

## Regulatory Story

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**Company** Group NBT PLC  
**TIDM** NBT  
**Headline** Holding(s) in Company  
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 15 February 2010

**TR-1: NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTEREST IN SHARES**

<b>1. Identity of the issuer or the underlying issuer of existing shares to which voting rights are attached:</b>	GROUP NBT
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**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):	

<b>3. Full name of person(s) subject to the notification obligation:</b>	BT Pension Scheme Trustees Limited as trustee of the BT Pension Scheme. See Section 9 for further information.
<b>4. Full name of shareholder(s) (if different from 3.):</b>	Hermes Equity Ownership Services Limited
<b>5. Date of the transaction and date on which the threshold is crossed or reached:</b>	12 February 2010
<b>6. Date on which issuer notified:</b>	15 February 2010
<b>7. Threshold(s) that is/are crossed or reached:</b>	3%

**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		% of voting rights		
			Direct	Indirect	Direct	Indirect	

Ord GBP 0.01 0690519 GB0006905193	1,037,708	1,037,708	N/A	N/A	1,032,708	N/A	3.990%
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<b>B: Qualifying Financial Instruments</b>				
Resulting situation after the triggering transaction				
Type of financial instrument	Expiration date	Exercise/ Conversion Period	Number of voting rights that may be acquired if the instrument is exercised/ converted.	% of voting rights

<b>Total (A+B)</b>	
Number of voting rights	Percentage of voting rights
1,032,708	3.990%

<b>9. Chain of controlled undertakings through which the voting rights and/or the financial instruments are effectively held, if applicable:</b>
<p>BT Pension Scheme Trustees Limited is the parent undertaking of Britel Fund Trustees Limited, which is the parent undertaking of Hermes Fund Managers Limited. Hermes Fund Managers Limited is the parent undertaking of Hermes Equity Ownership Services Limited.</p> <p>Please see Section 13 for further information</p>

<b>Proxy Voting:</b>	
<b>10. Name of the proxy holder:</b>	Hermes Equity Ownership Services Limited
<b>11. Number of voting rights proxy holder will cease to hold:</b>	See Comment in Section 13
<b>12. Date on which proxy holder will cease to hold voting rights:</b>	See Comment in Section 13

<b>13. Additional information:</b>	<p>Hermes Equity Ownership Services Limited holds the voting rights under a standing proxy contained in agreements for the provision of voting services to various underlying clients for the purposes of DTR 5.2.1(h).</p> <p>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).</p>
<b>14. Contact name:</b>	Raj Nagevadia, Company Secretary, Group NBT plc
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