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**Form 6-K**

**Report of Foreign Private Issuer**

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

**Report on Form 6-K dated August 14, 2002**

**Commission File Number 0-29514**

**Esat Group Limited**

(Translation of Registrant's Name Into English)

**1 Grand Canal Quay  
Dublin 2  
Ireland**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

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(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.)

Form 20-F       Form 40-F

(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this form is also thereby furnishing information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g-3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.)

Yes       No

(If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g-3-2(b).)

**Enclosure: Release of information to journalists in Ireland (August 9, 2002)**

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# **ESAT GROUP LIMITED**

## **Form 6-K**

**09 August 2002**

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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION TO JOURNALISTS IN IRELAND**

In this report, "we", "our", "the Company", "the Group", "Esat Group" and "Esat BT" refer to Esat Group Limited (formerly Esat Telecom Group plc) and its consolidated subsidiaries, except where otherwise stated.

On the 25 July 2002, the following information was released by the Company to journalists in Ireland:

**Key highlights:**

|                    | Qtr ended<br>June 30, 2002 | Qtr ended<br>March 31, 2002 | Qtr ended<br>June 30, 2001 |
|--------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Turnover           | €65.3M                     | €66.5M                      | €66.6M                     |
| Gross Margin       | €28.1M                     | €20.3M                      | €20.5M                     |
| Gross Margin %     | 43%                        | 30.5%                       | 30.8%                      |
| Operating Expenses | €23.2M                     | €29.1M                      | €31.6M                     |
| EBITDA             | €4.9M                      | (€8.8M)                     | (€11.1M)                   |

**Goodwill:**

- FRS 11 review of carrying value of goodwill likely to result in write off of approx €400M goodwill in the final audited numbers for the year ended 31 March 2002.

**Gross Margin:**

- A credit on interconnect rates of over €4M resulted in a significant reduction in cost of sales.

**Operating Expenses**

- Restructuring program and review of cost base led to a €6M reduction in operating expenses.

**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 authorised.

ESAT GROUP LIMITED

By:



Name: HELON ASHTON h NEWGATE  
Title: Company Secretary

Dated: 14 August 2002

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