



PRESS RELEASE
OCTOBER 25, 2011

MCEL UPGRADES MOBILE BROADBAND NETWORK WITH ERICSSON

- Solution for 3G coverage extension and capacity upgrade in Mozambique
- Enabling consistent delivery of rich, high-speed mobile communications to subscribers
- Core network upgraded with leading Ericsson Mobile Softswitch Solution

Ericsson (NASDAQ: ERIC) has been chosen as preferred supplier by leading Mozambican operator mcel to upgrade and expand its existing 3G radio network in Maputo, Mozambique's capital city, using the latest Ericsson technology. This includes the RBS 6000, which earlier this year was used in setting the record for the fastest internet in the world.

This contract builds on Ericsson's longstanding relationship with mcel and comes on the heels of a recently completed upgrade of mcel's 3G core network by Ericsson. The network upgrade will enable mcel to provide high-speed mobile broadband which can deliver video and web application services, thereby offering their subscribers a superior user experience.

Under the agreement, Ericsson will deploy its industry leading core network solutions as well as its multi-standard base station RBS 6000, supporting GSM/EDGE, 3G (WCDMA/HSPA) and 4G (LTE). The core network solutions include Ericsson's Mobile Softswitch Solution and Ericsson SmartEdge-based Mobile Packet Backbone Network (MPBN) solution which efficiently handle the take off of voice and data.

mcel, the premier operator in Mozambique, started operations in 1997 and now has more than 4.3 million customers and the most extensive network in the country - covering 65% of the geographical area, and 75% of the population.

Published reports show that mobile penetration in Mozambique is mostly in cities, and currently sits at around 35%, while internet penetration is less than 5% with 0.1% having access to broadband¹. However there is growing demand for high-speed broadband beyond urban areas.

mcel recently signed a memorandum of understanding with Mozambique's Science and Technology Ministry, to roll out community multimedia centers in rural areas. Based on this understanding, mcel will provide internet access to six Mozambican districts.

mcel CEO Mamudo Ibraimo says: "As Mozambique's premier operator, we view our services as an enabler of socioeconomic development and long-term prosperity. We continue to drive the growth and evolution of mobile telephony here through continued expansion, value-oriented innovation and a focus on the delivery of an excellent customer experience.

"Our partnership with Ericsson positions us well to secure our premier position and continued growth in this market," he concluded.



PRESS RELEASE
OCTOBER 25, 2011

Lars Lindén, Head of Ericsson Sub-Saharan Africa, says: “mcel’s new network will cater to the exceptional traffic growth they expect in the near future. With improved network signalling and transmission capacity from Ericsson, we are committed to ensuring the quality of service mcel delivers to its subscribers.”

NOTES TO EDITORS:

1. Business Monitor International, Southern Africa Telecommunications Report Q3 2011 p. 43

About mCel

mCel is Mozambique's leading mobile network operator. Founded in November 1997, mCel has been responsible for the explosive growth in mobile network service in Mozambique.

<http://www.mcel.co.mz/>

mCel, Mozambique: New horizons

http://www.ericsson.com/article/mcel_1595655422_c

Ericsson supplies SmartEdge-based IP transport solution to mCel in Mozambique:

<http://www.ericsson.com/news/1202931>

Network product photos available at:

http://www.ericsson.com/thecompany/press/photolibrary/network_products

Our multimedia content is available at the broadcast room:

www.ericsson.com/broadcast_room

Ericsson is the world’s leading provider of technology and services to telecom operators. Ericsson is the leader in 2G, 3G and 4G mobile technologies, and provides support for networks with over 2 billion subscribers and has the leading position in managed services. The company’s portfolio comprises mobile and fixed network infrastructure, telecom services, software, broadband and multimedia solutions for operators, enterprises and the media industry. The Sony Ericsson and ST-Ericsson joint ventures provide consumers with feature-rich personal mobile devices.

Ericsson is advancing its vision of being the “prime driver in an all-communicating world” through innovation, technology, and sustainable business solutions. Working in 180 countries, more than 90,000 employees generated revenue of SEK 203.3 billion (USD 28.2 billion) in 2010. Founded in 1876 with the headquarters in Stockholm, Sweden, Ericsson is listed on NASDAQ OMX, Stockholm and NASDAQ New York.

www.ericsson.com

www.twitter.com/ericssonpress

www.facebook.com/technologyforgood

www.youtube.com/ericssonpress



PRESS RELEASE
OCTOBER 25, 2011

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT

Ericsson Corporate Public & Media Relations

Phone: +46 10 719 69 92

E-mail: media.relations@ericsson.com

Ericsson Investor Relations

Phone: +46 10 719 00 00

E-mail: investor.relations@ericsson.com