible using the ISIN CODE	Situation previous to the triggering transaction		Resulting situation after the triggering transaction					
	Number of Shares	Number of Voting Rights	Number of shares		Number of voting rights		% of voting rights ^x	
			Direct	Indirect	Direct ^{xi}	Indirect ^{xii}	Direct	Indirect
GB0032360280	6,133,675	6,133,675		5,708,675		5,708,675		12.2217 %

B: Qualifying Financial Instruments

Resulting situation after the triggering transaction

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

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

Resulting situation after the triggering transaction

Type of financial instrument	Exercise price	Expiration date ^{xvii}	Exercise/ Conversion period ^{xviii}	Number of voting rights instrument refers to	% of voting rights ^{xix, xx}	
					Nominal	Delta

Total (A+B+C)

Number of voting rights	Percentage of voting rights
5,708,675	12.2217%

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

5,642,500 of these shares are held for unit trusts operated by Marlborough Fund Managers Ltd, for whom Hargreave Hale Ltd manages the investments on a discretionary basis. The remaining balance is held on behalf of other discretionary clients.

Proxy Voting:

10. Name of the proxy holder:

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

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

13. Additional information:

14. Contact name:

David Clueit,
Hargreave Hale Ltd

15. Contact telephone number:

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