

## **EMI MUSIC UK and IRELAND - Company Background**

EMI Music UK and Ireland is part of the EMI Group PLC, the largest independent music company and the oldest record company in the world, dating back to 1897. EMI Music UK and Ireland is the regional headquarters and consists of three main repertoire streams: Angel Music Group, Capitol Music and Virgin Music.

Angel Music Group, newly created in 2005, is home to the labels Angel, Innocent and EMI Classics, while Capitol Music is home to EMI Records and Parlophone. Virgin Records was acquired by EMI Records in 1992 and became fully integrated into the UK company in 2002.

Each label maintains an individual musical and creative strategy and ensures that EMI represents many of the best-known recording artists in the world. We also have numerous imprints and associated labels, such as the Blue Note jazz label, Heavenly Records, Relentless and dance label Positiva.

The company revenue comes from two principal sources: the sale of recorded music in the physical and digital domain, and the licensing of its repertoire to EMI affiliates worldwide. The latter forms the vast majority of its overseas earnings from 50 countries worldwide. With a market leading share of UK-sourced music sold in the UK, EMI Music UK consistently signs, sells and breaks through with more British artists than any other record company.

EMI Music in Britain continues to operate as the creative heart of "The World's Greatest Music Company." From signing the Beatles in 1962 and a then unknown group "offering some promise" - The Sex Pistols - in 1976, to Robbie Williams in 1996, Coldplay in 1999, and more recent signings KT Tunstall and The Magic Numbers, EMI Music continues to break new artists, ensuring it has the best catalogue in years to come. Additional artists on the EMI roster include the Rolling Stones, Kylie Minogue, Paul McCartney, Kate Bush and Gorillaz, among many others.

### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

EMI Group

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EMI Music Publishing

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