# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20549

SCHEDULE 13D/A (Rule 13d-101)

# INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-1(a) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-2(a) (Amendment No.7)

Telewest Communications plc (Name of Issuer)

Ordinary Shares, par value 10 pence per share (Title of Class of Securities)

G8742C 10 2\* (CUSIP Number)

Limited Voting Convertible Ordinary Shares, par value 10 pence per share (Title of Class of Securities)

Not applicable (CUSIP Number)

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

May 21, 2003 (Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of Rule 13d-1(e), 13d-1(f) or 13d-1(g), check the following box [].

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

\* The CUSIP number for the American Depository Shares, each representing 10 of the Ordinary Shares, par value 10 pence per share, of Telewest Communications plc, is 87956P 10 5.

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1.	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON				
	MICROSOFT CORPORATION				
	I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)				
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2.	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP	(a) [ ] (b) [ ]			
3.	SEC USE ONLY				
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# Item 1. Security and Issuer

This constitutes Amendment No. 7, the final amendment (the "Amendment"), to the Statement on Schedule 13D, dated July 17, 2000, as amended by Amendment No. 1, dated July 18, 2000, Amendment No. 2, dated August 9, 2000, Amendment No. 3, dated October 4, 2000, Amendment No. 4, dated May 16, 2002, Amendment No. 5, dated July 3, 2002 and Amendment No. 6, dated December 4, 2002 (the "Statement"), relating to the ordinary shares, par value 10 pence per share (the "Ordinary Shares"), and the Limited Voting Convertible Ordinary Shares, par value 10 pence per share (the "Limited Voting Shares"), of Telewest Communications plc, a public limited company incorporated under the laws of England and Wales ("Telewest").

#### Item 2. Identity and Background.

This statement is filed on behalf of Microsoft Corporation, a Washington corporation ("Microsoft"). Microsoft does not beneficially own any Ordinary Shares or Limited Voting Shares.

# Item 4. Purpose of the Transaction.

On December 4, 2002 Microsoft, UK Cable and Cable Partnership (the "Microsoft Parties") delivered a notice (previously filed as Exhibit 12 to Amendment No. 6, the "Public Offer Notice") to the Liberty Parties pursuant to the Revised New Relationship Agreement, dated 7 July 2000, as amended 18 May 2001 (previously filed as Exhibit 2 to Amendment No. 1, the "Relationship Agreement"), by and among Liberty Media International, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Liberty"), Liberty UK Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation, Liberty UK, Inc., a Delaware corporation (collectively, the "Liberty Parties"), Microsoft and Telewest, notifying the Liberty Parties that the Microsoft Parties proposed to sell publicly the 636,056,024 Ordinary Shares and 60,322,654 Limited Voting Shares (together, the "Microsoft Telewest Shares")and providing the Liberty Parties with the right to purchase the Microsoft Telewest Shares (the "Old Offer"). The Liberty Parties did not exercise their right to purchase the Microsoft Telewest Shares and the Microsoft Parties did not sell any of the Microsoft Telewest Shares prior to the expiration of the period during which they were entitled under the Relationship Agreement to purchase and sell, respectively.

On May 23, 2003, Microsoft entered into an agreement (the "Securities Purchase Agreement") with ITD Venture Capital, Inc. ("ITD") pursuant to which, simultaneously with entering into the Securities Purchase Agreement, Microsoft sold to IDT the outstanding equity securities of Microsoft U.K. Cable, Inc., a Colorado corporation ("UK Cable"), and Microsoft Cable Partnership Holdings, Inc., a Colorado corporation ("Cable Partnership") for \$5,000,000 in cash. UK Cable's only assets are 595,670,822 Ordinary Shares and 60,322,654 Limited Voting Shares and Cable Partnership's only assets are 40,385,202 Ordinary Shares. As a result, Microsoft no longer has any beneficial interest in the Microsoft Telewest Shares.

Simultaneously with entering into the Securities Purchase Agreement, on May 23, 2003, Microsoft and the Liberty Parties and Liberty International B-L LLC entered into an agreement (the "Letter Agreement"), pursuant to which (i) Liberty and its affiliates waived their right of first refusal under the Relationship Agreement with respect to the indirect sale of the Microsoft Telewest Shares pursuant to the Securities Purchase Agreement and (ii) Liberty and Microsoft terminated the Relationship Agreement as between Microsoft and its affiliates and Liberty and its affiliates effective May 23, 2003.

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The description of the Securities Purchase Agreement set forth herein is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Securities Purchase Agreement, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 13 and is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

The description of the Letter Agreement set forth herein is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Letter Agreement, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 14 and is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

#### Item 5. Interest in the Securities of the Issuer.

- (a)-(b) Microsoft beneficially owns no Ordinary Shares and no Limited Voting Shares.
- (c) Other than as described in Item 4, Microsoft has not effected a transaction involving Ordinary Shares or Limited Voting Shares during the past 60 days. Assuming an equal allocation of value between the Ordinary Shares and Limited Voting Shares, the average price per share paid pursuant to the Securities Purchase Agreement was \$.0072. The Securities Purchase Agreement was executed and consummated in New York, NY.
  - (d) Not Applicable.
  - (e) On May 23, 2003, Microsoft ceased be a record holder of more than 5% of each of the Ordinary Shares and the Limited Voting Shares.

#### Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships With Respect to Securities of the Issuer.

See Item 4.

#### Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits.

Exhibit 13 -- Securities Purchase Agreement, dated May 23, 2003, between Microsoft and ITD Venture Capital, Inc.

Exhibit 14 -- Letter Agreement, dated May 23, 2003, among Microsoft and Liberty Media International, Inc., Liberty UK Holdings, Inc. and Liberty UK, Inc.

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### SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: May 27, 2003

# MICROSOFT CORPORATION

By: /s/ John G. Connors

Name: John G. Connors Title: Chief Financial Officer

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Exhibit 14 -- Letter Agreement, dated May 23, 2003, among Microsoft and Liberty Media International, Inc., Liberty UK Holdings, Inc. and Liberty UK, Inc.

**SECURITIES PURCHASE AGREEMENT**, dated May 23, 2003 (this "<u>Agreement</u>"), by and between Microsoft Corporation, a Washington corporation ("<u>Seller</u>"), and IDT Venture Capital, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("<u>Buyer</u>").

#### RECITALS

WHEREAS, Seller beneficially owns 636,056,024 ordinary shares, par value 10p per share (the "Ordinary Shares"), of Telewest Communications plc, a company incorporated in England and Wales ("Telewest"), and 60,322,654 limited voting convertible ordinary shares, par value 10p per share, of Telewest (the "Limited Shares") (the Ordinary Shares and the Limited Shares, the "Telewest Shares"); and

WHEREAS, Seller beneficially owns the Telewest Shares through Microsoft UK Cable, Inc., a Colorado corporation and wholly owned subsidiary of Seller ("MUKC"), and Microsoft Cable Partnership Holdings, Inc., a Colorado corporation and wholly owned subsidiary of Seller ("MCPH" and together with MUKC, the "Holding Subsidiaries"); and

WHEREAS, Buyer desires to purchase from Seller, and Seller desires to sell to Buyer, the Holding Subsidiaries, on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, and the representations, warranties, covenants and agreements contained in this Agreement, the parties hereto, intending to be legally bound, hereby agree as follows:

#### **AGREEMENT**

Section 1. <u>Purchase and Sale</u>. On the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement, on the date hereof Seller is selling to Buyer, and Buyer is purchasing from Seller, all the common stock, no par value per share, of MUKC and all the common stock, no par value per share, of MCPH (together, the "<u>Holding Company Stock</u>") for a cash purchase price of U.S. \$5,000,000 (the "<u>Purchase Price</u>").

Section 2. <u>Closing</u>; <u>Deliveries</u>. The closing of the purchase and sale contemplated by Section 1 (the "<u>Closing</u>") is being held concurrently with the execution of this Agreement at the offices of Sullivan & Cromwell, 125 Broad Street, New York, NY. At the Closing, the following items shall be delivered by the parties:

- (a) <u>By Seller</u>. Seller shall deliver or caused to be delivered to Buyer stock certificates representing the Holding Company Stock, accompanied by stock powers in favor of Buyer, duly executed in blank, instructions substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A and resignations or removals of the officers and directors of the Holding Subsidiaries effective as of the Closing; and
- (b) <u>By Buyer</u>. Buyer shall deliver to Seller the Purchase Price, by wire transfer of immediately available funds to an account previously designated by Seller.
- Section 3. Representations and Warranties by Seller. Seller represents and warrants to Buyer that as of the date hereof:
- (a) Seller is a corporation duly incorporated, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Washington and has the requisite power and authority to own its assets and properties and carry on its business as is now being conducted. The Holding Subsidiaries are corporations duly incorporated, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Colorado and have the requisite power and authority to own their assets and properties and carry on their businesses as now being conducted. The Holding Subsidiaries are wholly-owned subsidiaries of Seller, the Holding Company Stock represents all of the issued and outstanding shares of capital stock of the Holding Subsidiaries, and the Holding Subsidiaries have no outstanding securities convertible into or exchangeable for, or warrants, rights or options to purchase from the Holding Subsidiaries, shares of any class of their capital stock.
- (b) Seller has the power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby. The execution and delivery of this Agreement and the consummation by Seller of the transactions contemplated hereby have been duly and validly authorized by all requisite corporate action on the part of Seller. This Agreement has been validly executed and delivered by Seller and constitutes a valid and binding agreement of Seller, enforceable against Seller in accordance with its terms.
- (c) The Holding Company Stock is owned beneficially and of record by Seller, has been duly authorized and validly issued and is fully paid and non-assessable and was not issued in violation of any applicable securities laws or the preemptive or similar rights of any other person. The Telewest Shares are owned beneficially by MUKC and MCPH. Each of MUKC and MCPH has good and valid title to the Telewest Shares it owns, free of any pledge, security interest, lien, charge, encumbrance, pre-emptive right, proxy, voting trust, agreement, equity, claim or option of whatever nature, except that the Telewest Shares are subject to the terms and provisions of the Deed Poll, dated July 7, 2000, and the Deed Poll, dated September 21, 2000 (together, the "Deed Polls"), and the Revised New Relationship Agreement, dated as of March 3, 2000, among Seller, Liberty Media International, Inc., Liberty UK Holdings, Inc., Liberty UK, Inc. and Telewest, as amended (the "Relationship Agreement"). Upon delivery of the certificate(s) for the Holding Company Stock at the Closing against receipt by Seller of the Purchase Price, Seller will pass to Buyer good and valid title to the Holding Company Stock, free and clear of any pledge, security interest, lien, charge, encumbrance, pre-emptive right, proxy, voting trust, agreement, equity, claim, option, restriction on transfer or voting or other defect in title or other third party right whatsoever, assuming the representation set forth in Section 4(g) is accurate.

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- (d) The Telewest Shares shall cease to be subject to the terms and provisions of the Deed Polls and the Relationship Agreement concurrent with the Closing, assuming the representation set forth in 4(g) is accurate.
- (e) The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement by Seller do not (i) conflict with or result in any breach of any provision of the organizational documents of Seller, MUKC or MCPH, (ii) result in a violation or breach of, or constitute (with or without due notice or lapse of time or both) a default (or give rise to any right of termination, cancellation or acceleration) under, or require any consent under, any indenture, license, contract, agreement or other instrument or obligation to which Seller, MUKC or MCPH is a party, other than complying with Section 8 of the Relationship

Agreement or (iii) violate any order, writ, injunction, decree or award rendered by any governmental or regulatory authority or court, domestic or foreign (a "Governmental Entity") or violate any statute, rule or regulation (collectively, "Laws") applicable to Seller, MUKC or MCPH or require any filing with, or the obtaining of any permit, authorization, consent or approval of, any Governmental Entity; it being understood that no representation or warranty is being made in this Section 3(e)(iii) in respect of the competition laws of the European Union or of any other country or jurisdiction.

- (f) No agent, broker, investment banker, financial advisor or other person or entity is or will be entitled, by reason of any agreement, act or statement by Seller or any of its affiliates or any representative of Seller to any financial advisory, broker's, finder's or similar fee or commission, to reimbursement of expenses or to indemnification or contribution in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby.
- (g) Other than the Telewest Shares, neither Seller nor any of its controlled affiliates beneficially owns any equity securities or securities convertible into any equity securities (or any interest in any such securities) of Telewest as of the date hereof; it being understood that no representation is being given herein with respect to any purchases that may have been effected by any outside manager of Seller acting in its discretionary capacity. Neither Seller nor any affiliate of Seller that at the relevant time is acting "in concert" with Seller (within the meaning of the U.K. City Code), including, without limitation, the Holding Subsidiaries, has acquired any direct or indirect beneficial ownership interest in any securities of Telewest, including, without limitation, any Ordinary Shares or Limited Shares, during the 12 month-period ending on the date hereof; it being understood that no representation is being given herein with respect to any purchases that may have been effected by (i) any director or officer in his or her individual capacity or by his or her personal investment vehicles or (ii) any outside manager of Seller acting in its discretionary capacity.
- (h) The Telewest Shares are the only assets owned by the Holding Subsidiaries. Neither of the Holding Subsidiaries has any liabilities or obligations of a nature thatwould be material to either of the Holding Subsidiaries, as the case maybe, other than stamp duty tax or other similar transfer tax imposed on either of the Holding Subsidiaries,

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as a result of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement; it being understood that, with respect to any liabilities or obligations relating to taxes imposed on the business or operations of the Holding Subsidiaries, this representation is only given with respect to such liabilities or obligations imposed after July 7, 2000.

- (i) Since January 1, 2001, each of the Holding Subsidiaries is in compliance with all Laws in respect of the conduct of its business and ownership, possession and maintenance of its assets, except for such noncompliance which would not have a material adverse effect on the condition, financial or otherwise, or on the business affairs of either of the Holding Subsidiaries, as the case may be.
- (j) Neither Holding Subsidiary has any employees. The officers and directors of each Holding Subsidiary immediately prior to the Closing are identified on *Exhibit B* hereto.

Section 4. Representations and Warranties of Buyer. Buyer represents and warrants to Seller that as of the date hereof:

- (a) Buyer is a corporation duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware and has the requisite power and authority to own its assets and properties and carry on its business as is now being conducted.
- (b) Buyer has the power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby. The execution and delivery of this Agreement, and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, have been duly and validly authorized by all requisite corporate action on its part. This Agreement has been duly and validly executed and delivered by it and constitutes a valid and binding agreement of it, enforceable against it in accordance with the terms hereof.
- (c) The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement by it do not (i) conflict with or result in any breach of any provision of its certificate of incorporation or bylaws, (ii) result in a violation or breach of, or constitute (with or without due notice or lapse of time or both) a default (or give rise to any right of termination, cancellation or acceleration) under, or require any consent under, any indenture, license, contract, agreement or other instrument or obligation to which it is a party, which would adversely affect its ability to perform its obligations hereunder (including the ability to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby) or (iii) violate any order, writ, injunction, decree or award rendered by any Governmental Entity or any Laws applicable to it or require any filing with, or the obtaining of any permit, authorization, consent or approval of, any Governmental Entity.
- (d) No agent, broker, investment banker, financial advisor or other person or entity is or will be entitled, by reason of any agreement, act or statement by it or any of its shareholders or representatives to any financial advisory, broker's, finder's or similar

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fee or commission, to reimbursement of expenses or to indemnification or contribution in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby.

- (e) Buyer is an "accredited investor" within the meaning of Rule 501 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and is acquiring the Holding Company Stock for investment purposes only, for its own account and not with a view to, or for, the resale or distribution thereof in violation of applicable U.S. federal or U.S. state or United Kingdom securities laws. Buyer understands that the Holding Company Stock has not been registered under the Securities Act or any state securities laws, and it agrees that such securities may not be offered, sold or otherwise disposed of except in compliance with the Securities Act and any applicable state securities laws.
  - (f) Buyer has sufficient funds to perform its obligations under this Agreement.
- (g) Buyer does not control, is not controlled by and is not under common control with any member of the Liberty Group (as defined in the Relationship Agreement). For this purpose, "control" (including the terms "controlled by" and "under common control with") means the possession,

directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the affairs or management of a person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise.

Section 5. Indemnification.

- (a) <u>Indemnification by Seller</u>. Subject to written notice of such claim for indemnification being given to Seller within the appropriate survival period referred to in Section 6, Seller shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless Buyer, its affiliates and their respective directors, officers, employees or representatives, from and against any and all claims, costs, expenses, damages, liabilities or losses (including, without limitation, from and against any judgment, settlement, attorneys' fees and other reasonable out-of-pocket costs or expenses incurred in connection with the defense of any action or threatened action or proceeding) (collectively, "<u>Claims</u>") to the extent relating to or arising out of any breach of any representation, warranty, covenant or agreement of Seller contained in this Agreement
- (b) Indemnification by Buyer. Subject to written notice of such claim for indemnification being delivered to Buyer within the appropriate survival period set forth in Section 6 to the extent applicable, Buyer agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Seller, its affiliates and their respective directors, officers, employees or representatives, from and against any and all Claims to the extent relating to or arising out of (i) any breach of any representation, warranty, covenant or agreement of Buyer contained in this Agreement or (ii) Rule 9 or any other provision of the U.K. City Code relating to or arising out of, from and after the date hereof, (A) the existence of this Agreement or (B) any action taken by or any failure to take any action by Buyer or any person to whom Buyer transfers the Holding Company Stock or the assets therein or any other person with whom Buyer has any agreement, understanding or arrangement in respect of the Holding Company Stock or any of the Telewest Shares, except to

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the extent that such Claim results from or arises out of any breach by Seller of its representation or warranty set forth in Section 3(g).

Third Party Claims. Promptly after the receipt by Seller or Buyer of notice of any claim, action, suit or proceeding by any person or entity who is not a party to this Agreement (collectively, an "Action") which is subject to indemnification hereunder, such party (the "Indemnified Party") shall give written notice of such Action to the party from whom indemnification is claimed (the "Indemnifying Party"). The Indemnified Party's failure to so notify the Indemnifying Party of any such matter shall not release the Indemnifying Party, in whole or in part, from its obligations to indemnify under this Section 5, except to the extent the Indemnified Party's failure to so notify actually prejudices the Indemnifying Party's ability to defend against such Action. The Indemnified Party shall be entitled, at the sole expense and liability of the Indemnifying Party, to exercise full control of the defense, compromise or settlement of any such Action unless the Indemnifying Party, within a reasonable time after the giving of such notice by the Indemnified Party, shall: (i) admit in writing to the Indemnified Party, the Indemnifying Party's liability to the Indemnified Party for all or a significant portion of such Action under the terms of this Section 5; (ii) notify the Indemnified Party in writing of the Indemnifying Party's intention to assume the defense thereof; and (iii) retain legal counsel reasonably satisfactory to the Indemnified Party to conduct the defense of such Action. The Indemnified Party and the Indemnifying Party shall cooperate with the party assuming the defense, compromise or settlement of any such Action in accordance herewith in any manner that such party reasonably may request. If the Indemnifying Party so assumes the defense of any such Action, the Indemnified Party shall have the right to employ separate counsel and to participate in (but not control) the defense, compromise, or settlement thereof, but the fees and expenses of such counsel shall be the expense of the Indemnified Party unless (A) the Indemnifying Party has agreed to pay such fees and expenses, (B) any relief other than the payment of money damages is sought against the Indemnified Party or (C) the Indemnified Party shall have been advised by its counsel that there may be one or more legal defenses available to it which are different from or additional to those available to the Indemnifying Party, and in any such case the fees and expenses of such separate counsel shall be borne by the Indemnifying Party. No Indemnified Party shall settle or compromise or consent to entry of any judgment with respect to any such Action for which it is entitled to indemnification hereunder without the prior written consent of the Indemnifying Party. No Indemnifying Party shall, without the written consent of the Indemnified Party, settle or compromise or consent to entry of any judgment with respect to any such Action in which any relief is sought against any Indemnified Party or any Action unless such settlement, compromise or consent includes as an unconditional term thereof the giving by the claimant, petitioner or plaintiff, as applicable, to such Indemnified Party of a release from all liability with respect to such Action.

Section 6. <u>Survival</u>. The representations and warranties of the parties set forth in this Agreement shall survive the Closing for a period of two years, except that the representations set forth in Sections 3(a), 3(b), 3(c), 3(d),4(a) and 4(b) shall survive forever.

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Section 7. <u>Notices</u>. All notices and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if mailed or transmitted by any standard form of telecommunication, as follows:

(a) if to Seller:

Microsoft Corporation One Microsoft Way Redmond, Washington 98052 Attention: Richard P. Emerson Facsimile: (425) 936-7329

with copies to:

Microsoft Corporation
One Microsoft Way
Redmond, Washington 98052
Attention: Law and Corporate Affairs (Keith R. Dolliver)

Facsimile: (425) 936-7329

Sullivan & Cromwell 125 Broad Street New York, New York 10004 Attention: Alexandra D. Korry Facsimile: (212) 558-3588

(b) if to the Buyer:

IDT Venture Capital, Inc. C/o IDT Corporation 520 Broad Street Newark, New Jersey 07102 Attention: Ely Tendler, Esq. Facsimile: (973) 438-1616\_

with a copy to:

McDermott, Will & Emery 50 Rockefeller Plaza New York, NY 10020 Attention: Mark Selinger, Esq.

Facsimile: (212) 547-5444

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or to such other person or address as any party shall specify by notice in writing to the other party. All notices and other communications given to a party in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement shall be deemed to have been given (i) three business days after the same are sent by certified or registered mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, (ii) when delivered by hand or transmitted by telecopy (answer back received), if received prior to 5 p.m. on a business day, otherwise on the next business day or (iii) one business day after the same are sent by a reliable overnight courier service, with acknowledgment of receipt requested.

Section 8. Third Party Beneficiaries. Except as expressly provided herein, nothing contained in this Agreement is intended to confer on any person other than the parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns, any rights, remedies, obligations or liabilities under or by reason of this Agreement.

Section 9. <u>Governing Law; Waiver of Jury Trial.</u> This Agreement shall be governed by and construed under the provisions of New York law applicable to contracts to be performed in New York. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, each party hereby irrevocably waives any right to a trial by jury in any proceeding brought with respect to this Agreement.

Section 10. <u>Consent to Jurisdiction</u>. Each party irrevocably submits to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the federal or state courts located in the State of New York in any action, suit or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement or any of the transactions contemplated hereby, provided, however, that such consent to jurisdiction is solely for the purpose referred to in this Section and shall not be deemed to be a general submission to jurisdiction of said courts or in the State of New York other than for such purpose. Each party hereby irrevocably waives, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any objection that it may now or hereafter have to the laying of venue of any such action, suit or proceeding brought in such a court and any claim that any such action, suit or proceeding brought in such a court has been brought in an inconvenient forum.

Section 11. <u>Descriptive Headings</u>. The descriptive headings herein are inserted for convenience of reference only and shall in no way be construed to define, limit, describe, explain, modify, amplify, or add to the interpretation, construction or meaning of any provision of, or scope or intent of, this Agreement nor in any way affect this Agreement.

Section 12. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be signed in counterparts, each of which when so executed will be deemed an original and all of which, taken together, will constitute one and the same agreement.

Section 13. <u>Assignment</u>. Neither this Agreement nor any of the rights, interests or obligations hereunder shall be assigned or delegated by any of the parties hereto without the

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prior written consent of the other party. Subject to the preceding sentence, this Agreement will be binding upon, inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the parties and their respective successors, permitted assigns and, with respect to Section 5, any person entitled to be indemnified thereunder.

Section 14. Expenses. The parties hereto will each pay their respective expenses (including fees and expenses of legal counsel, investment bankers, brokers or other representatives or consultants) in connection with this Agreement; *provided*, however, that Buyer shall be responsible for any stamp duty tax or other similar transfer tax imposed on any of the parties hereto or their respective affiliates as a result of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement; it being understood that Seller promptly shall pay to the relevant authorities any taxes as to which Buyer makes any payment to Seller hereunder.

Section 15. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior communications, understandings and agreements between the parties hereto relating to the subject matter hereof.

Section 16. <u>Amendment</u>. This Agreement may be modified or amended only with the written consent of each of the parties. Any provision hereof may be waived (either generally or in a particular instance) in writing by the party entitled to enforce such provision. No delay in exercising any right, power or privilege hereunder will operate as a waiver thereof, nor will any waiver on the part of any party of any right, power or privilege hereunder operate as a waiver of any other right, power or privilege hereunder preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, power or privilege hereunder.

Section 17. Name Change. As soon as reasonably practicable following Buyer's purchase of the Holding Company Stock, Buyer shall cause MCPH or MUKC, as the case may be, to file an amendment to its certificate of incorporation with the Secretary of State of the State of Colorado changing its name so as to exclude any reference to the term "Microsoft," "MS" or any similar marks belonging to Seller.

Section 18. Confidentiality. Unless otherwise required by applicable law or by obligations pursuant to any listing agreement with or rules of any securities exchange, Buyer and Seller shall not issue any press release or otherwise make any public statement concerning the transactions contemplated hereby, and if disclosure is required by applicable law or by any securities exchange, Buyer and Seller shall consult to the extent practicable prior to any such disclosure; provided, however, that notwithstanding the foregoing, Buyer and Seller (and each employee, representative, or other agent of Buyer and Seller) may disclose to any and all persons, without any limitation of any kind, the tax treatment and tax structure of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and all materials of any kind (including opinions or other tax analyses) that are provided to such person relating to such tax treatment and tax structure. However, any information relating to the tax treatment or tax structure shall remain subject to the

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confidentiality provisions of this Agreement (and the foregoing sentence shall not a of applicable securities laws. For this purpose, "tax treatment and tax structure" mean contemplated by this Agreement but does not include information relating to the ide	ans any fa	cts relevan	t to the federal income tax treatment of th	
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the undersigned has caused this Agree	ment to be	duly signe	ed as of the date first above written.	
	MICROSOFT CORPORATION			
	By:	/s/ John A. Seethoff		
		Name: Title:	John A. Seethoff Assistant Secretary	-
	IDT v	VENTURE	CAPITAL, INC.	
	By:	/s/ Ira Gr	eenstein	_
		Name: Title:	Ira Greenstein CEO	
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Northern Trust Address] Attn: Stephanie Alston				May 23, 200
Го Whom It May Concern:				
Attached is a form of Securities Purchase Agreement (the "Securities Purchase Washington corporation, and IDT Venture Capital Inc., a Nevada corporation ("IDT Colorado corporation ("UK Cable"), and Microsoft Cable Partnership Holdings, Inc. aforementioned sale, Microsoft intends to transfer the 636,056,024 ordinary shares account number We hereby irrevocably instruct you to transfer the Shares to a Partnership upon your receipt of an executed copy of the Securities Purchase Agree	"), pursua c., a Color (the " <u>Shar</u> a CREST	nt to which ado corpor res") of Tel	n Microsoft will sell Microsoft U.K. Cabl ation ("Cable Partnership"), to IDT. By v ewest Communications plc. currently hel	e, Inc., a irtue of the d in CREST
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	By:			
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**EXHIBIT B** 

# Microsoft UK Cable, Inc.

Name Title

Brent Callinicos President and Treasurer

John A. Seethoff

Vice President, Secretary and Director
Kevin J. Fay

Vice President, Assistant Secretary

# Microsoft Cable Partnership Holdings, Inc.

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# Microsoft Corporation One Microsoft Way Redmond, Washington 98052

May 23, 2003

Liberty Media International, Inc.
Liberty UK Holdings, Inc.
Liberty UK, Inc.
Liberty International B-L LLC
c/o Liberty Media Corporation
12300 Liberty Boulevard
Englewood, Colorado 80112

Re: Telewest Communications plc (the "Company")

Dear Sirs:

Reference is made to the Revised New Relationship Agreement, dated as of March 3, 2000, among Microsoft Corporation ("Seller"), Liberty Media International, Inc., Liberty UK Holdings, Inc., Liberty UK, Inc. and the Company, as amended (the "Relationship Agreement").

Concurrently with the execution and delivery of this letter agreement, Seller is selling (the "Sale") to IDT Venture Capital, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of IDT Corporation, all of the common stock of Microsoft UK Cable, Inc., a Colorado corporation and wholly owned subsidiary of Seller ("MUKC"), and all of the common stock of Microsoft Cable Partnership Holdings, Inc., a Colorado corporation and wholly owned subsidiary of Seller ("MCPH" and together with MUKC, the "Holding Subsidiaries"). The Holding Subsidiaries together own 636,056,024 ordinary shares, par value 10p per share (the "Ordinary Shares"), of the Company, and 60,322,654 limited voting convertible ordinary shares, par value 10p per share, of the Company (the "Limited Shares" and together with the Ordinary Shares, the "Telewest Shares").

This letter agreement will confirm the following:

- 1. the Liberty Group (as defined in the Relationship Agreement) hereby waives all of its rights under clause 8 of the Relationship Agreement with respect to the Sale; and
- 2. from and following the date hereof, (i) the Relationship Agreement shall be deemed to be terminated as between the Liberty Group and the Microsoft Group (as defined in the Relationship Agreement) without the requirement of any further action by any member of the Liberty Group or the Microsoft Group, and (ii) the Telewest Shares shall cease to be subject to the Relationship Agreement.

Please acknowledge your agreement with the foregoing by countersigning this letter agreement and returning it to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

Microsoft Corporation

By: /s/ John A. Seethof

Name: John A. Seethof Title: Assistant Secretary

Accepted and Agreed as of the 23rd day of May 2003:

Liberty Media International, Inc.

By: /s/ Charles Y. Tanabe

Name: Charles Y. Tanabe
Title: Senior Vice President

Liberty UK Holdings, Inc.

By: /s/ Charles Y. Tanabe

Name: Charles Y. Tanabe
Title: Senior Vice President

Liberty UK, Inc.

By: /s/ Charles Y. Tanabe

Name: Charles Y. Tanabe Title: Senior Vice President

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Liberty International B-L LLC

By: /s/ Elisa L. Erickson

Name: Elisa L. Erickson Title: Assistant Secretary