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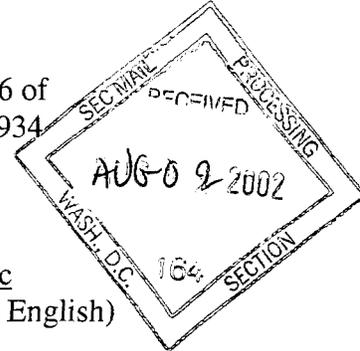
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For the month of July 2002

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(Translation of Registrant's Name into English)



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Yes No

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This Form 6-K shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form F-3 (Reg. No.333-05972), in the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-8 (Reg. No.333-8362), in the Registrant's

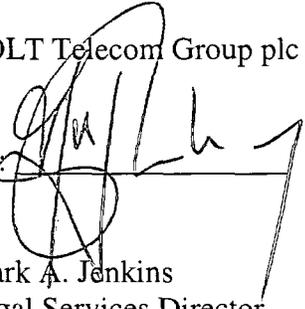
Enclosure: Press Release dated 24th July 2002

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this Current Report on Form-6K to be signed on its behalf by undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: 24th July 2002

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"I take this opportunity to thank Peter for the great contribution he has made to the success of COLT over the past three years. He has taken COLT to the next level of its development and feels the time is now right to move on to new challenges. Under his leadership COLT has grown and developed, is financially strong and is now regarded as one of the leading European providers of business communication services. We are pleased to be able to retain his services as an advisor to the Board.

"I welcome Steve and Vincenzo to the Board. Their considerable business experience in IT systems and telecommunications services will be a real asset as we drive COLT forward through its next phase of growth and development."

ABOUT STEVE AKIN

Steve Akin has been President of Fidelity Capital, the emerging business development arm of Fidelity Investments since January 1999. He is also a member of Fidelity's Operating Committee.

In January 1997 he was named President of Fidelity Investments Systems Company. In this position he served as Chief Information Officer responsible for computer operations, global telecommunications networks and enterprise-wide applications support and development.

Prior to joining Fidelity in 1992 as President of Fidelity Retail Investor Services, Mr. Akin was President of Sprint Long Distance Consumer Services Group. He also served as Senior Vice President of National Customer Operations of Sprint and prior to that held a number of operational management roles in the US telecommunications industry.

He has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and is a graduate the Managing the Enterprise Program at Columbia University Business School.