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Headline Holding(s) in Company
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NBT.L**TR-1: Notification of major interests in shares**

1. Identity of the issuer or the underlying issuer of existing shares to which voting rights are attached: Group NBT Plc

2. Reason for the notification
 (please tick the appropriate box or boxes)

An acquisition or disposal of voting rights

An acquisition or disposal of financial instruments which may result in the acquisition of shares already issued to which voting rights are attached

An event changing the breakdown of voting rights

Other (please specify): X

3. Full name of person(s) subject to the notification obligation: BT Pension Scheme Trustees Limited as trustee of the BT Pension Scheme. See Section 9 for further information.

4. Full name of shareholder(s) (if different from 3.): Hermes Equity Ownership Services Limited

5. Date of the transaction (and date on which the threshold is crossed or reached if different): 15 January 2010

6. Date on which issuer notified: 18 January 2010

7. Threshold(s) that is/are crossed or reached: 4%

8. Notified details:

A: Voting rights attached to shares

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 Direct	Number of voting rights Direct	Number of voting rights Indirect	% of voting rights Direct	% of voting rights Indirect
0690519 GB0006905193 GBP 0.01	0	0	0	0	1,055,708	0%	4.081 %

B: Financial Instruments

Resulting situation after the triggering transaction		Exercise/ Conversion Period/ Date	Number of voting rights that may be acquired if the instrument is exercised/ converted.	% of voting rights
Type of financial instrument	Expiration date			

Total (A+B)
 Number of voting rights 1,055,708
 % of voting rights 4.081%

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

BT Pension Scheme Trustees Limited is the parent undertaking of Britel Fund Trustees Limited, which is the parent undertaking of Hermes Pensions Management Limited. Hermes Pensions Management Limited is the parent undertaking of:

1. Hermes Investment Management Limited (voting rights held in this issuer: 0.00%)
2. Hermes Equity Ownership Services Limited (voting rights held in this issuer: 4.081%)

Please see Section 13 for further information.

Proxy Voting:

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| 10. Name of the proxy holder: | See Comment in Section 13. |
| 11. Number of voting rights proxy holder will cease to hold: | See Comment in Section 13. |
| 12. Date on which proxy holder will cease to hold voting rights: | See Comment in Section 13. |

13. Additional information:

Hermes Equity Ownership Services Limited hold the voting rights under a standing proxy contained in services agreements for the provision of corporate governance services to various underlying clients. Hermes Investment Management Limited hold the voting rights under a standing proxy contained in investment management agreements with various underlying clients, which includes all the shares owned directly by BT Pension Scheme.

All voting rights held on behalf of the above entities are aggregated for the purposes of DTR 5.2.1(a). The aggregation is made at the lower threshold of 3% and above because Hermes Equity Ownership Services Limited does not manage investments for the purposes of the investment manager exemption contained in DTR 5.1.5. This disclosure is made by BT Pension Scheme Trustees Limited, which is the ultimate parent undertaking for the purposes of DTR 5.2.1(e).

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| 14. Contact name: | Raj Nagevadia, Company Secretary, Group NBT plc |
| 15. Contact telephone number: | 02070159266 |

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