

BT GROUP PLC  
Form 6-K  
July 15, 2009

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 6-K**

**Report of Foreign Private Issuer**

**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Announcement: 15 July 2009

**BT Group plc**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

**BT Centre  
81 Newgate Street  
London  
EC1A 7AJ  
England**

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Enclosures: 1. AGM Statement announcement made on 15 July 2009

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**CHAIRMAN SAYS BT WILL EMERGE FROM RECESSION STRONGER**

BT expects to deliver well over £1 billion of cost

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reductions in the current financial year, whilst improving customer service, investing in a fibre future and aiming to

improve free cash flow\*

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by over a third. This message was delivered by BT's Chairman Sir Michael Rake, addressing shareholders at the company's annual general meeting at the Barbican Centre in

London

today.

Sir Michael acknowledged that the company's 200

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9 financial year had been a difficult one. Whilst three of the company's four market facing divisions (BT Retail, BT Wholesale and Openreach) had delivered well, the performance of BT Global Services had been unacceptable and led to the company making a number of substantial

charges

. Sir Michael said that improving the performance of BT Global Services was a key priority.

Turning to regulation, Sir Michael committed BT to fighting for fairer markets. He said that BT must be able to invest and compete in any other country in the same unrestricted manner in which non-UK companies can invest and

compete here. In the

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he reminded shareholders that BT has invested billions of pounds in its network, which it makes available to all communication

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providers on a fair and equal basis. He said it was vital that others also share their assets on a fair and equal basis. In particular, he welcomed Ofcom's proposals to address distortions in the Pay TV market but called on the regulator to act swiftly to enforce fair access to premium TV content.

Speaking about the full year dividend of 6.5p Sir Michael said:

"The Board is committed to delivering attractive returns for shareholders. We believe that operational improvements in the business will generate sufficient cash flow to allow the dividend to grow at the same time as we invest in the business, reduce debt and support the pension scheme".

Sir Michael said that by building a better business through focus on customer service, cost transformation and investing in next generation networks, the company will emerge stronger from the recession.

\* capital expenditure and operating costs

\*\* before pension deficit payments

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#### **About BT**

BT is one of the world's leading providers of communications solutions and services operating in 170 countries. Its principal activities include the provision of networked IT services globally; local, national and international telecommunications services to our customers for use at home, at work and on the move; broadband and internet products and services and converged fixed/mobile products and services. BT consists principally of four lines of business: BT Global Services, Openreach, BT Retail and BT Wholesale.

In the year ended 31 March 2009, BT Group's revenue was £21,390 million.

British Telecommunications plc (BT) is a wholly-owned subsidiary of BT Group plc and encompasses virtually all businesses and assets of the BT Group. BT Group plc is listed on stock exchanges in London and New York.

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#### **Signatures**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

**BT Group PLC**  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Patricia Day  
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Patricia Day, Assistant Secretary.

Date 15 July 2009