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**Robert Bratby Joins Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering
Transatlantic Communications Team in London**

London, September 3, 2003 --Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering ("WCP") has welcomed Robert Bratby to its growing transatlantic communications team as counsel, resident in the firm's London office. Mr. Bratby, formerly Group Director of Partnerships and Channels to Market for COLT Telecoms Group plc ("COLT"), will work closely with WCP partner Stephanie Liston and associate Thomas Crane, who joined the firm earlier this summer, to build on the already strong communications practice in WCP's London office, which focuses on transactional and regulatory work for communications companies throughout Europe.

Liston, Bratby, and Crane join a firmwide team of over 50 lawyers in Europe and the United States serving the communications sector, which has been one of the firm's principal specialties since its founding 40 years ago.

Mr. Bratby, who has been listed by Chambers and Partners as a leading in-house telecoms lawyer for the past three years, brings with him extensive regulatory and commercial expertise. He joined COLT in 1998, where he has held various positions including managing the legal and regulatory department, Director of Business Development, and Group Director of Partnerships and Channels. Mr Bratby recently chaired the UK industry group responsible for negotiating the contract for local loop unbundling with BT, including a successful complaint to OFTEL. He also has had commercial responsibility at COLT for business unit strategy, interconnect costs, entering new markets, and setting up a network of strategic partnerships.

Mr. Bratby trained and qualified as a solicitor in Baker & McKenzie's London Telecoms & IT practice, where he worked with Stephanie Liston on numerous transactions and regulatory projects. In 1996-97 he worked on secondment at OFTEL on international liberalisation in the UK and general interconnection disputes.

"WCP is committed to serving the communications industry in Europe and beyond by providing high-value advice in complex regulatory and transactional matters" said Michael Holter, a communications partner in the firm's London office. "With the addition of Rob, Stephanie, and Tom, the firm's integrated US-European communications group continues to broaden its client service capabilities with deeper understanding and industry experience."

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Stephanie Liston commented, "Rob's excellent commercial experience and knowledge of our industry will significantly enhance our ability to provide practical, cutting edge advice to our clients. I am looking forward to working with a fabulous team to address issues and projects arising from what I believe is an industry on its way back up."

Rob Bratby: "I am delighted to be joining WCP and am looking forward to working again with Stephanie. This is a very interesting time for communications with the increased need for regulatory advice created by the formation of OFCOM, the implementation of the new EU telecoms regulatory package, and the increased willingness of the competition appeals tribunal to challenge first-instance decisions of the sector regulator."

"Rob's arrival, along with that of Stephanie and Tom, give us an unmatched capability to serve telecoms clients on both sides of the Atlantic through an integrated team -- leading to added value for our clients," said William Lake, co-chair of WCP's Communications and E-commerce practice in Washington, D.C.

Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering is a major international law firm with offices in Washington, New York, Baltimore, Northern Virginia, London, Brussels, and Berlin. Its broad practice spans cutting-edge regulatory work, high-stakes litigation, and cross-border transactions. The firm's London office, opened over 30 years ago, specialises in aviation, financial services, communications, international dispute resolution, and cross-border transactions.

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