

C DBCO Records of Comet Group PLC (1933-2012) 1933-2009

Accession Number: 13/04

Historical Background: Founded in 1933 in Hull by George Hollingbery, the company had its first years of existence under the name Comet Battery Stores providing a battery recharging service to wireless radio customers. The company had a small fleet of vans to deliver the recharged batteries to its customers and operated out of Dock Street, Hull. The business prospered and began to provide customers with radio rentals under the name of Comet Radio Services. In the 1950s the first store was opened in George Street, Hull, followed by two more in Driffield and Bridlington. In 1968 the first out of town retail store was opened in Hull on Clough Road selling televisions and radios, followed by another in Leeds in 1969 and the Company was then renamed Comet Radiovision Services. In 1982 a resolution was passed changing the company's name once again, this time to Comet Group PLC under which name it continued to trade until it filed for administration in November 1912. During the 1970s and 1980s the company had competition from a number of growing companies also providing electrical goods. One such company was Lasky's which Comet bought out in 1989. In 1972 Comet became a publicly traded company and shares began to be sold in the business. In 1984 Woolworths owned by Paternoster Stores (later Kingfisher) bought Comet from the Hollingbery family although the head of the family Michael Hollingbery remained in place as chairman. In 1996 Kingfisher bought the electrical retailer Norweb and merged it with Comet. However Comet was performing poorly and in 2003 part of the Kingfisher company including the Comet Group was demerged and renamed KESA Electricals. Comet continued to make a loss and in November 2011 KESA sold the company to investment firm OpCapita. Comet lasted a further year before announcing it was filing for administration in November 2012. Deloitte were appointed as administrators and by December 2012 all Comet stores had closed.

Custodial History: Received from the Hull office on George Street, Hull, 29 Jan 2013

Description: Collection contains records of Comet Group PLC, formerly trading under the names Comet Radiovision Services Limited, Comet Radio Services Limited, and its original name of Comet Battery Service Limited. Records include company minute books 1972-2003 [C DBCO/1], subsidiary company minute books 1973-2003 [C DBCO/2], estates department files 1970s-2000s [C DBCO/3], legal department files 1933-2004 [C DBCO/4], financial records 1972-2004 [C DBCO/5], human resources records c.1970s-1990s [C DBCO/6], and some miscellaneous material 1974-2009 [C DBCO/7]. Please note that most of the material relates to the 1970s onwards and that the only material relating to the early years of Comet is a General Register dating from the inception of the business in 1933 under the name of Comet Battery Service Limited [C DBCO/4/17].

Arrangement: The collection has been arranged into the following 7 series:
C DBCO/1 Comet Group PLC Minute Books, 1972-2003
C DBCO/2 Comet Group PLC Subsidiary Company Minute Books, 1973-2003
C DBCO/3 Comet Group PLC Estates Department Files, 1970s-2000s
C DBCO/4 Comet Group PLC Legal Department Files, 1933-2004
C DBCO/5 Comet Group PLC Finance Records, 1972-2004
C DBCO/6 Comet Group PLC Human Resources Records, c.1970s-1990s
C DBCO/7 Comet Group PLC Miscellaneous Records and Artefacts, 1974-2009

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Extent: 15 boxes, 37 files, 1 folder

Related Materials: Held at Hull History Centre:

- C TCY/3/1/39 Agreement: Comet Radio Services Limited and the Corporation of Hull re static water tank at 94 George Street, Hull, 6 Jun 1944;
- C TCY/3/3/13&18 Correspondence re above, 1944;
- C TYR/2/736 Control and Report personnel card for managing director of Comet Radio, George Street, c.1939;
- C TYR/3/1108 Cyclist Messenger Corps personnel card for an Apprentice Radio Engineer at Comet Radio Service Limited, 15 Dock Street, c.1941.

Access Conditions: Access will be granted to any accredited reader

Language: English

C DBCO/1	Comet Group PLC Minute Books Series contains minute books of the company under the name Comet Group PLC and its earlier name of Comet Radiovision Services Limited. The minute books relate to Ordinary Board meetings, AGMs, and Quarterly Board meetings and have been spilt into the following three subseries: Comet Radiovision Services Ltd Minute Books; Comet Group PLC Board Minute Books; Comet Radiovision Services Ltd AGM minute Books and Comet Group PLC AGM and Quarterly Board Minute Books. 3 subseries	1972-2003
C DBCO/1/1	Comet Radiovision Services Ltd Minute Books Subseries contains minute books recording ordinary Board meetings of Comet Radiovision Services Limited. Please note that minutes of AGMs can be found under the reference C DBCO/1/3. 8 items	1972-1988
C DBCO/1/1/1	Comet Radiovision Services Ltd Minute Book 1 volume	18 Nov 1975- 12 Jun 1979
C DBCO/1/1/2	Comet Radiovision Services Ltd Minute Book 1 volume	3 Jul 1979- 8 Jul 1980
C DBCO/1/1/3	Comet Radiovision Services Ltd Minute Book 1 volume	17 Sep 1980- 7 Jul 1981
C DBCO/1/1/4	Comet Radiovision Services Ltd Minute Book 1 volume	25 Mar 1982- 21 Apr 1983
C DBCO/1/1/5	Comet Radiovision Services Ltd Minute Book 1 volume	19 May 1983- 26 Apr 1984
C DBCO/1/1/6	Comet Radiovision Services Ltd Minute Book 1 volume	24 May 1984- 13 Dec 1984
C DBCO/1/1/7	Comet Radiovision Services Ltd Minute Book 1 volume	1 Feb 1985- 22 Nov 1988

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C DBCO/1/1/8	File: Comet Radiovision Services (Wakefield) Ltd Miscellaneous Minutes File contains minutes of meetings of Comet Radiovision Services (Wakefield) Ltd held on the following dates: i) Minutes, 29 Jun 1972; ii) Minutes, 13 Feb 1973; iii) Minutes, 16 Mar 1987. 1 file	29 Jun 1972- 16 Mar 1987
C DBCO/1/2	Comet Group PLC Board Minute Books Subseries contains minute books recording ordinary Board meetings of Comet Group PLC. Please note that minutes of AGMs and quarterly Board meetings can be found under the reference C DBCO/1/3. 9 items	1981-2003
C DBCO/1/2/1	Comet Group PLC Minute Book 1 volume	11 Aug 1981- 9 Jun 1982
C DBCO/1/2/2	Comet Group PLC Minute Book 1 volume	6 Jul 1982- 10 Oct 1983
C DBCO/1/2/3	Comet Group PLC Minute Book 1 volume	1 Nov 1983- 28 Jul 1987
C DBCO/1/2/4	Comet Group PLC Minute Book 1 volume	7 Sep 1987- 19 Dec 1989
C DBCO/1/2/5	Comet Group PLC Minute Book 1 volume	23 Jan 1990- 16 Nov 1993
C DBCO/1/2/6	Comet Group PLC Minute Book 1 volume	13 Jan 1994- 19 Dec 1996
C DBCO/1/2/7	Comet Group PLC Minute Book 1 volume	16 Jan 1997- 22 Dec 1998
C DBCO/1/2/8	Comet Group PLC Minute Book 1 volume	13 Jan 1999- 13 Dec 2000
C DBCO/1/2/9	Comet Group PLC Minute Book 1 volume	11 Jan 2001- 20 Nov 2003

C DBCO/1/3	<p>Comet Radiovision Services Ltd AGM Minute Books and Comet Group PLC AGM and Quarterly Board Minute Books</p> <p>Subseries contains minute books of relating to AGM and Quarterly Board meetings of Comet Radiovision Services Limited and Comet Group PLC. Please note that the main series of minute books recording ordinary meetings for Comet Radiovision Services Limited can be found under the reference C DBCO/1/1 and those for Comet Group PLC can be found under the reference C DBCO/1/2 .</p> <p>3 items</p>	1973-1994
C DBCO/1/3/1	<p>Comet Radiovision Services Limited AGM Minute Book</p> <p>Contains AGM minutes of the company under the following names: Comet Radiovision Services Limited, 14 Mar 1973-8 Jan 1982; Comet Group Ltd, 17 Jan 1983-28 Jun 1989</p> <p>Please note that the resolution to change the name was made at an extraordinary meeting held 8 Jan 1982.</p> <p>1 volume</p>	14 Mar 1973- 28 Jun 1989
C DBCO/1/3/2	<p>Comet Radiovision Services Ltd AGM Minute Book</p> <p>1 volume</p>	14 Dec 1982- 28 Jun 1989
C DBCO/1/3/3	<p>Comet Group PLC Quarterly Board Meetings Minute Book</p> <p>1 volume</p>	22 Sep 1993- 28 Nov 1994

C DBCO/2	Comet Group PLC Subsidiary Companies Minute Books Series contains minute books of various subsidiary companies belonging to the Comet Group PLC. Minute books present for Clydebank (Doors) Limited, Greens Leisure Centres Limited, and Comet Financial Services Limited. 3 items	1973-2003
C DBCO/2/1	Clydebank (Doors) Limited Minute Book Contains minutes of the company under the following names: Comet Radiovision (Maintenance) Limited 24 Jul 1973-30 Jan 1986; Clydebank (Doors) Limited 26 Mar 1986-9 Nov 1989. Please note that the company resolved to change its name from the former to the latter on 30 Jan 1986, note also that the company name was changed again on 9 Nov 1989 to 'Door Style Ltd'. 1 volume	24 Jul 1973- 9 Nov 1989
C DBCO/2/2	Greens Leisure Centres Limited Minute Book Please note that the company was formerly known under the names Super Sizes (PR) Limited and Faunera Limited 1 volume	26 Feb 1976- 25 Jul 1988
C DBCO/2/3	Comet Financial Services Limited Minute Book Includes Board meetings, AGMs, and Extraordinary meetings 1 volume	9 Jun 1998- 21 Aug 2003

C DBCO/3	Comet Group PLC Estates Department Files Series contains files of photographs of stores owned by Comet. Photographs show internal and external views of store buildings taken during building work and refits. The files were compiled by the Estates Department of Comet Group PLC and are arranged alphabetically with each one usually containing photographs of multiple stores. Please note that a single store might appear in more than one file, see item descriptions for further information. 41 files and 1 box	1970s-2000s
C DBCO/3/1	Comet Group PLC Estates Department Photograph File: B File contains photographs of Comet stores in the following locations: Banbury; Barking; Barnstaple; Barrow 1 file	1970s-1990s
C DBCO/3/2	Comet Group PLC Estates Department Photograph File: B2 File contains photographs of Comet stores in the following locations: Basildon; Basingstoke 1 file	1970s-1990s
C DBCO/3/3	Comet Group PLC Estates Department Photograph File: B3 File contains photographs of Comet stores in the following locations: Bedford; Berwick; Birkenhead service depot; Birkenhead 1 file	1970s-1990s
C DBCO/3/4	Comet Group PLC Estates Department Photograph File: B4 File contains photographs of Comet stores in the following locations: Bogner Regis; Brighton Debenhams; Brighton; Brislington 1 file	1970s-1990s
C DBCO/3/5	Comet Group PLC Estates Department Photograph File: B5 File contains photographs of Comet stores in the following locations: Bristol Cribbs Causeway; Bristol service depot; Bristol Megastore 1 file	1970s-1990s

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C DBCO/3/6	Comet Group PLC Estates Department Photograph File: B6 File contains photographs of Comet stores in the following locations: Bristol service depot; Bristol distribution Durston; Burton; Bury; Bury St Edmunds 1 file	1970s-1990s
C DBCO/3/7	Comet Group PLC Estates Department Photograph File: C File contains photographs of Comet stores in the following locations: Cambridge; Cannock 1 file	1970s-1990s
C DBCO/3/8	Comet Group PLC Estates Department Photograph File: C2 File contains photographs of Comet stores in the following locations: Carmathen; Cheltenham 1 file	1970s-1990s
C DBCO/3/9	Comet Group PLC Estates Department Photograph File: C3 File contains photographs of Comet stores in the following locations: Cheltenham; Chester; Chichester; Chingford service depot; Chorley; Colchester 1 file	1970s-1990s
C DBCO/3/10	Comet Group PLC Estates Department Photograph File: D2 File contains photographs of Comet stores in the following locations: Dunfermline; Durham; Dundee; Brighton; Dudley 1 file	1970s-1990s
C DBCO/3/11	Comet Group PLC Estates Department Photograph File: E File contains photographs of Comet stores in the following locations: Eastbourne; Edinburgh service depot; Edinburgh Pentland Park; Edinburgh Newhaven Road 1 file	1970s-1990s
C DBCO/3/12	Comet Group PLC Estates Department Photograph File: E2 File contains photographs of Comet stores in the following locations: Ellesmere Port 1 file	1970s-1990s

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C DBCO/3/13	Comet Group PLC Estates Department Photograph File: E3 File contains photographs of Comet stores in the following locations: Epsom; Exeter; Exeter Frog Street 1 file	1970s-1990s
C DBCO/3/14	Comet Group PLC Estates Department Photograph File: F File contains photographs of Comet stores in the following locations: Failsworth; Fareham; Finchley 1 file	1970s-1990s
C DBCO/3/15	Comet Group PLC Estates Department Photograph File: G File contains photographs of Comet stores in the following locations: Gateshead; Gloucester; Grantham; Gravesend; Great Yarmouth; Guildford 1 file	1970s-1990s
C DBCO/3/16	Comet Group PLC Estates Department Photograph File: H File contains photographs of Comet stores in the following locations: Hayes; Hull; Hull Debenhams; Hull Clough Road 1 file	1970s-1990s
C DBCO/3/17	Comet Group PLC Estates Department Photograph File: H File contains photographs of Comet stores in the following locations: Harlow; Hastings; Harrogate; Hatfield; Hayes service depot; Hayes 1 file	1970s-1990s
C DBCO/3/18	Comet Group PLC Estates Department Photograph File: M File contains photographs of Comet stores in the following locations: Maidstone; Manchester White City 1 file	1970s-1990s
C DBCO/3/19	Comet Group PLC Estates Department Photograph File: N File contains photographs of Comet stores in the following locations: Nottingham Daybrook warehouse 1 file	1970s-1990s

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C DBCO/3/20	Comet Group PLC Estates Department Photograph File: N File contains photographs of Comet stores in the following locations: Newcastle Lasky's; Newcastle; New Malden 1 file	1970s-1990s
C DBCO/3/21	Comet Group PLC Estates Department Photograph File: N2 File contains photographs of Comet stores in the following locations: Newport; Northampton service depot; Northampton; North Shields; Norwich; Nottingham Arnold 1 file	1970s-1990s
C DBCO/3/22	Comet Group PLC Estates Department Photograph File: O File contains photographs of Comet stores in the following locations: Oxford; Oxford Botley Road; Oxford MFI; Oxford John Allen Centre 1 file	1970s-1990s
C DBCO/3/23	Comet Group PLC Estates Department Photograph File: P File contains photographs of Comet stores in the following locations: Poole; Portsmouth; Potters Bar; Preston 1 file	1970s-1990s
C DBCO/3/24	Comet Group PLC Estates Department Photograph File: P1 File contains photographs of Comet stores in the following locations: Partick; Peterborough 1 file	1970s-1990s
C DBCO/3/25	Comet Group PLC Estates Department Photograph File: R1 File contains photographs of Comet stores in the following locations: Reading; Reading new service depot; Reading Debenhams; Renfrew 1 file	1970s-1990s
C DBCO/3/26	Comet Group PLC Estates Department Photograph File: S File contains photographs of Comet stores in the following locations: Stockton; Stirling Armoury; St Helens; Stockport; Sutton; Swiss Cottage 1 file	1970s-1990s

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C DBCO/3/27	Comet Group PLC Estates Department Photograph File: S1 File contains photographs of Comet stores in the following locations: Sandiacre service depot; Sandiacre; Selly Oak; Shrewsbury; Sidcup service depot; Sheffield Queens Road 1 file	1970s-1990s
C DBCO/3/28	Comet Group PLC Estates Department Photograph File: S2 File contains photographs of Comet stores in the following locations: Solihull; Speke; Staines; Staples Corner; Stevenage 1 file	1970s-1990s
C DBCO/3/29	Comet Group PLC Estates Department Photograph File: W File contains photographs of Comet stores in the following locations: Wembley; Wigan; Worksop; Willenhall service depot 1 file	1970s-1990s
C DBCO/3/30	Comet Group PLC Estates Department Photograph File: W File contains photographs of Comet stores in the following locations: Wakefield; Watford 1 file	1970s-1990s
C DBCO/3/31	Comet Group PLC Estates Department Photograph File: W2 File contains photographs of Comet stores in the following locations: Uddington; West Thurrock 1 file	1970s-1990s
C DBCO/3/32	Comet Group PLC Estates Department Photograph File: A-B File contains photographs of Comet stores in the following locations: Bath; Barrow-in-Furness; Basildon; Bedford; Bexley Heath; Birkenhead; Bletchley; Bolton; Bournemouth; Andover; Aylesbury; Barking; Barnsley; Barnstaple; Basingstoke; Bradford; Bristol; Bramley; Aberdeen 1 file	1970s-1990s

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C DBCO/3/33	<p>Comet Group PLC Estates Department Photograph File: A-E File contains photographs of Comet stores in the following locations: Aldershot; Bradford; Cambridge; Canterbury; Charlton; Cheetham Hill; Chelmsford; Cheltenham; Chesterton; Chingford; Chorley; Christchurch; Clevedon; Colchester; Coventry; Crayford; Crawley; Dagenham; Doncaster; Dundee; Dunfermline; Eastbourne; Eastleigh; Ealing; Edinburgh 1 file</p>	1970s-1990s
C DBCO/3/34	<p>Comet Group PLC Estates Department Photograph File: E-K File contains photographs of Comet stores in the following locations: Elgin; Epsom; Exeter; Exeter Frog Street; Failsworth; Fareham; Edinburgh Dalry Road; Gateshead Team Valley Industrial Estate; Great Yarmouth; Grimsby; Hanley; Hayes; Halifax; Hereford; Huddersfield; Ipswich; Kettering; Kirkcaldy 1 file</p>	1970s-1990s
C DBCO/3/35	<p>Comet Group PLC Estates Department Photograph File: K-L File contains photographs of Comet stores in the following locations: Keighley; Kings Lynn; Leeds Armley Road; Leicester; Leicester Fosse Park; Lincoln; Lowestoft; Luton 1 file</p>	1970s-1990s
C DBCO/3/36	<p>Comet Group PLC Estates Department Photograph File: L-R File contains photographs of Comet stores in the following locations: Lancaster; Leeds warehouse; Leeds Armley Road; Leeds Merrion Centre; Leicester; Leicester service depot; Leigh; Luton Com Com.; Luton Wellington Street; Macclesfield Chestergate; Maidenhead; Maidstone; Manchester Deansgate; Mansfield Westgate; Newcastle Cowgate; Newhaven Avis Way; Newport Maeglas Industrial Estate; North Shields; Norwich; Norwich Rowntree Way; Nottingham Gate; Nuneaton; Old Kent Road; Oxford; Oxford Ferry Hinksey Road; Peckham; Peterborough; Preston; Plymouth; Poole; Portsmouth; Potters Bar; Putney; Rayleigh Weir; Rochester; Reading; Renfrew; Rochdale; Romford; Rotherham; Timberland Shawfield; Rutherglen Glasgow 1 file</p>	1970s-1990s

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C DBCO/3/37	<p>Comet Group PLC Estates Department Photograph File: S-Z File contains photographs of Comet stores in the following locations: Salisbury; Sandiacre; St Albans; Sheffield; Sidcup; Slough; Southampton; Southend; Southport; Speke; Stevenage; Stirling; Stockport; Stockton; Streatham; Swansea; Swindon; Swiss Cottage; Tamworth; Taunton; Telford; Torquay; Truro; Tunbridge Wells; Wakefield; West Thurrock; Weston; Wigon; Wimbledon; Wolverhampton; Worcester; Worthing; Wrexham; Wylde Green Birmingham; Yeovil; Yardley 1 file</p>	1970s-1990s
C DBCO/3/38	<p>Comet Group PLC Estates Department Loose Photographs Box contains loose packets of photographs of Comet stores. Please note that some photographs are labelled but most of are not and therefore cannot be identified 1 box</p>	1970s-1990s
C DBCO/3/39	<p>Comet Group PLC Estates Department Presentation Slides File contains colour slides used in an Estates Department presentation titled 'Why is Property Important?' 1 file</p>	c.1980s-1990s
C DBCO/3/40	<p>Comet Group PLC Estates Department Register of New Openings, Relocations, Refits and Closures File contains register entries giving the following information: Date; Status; Branch; CC; No. of Branches; Retail Sq. Ft.; Total Retail Sq. Ft.; Number of Distribution Stores. Also includes Memorandum and Notification forms relating to openings, relocations, refits and closures covering the period 1986-2012. Also includes a list of Lasky's stores aquired in Sep 1989. 1 file</p>	15 Aug 1986-24 Sep 2012
C DBCO/3/41	<p>Comet Group PLC Estates Department Photograph File: Comet Vans File contains outsized reproduction laminated and mounted colour photographs of various styles of van and livery used by Comet throughout the company's history 1 file (8 pieces)</p>	c.1930s-2000s

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C DBCO/3/42	Comet Group PLC Estates Department Photograph File: Stores Photographs Displays File contains oversized mounted colour photograph displays showing St Andrews Quay, Hull, store in Aug 2002, Harlow D3 store in Jul 2003, and another unidentified store 1 file (3 pieces)	2002-2003
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C DBCO/4	Comet Group PLC Legal Department Files Series contains files created by Comet Group PLC Legal Department and relating to incorporation of companies and changes of names of companies forming part of the Comet Group. Files include share certificates, certificates of incorporation, stock transfer forms, articles of association etc. 17 items	1933-2004
C DBCO/4/1	Comet Group PLC Legal Department File: Articles of Association of Comet Group PLC File contains Articles of Association for the following dates: i) 8 Aug 1933 amended 29 Jun 1972 and 8 Jan 1982; ii) 8 Aug 1933 amended 29 Jun 1972 and 8 Jan 1982; iii) 26 Mar 1992; iv) 29 Jan 1997. 1 file (4 pieces)	1972-1997
C DBCO/4/2	Comet Group PLC Legal Department File: Certificates of Incorporation and Share Certificates File consists of two parts as follows: Part 1 - Certificates of Incorporation on Change of Name and Certificates of Incorporation of a Private Limited Company; Part 2 - Share Certificates. Part 1 contains the following certificates: i) Company Number 278576, Comet Radiovision Services Limited change of name to Comet Group PLC, 26 Feb 1982; ii) Company Number 1580141, Comet Radiovision Services Limited change of name to Soundtwice Limited, 28 Jan 1984; iii) Company Number 2842292, Soundtwice Limited incorporation of a private limited company, 4 Aug 1993; iv) Company Number 1932841, Greens Leisure Centres Limited change of name to I.T. Works Limited, 20 Nov 1998; v) Company Number 669630, Supreme Discount Stores Limited change of name to Harris Queensway Electrics Limited, 2 Apr 1986; vi) Company Number 1829114, Doranwing Limited change of name to The Ultimate Electrical Company Limited, 11 Oct 1984;	1977-2003

- vii) Company Number 3289219, Comet Financial Services Limited incorporation of a private limited company, 9 Dec 1996;
- viii) Company Number 3400292, I.T. Works Limited incorporated as a private limited company, 8 Jul 1997 (note that the certificate shows the company to have originally been called Equiphow Limited, changing its name to I.T. Works Limited on 8 Jul 1997, then to I.T. Works (Comet) Limited on 17 Sep 1997, then to I.T. Works Limited on 22 Mar 2000);
- ix) Company Number 3493704, Finance Works Limited incorporation of a private limited company, 12 Jan 1998.

Part 2 contains the following certificates:

- i) Comet Radiovision Services Limited shares held by George Ramsey Martin Moore, 30 Sep 1977;
- ii) Comet Radiovision Services Limited shares held by Comet Group PLC, 1 May 1987;
- iii) Greens Leisure Centres Limited shares held by Woolworths Investments Limited, 14 Oct 1988;
- iv) Comet Financial Services Limited shares held by Comet Group PLC, 14 Apr 1997;
- v) Comet Financial Services Limited shares held by Kingfisher Nominees Limited, 14 Apr 1997;
- vi) Equiphow Limited shares held by Comet Group PLC, 30 Jul 1997;
- vii) Equiphow Limited shares held by Kingfisher Nominees Limited, 30 Jul 1997;
- viii) Finance Works Limited shares held by Comet Group PLC, 2 Feb 1998;
- ix) Finance Works Limited shares held by Kingfisher Nominees Limited, 2 Feb 1998;
- x) Soundtwice Limited shares held by Comet Group PLC, 27 Aug 2003;
- xi) Comet Trustee Company Limited shares held by Comet Group PLC, n.d.

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C DBCO/4/3	<p>Comet Group PLC Legal Department File: Comet Financial Services Limited Papers relating to Comet Financial Services Limited. Papers include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Articles of Association, 9 Dec 1996; ii) Articles of Association, 12 Jan 1998; iii) Articles of Association, 5 Jun 2002; iv) Annual Report and Financial Statements, 30 Apr 2008; v) Legal forms, correspondence, etc for registering the company, changing directors and secretary; vi) Share Certificate in the name of Comet Group PLC, 14 Apr 1997; vii) Share Certificate in the name of Kingfisher Nominees Ltd, 14 Apr 1997; viii) Stock Transfer form in the name of Kingfisher Nominees Ltd, 14 Apr 1997. <p>1 file (8 pieces)</p>	1996-2008
C DBCO/4/4	<p>Comet Group PLC Legal Department File: Comet Group PLC Company Seal Registers File contains the following two Comet Group PLC Company Seal Registers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Register, Jun 1995-Mar 1999; ii) Register, Mar 1999-Aug 2003. <p>1 file (2 pieces)</p>	Jun 1995-Aug 2003
C DBCO/4/5	<p>Comet Group PLC Legal Department File: Comet Group PLC Deeds File contains the following deeds relating to Comet Group PLC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Deed of Indemnity in relation to the trusts of the Comet Group PLC profit sharing scheme between 1. Comet Group PLC and 2. Graham Keith McDonald, Deborah Jane Howard and Ian Robert Michael Edwards; ii) Deed of Appointment and Retirement of trustees of the Comet Group PLC Share profit sharing scheme between 1. Comet Group PLC and 2. Graham Keith McDonald and Deborah Jane Howard and 3. Christopher Charles Bevan Rogers and 4. Ian Robert Michael Edwards. <p>1 file</p>	30 Mar 2004
C DBCO/4/6	<p>Comet Group PLC Legal Department File: Comet Group PLC Miscellaneous Legal Papers File contains miscellaneous legal papers relating to Comet Group PLC. Papers include Notices of Consolidation, memoranda etc.</p> <p>1 file</p>	c.1980s-1990s

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C DBCO/4/7	<p>Comet Group PLC Legal Department File: Comet Group PLC Part 1 Papers relating to Comet Group PLC, registered company number 278576. Papers include change of directory or secretary forms, annual return forms, and correspondence. 1 file</p>	1972-1988
C DBCO/4/8	<p>Comet Group PLC Legal Department File: Comet Group PLC Part 2 Papers relating to Comet Group PLC, registered company number 278576. Papers include change of directory or secretary forms, annual return forms, and correspondence. 1 file</p>	1989-1999
C DBCO/4/9	<p>Comet Group PLC Legal Department File: Comet Radiovision Services Limited Subsidiary Companies Contains forms giving information relating to Comet Radiovision Services Limited Subsidiary Companies. Forms are arranged alphabetically and provide the following information: Name of Company; Previous Names; Directors; Previous Directors; Company Secretary; Registered Number; Registered Office; Share Capital; Use; Location of Company Seal; Disposal. 1 file</p>	1982-1984
C DBCO/4/10	<p>Comet Group PLC Legal Department File: Comet Radiovision Services Limited, later Soundtwice Papers relating to Comet Radiovision Services Limited, part of which would become Soundtwice. Papers include the following: i) Deed Supplemental to a Service Agreement dated 10 Nov 1978 between Comet Radiovision Services Limited and Edward Richard William Warry Pears, 21 Apr 1981; ii) Copy agreement between Comet Radiovision Services Limited and Edward Richard William Warry Pears, 10 Nov 1978; iii) Articles of Association of Comet Radiovision Limited, 14 Aug 1981; iv) Articles of Association of Comet Radiovision Limited, 26 Mar 1992; v) Articles of Association of Soundtwice, formerly Comet Radiovision Limited, 26 Mar 1992; vi) Intra Group Agreement between Comet Radiovision Services Limited and Comet Group PLC, 16 Mar 1987; vii) Articles of Association of Comet Radiovision Limited, 4 Aug 1993;</p>	1977-2003

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- viii) Memorandum of Association of Comet Radiovision Services Limited, 8 Jan 1982;
 - ix) Copy Certificates of Incorporation (4);
 - x) Extract from Register of Members and Shares Held, 2 Nov 1993;
 - xi) Stock Transfer Form in the name of Kingfisher Nominees Limited, 31 Mar 2003;
 - xii) Correspondence, 1977-2000;
 - xiii) Share certificate for Comet Radiovision Services Limited in the name of Kingfisher Nominees Limited, 7 Nov 2001;
 - xiv) Copy share certificate for Soundtwice Limited in the name of Comet Group PLC, 1 May 1987.
- 1 file (14 pieces)

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Comet Group PLC Legal Department File:
Directory of Comet Group Companies
Directory arranged alphabetically by company name and includes entries for the following 15 companies with a subfile on each:
Akashi Limited;
Comet Group PLC;
Comet Radiovision Services Limited Dublin;
Comet Radiovision Services Limited Isle of Man;
Comet Radiovision Services Limited Hull;
Greens Leisure Centres Limited;
Hardman Hi-Fi Centres Limited;
Harris Queensway Electrics Limited;
Mailpoint Limited;
Rayford Electrics (Hayward Heath) Limited;
Rayford Electrics Limited;
Rayford Supreme Service Division Limited;
Table Tower Limited;
The Ultimate Electrical Company Limited;
Wholesale Domestic Appliances Limited.
1 file

c.1989

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Comet Group PLC Legal Department File: I.T. Works (Comet) Limited
Papers relating to I.T. Works (Comet) Limited formerly Equiphow Limited.
Papers include the following:
i) Articles of Association, 8 Jul 1997;
ii) Share Certificate in the name of Kingfisher Nominees Limited, 30 Jul 1997;
iii) Share Certificate in the name of Comet Group PLC, 30 Jul 1997;
iv) Copy Certificate of Incorporation on change of name of company from Equiphow Limited to I.T. Works (Comet) Limited, 17 Sep 1997;

1997-2003

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- v) Copy Certificate of Incorporation of a Private Limited Company relating to Equiphow Limited, 8 Jul 1997;
 - vi) Stock Transfer Form relating to I.T. Works (Comet) Limited, holder's name given as Kingfisher Nominees Limited, 31 Mar 2003;
 - vii) Agreement between I.T. Works (Comet) Limited and Comet Group PLC, 5 Nov 1998;
 - viii) Appointment of Director or Secretary form relating to Comet Financial Services Limited, appointee's name given as Christopher Charles Bevan Rogers, 6 Feb 1997;
 - ix) Appointment of Director or Secretary form relating to Comet Financial Services Limited, appointee's name given as Miss Deborah Jane Howard, 6 Feb 1997.
- 1 file (9 pieces)

C DBCO/4/13	Comet Group PLC Legal Department File: Kingfisher PLC File contains Articles of Association of Kingfisher PLC, owners of Comet Group PLC 1 file	5 Jun 1991
C DBCO/4/14	Comet Group PLC Legal Department File: Soundtwice Papers relating to Soundtwice, registered company 1580141, formerly part of Comet Radiovision Services Limited. Papers include various legal forms including those relating to change of Director or Secretary, change of Particulars, and Annual Returns. 1 file	14 Aug 1981- 4 Jul 2000
C DBCO/4/15	Comet Group PLC Legal Department File: Trademark Licence Agreements 1 file	1988-2008
C DBCO/4/16	Comet Group PLC Legal Department File: Viking Radio, later Yorkshire and Humberside Independant Radio Limited Papers relating to shares owned by Comet Group PLC in Viking Radio, later Yorkshire and Humberside Independant Radio Limited. Papers include Articles of Association of Viking Radio, 17 Sep 1980, annual reports, correspondence, share certificates. 1 file	17 Sep 1980- 1 Jun 1988

C DBCO/4/17

Comet Group PLC Legal Department General Register

8 Aug 1933-
1 Feb 1997

Register relates to the Comet Group PLC, formerly Comet Radiovision Services Limited, formerly Comet Battery Service (Hull) Limited. It is subdivided into a number of individual registers bound together within the one volume as follows: Register of Directors or Managers; Applications and Allotments; Register of Members and Share Ledger; Register of Transfers; Annual Returns; Register of Debentures; Particulars of a Mortgage or Charge.

Please note that there are a number of enclosures within this volume as follows:

- i) Three papers relating to shares of Comet Radio Services Limited held in the name of T.M. Cochrane deceased, 30 Aug 1949;
- ii) Print out of an email from Graham McDonald instructing Jane Howard to transfer shares from Kingfisher International France Limited to Kesa International Limited taking effect as of 12 Jun 2003 and also to transfer shares from Kingfisher Nominees Limited to Kesa Holdings Limited as of the same date, 27 Jun 2003.

1 volume

C DBCO/5	Comet Group PLC Finance Records Series contains papers relating to finances of Comet Group PLC and includes share certificate books and reports and accounts relating to pension and assurance schemes 2 items	1972-2004
C DBCO/5/1	Bundle: Comet Group PLC Share Certificates Books Bundle contains two Comet Group PLC share certificate books with used stubs. Book one contains share certificates relating to the period 15 Aug 1972-6 Apr 1988. Book two contains share certificates relating to the period 4 Aug 1993-31 Jan 2004. 1 file (2 pieces)	1972-2004
C DBCO/5/2	File: Comet Group PLC 1974 Pension and Assurance Scheme Report and Accounts File contains report and accounts for the following dates: 5 Apr 1985; 31 Jan 1987 1 file (2 pieces)	1985-1987

C DBCO/6	Comet Group PLC Human Resources Series contains papers relating to Human Resources and includes employee handbooks, terms of employment, and benefits guides 6 items	c.1970s-1990s
C DBCO/6/1	Bundle: General Terms of Employment Booklets Bundle contains booklets contains terms and conditions for employees of Comet Radiovision Services Limited 1 file (5 pieces)	c.1970s-1980s
C DBCO/6/2	Bundle: Comet Group PLC Employee Handbooks Bundle contains six Comet Group PLC Company Employee Handbooks 1 file (6 pieces)	c.1970s-2000s
C DBCO/6/3	Bundle: Comet Group PLC Subsidiary Company Employee Handbooks Bundle contains Employee Handbooks relating to subsidiary companies of Comet Group PLC. Includes handbooks relating to the following companies: Harris-Queensway PLC; Laskys. 1 file (3 pieces)	c.1980s
C DBCO/6/4	Bundle: Comet Group PLC Benefits Guides Bundle contains pamphlets and handbooks relating to pension and health care schemes and benefits available to employees of Comet Group PLC. Includes schemes run by Kingfisher PLC and Norweb. 1 file (31 pieces)	c.1980s
C DBCO/6/5	Checklist Laminated information checklist titled 'Areas to be discussed with the candidate' [to be used by Comet Group PLC interview panels when interviewing prospective employees?] 1 item	c.1987
C DBCO/6/6	File: Comet Group PLC Published Policy Statements File contains the following published statements relating to Comet Group PLC policies: Health and Safety at Comet, c.1990s; Comet Equal Opportunity Employment Policy, 1993. 1 file (2 pieces)	c.1990s

C DBCO/7	Comet Group PLC Miscellaneous Series contains miscellaneous papers and artefacts relating to Comet Group PLC and includes awards trophies and photographs 6 items	1974-2009
C DBCO/7/1	Award Trophy: Comet Cricket Club Shield with engraved plates showing a 'Roll of Honour' 1 item	1974-1986
C DBCO/7/2	Award Trophy: Comet Cricket Trophy Presented by President J.D. Cumming Shield with engraved plates showing names of persons presented with the trophy 1 item	1982-1986
C DBCO/7/3	Award Trophy: Comet Stars Hull Star Award awarded for 'Individual Attitude', please note that no name is given to indicate who received the award 1 item	Mar 2007
C DBCO/7/4	Photographs: Comet Long Servers' Garden Party 2007 File of colour photographs in two parts showing Comet staff at the 2007 Long Servers' Garden Party 1 file	2007
C DBCO/7/5	CD: Comet Awards Event Photographs CD contains 97 JPEG images being colour digital photographs of staff taken at an awards event held by Comet, possibly the 2007 Comet Stars awards. 1 item	c.2007
C DBCO/7/6	DVD: Comet 2009 Botanical Gardens DVD contains footage of an awards evening held by Comets for staff members This item is not currently accessible as it is in an unreadable format 1 file	2009