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Platform for Value Creation in Global Emerging Markets Telecoms

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Transaction overview and key  
benefits

(1) Market  
share

by  
subscribers

(as  
of

Dec  
08)

(source:  
AC&M)

(2) Market

share  
by  
subscribers  
(as  
of  
Sep  
09)  
(source:  
AC&M)  
(3)  
FCF  
(Free  
Cash  
Flows)  
=  
Net  
income  
plus  
depreciation  
and  
amortisation  
minus  
capital  
expenditures.  
OJSC VimpelCom  
Kyivstar  
A leading mobile operator in Ukraine  
with 40.2%  
(2)  
market share  
Strong brand and customer perception  
Extensive and high quality mobile network  
Innovative services and content  
Near term benefits for OJSC VimpelCom shareholders  
Long term benefits for OJSC VimpelCom shareholders  
Maximise value creation  
and returns to shareholders  
Platform  
for value creation in  
global emerging  
markets telecoms  
VimpelCom  
Ltd.  
Acquisition of a leading mobile operator in Ukraine  
Strengthened strategic profile with a potential for  
operational improvements and efficiencies  
Strong independent corporate and governance  
structure  
Committed dividend policy, proposing to distribute at  
least 50% of FCF

(3)

from Kyivstar and OJSC

VimpelCom's Russian operations

A leading telecoms provider in Russia and

CIS

25.4%

(1)

mobile market share in Russia

Operations in nine countries

Covers territory with total population of

around 340 million

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Step

2

Key

transaction steps

Step

1

Step

2

3

Current OJSC VimpelCom shareholding

33.6%

29.9%

37.0%

44.0%

29.4%

26.1%

Economic

Voting

Free Float

Altimo

Telenor

Proposed

VimpelCom

Ltd.

shareholding

(1)

38.8%

35.4%

38.5%

43.9%

22.7%

20.7%

Economic

Voting

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Altimo

Telenor

(1)

Assumes 100% take up of exchange offer

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Offer to exchange securities of OJSC VimpelCom

for VimpelCom

Ltd. securities

Contribution of Kyivstar

by Altimo

and Telenor

into VimpelCom

Ltd.

Listing of VimpelCom

Ltd. on NYSE and delisting of OJSC VimpelCom

3.4 to 1

effective equity split

between OJSC VimpelCom

and Kyivstar

shareholders

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Kyivstar -

a leading mobile operator in Ukraine

(in UAH MM)

26.4%

16.4%

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Kyivstar

revenues

Brand awareness

99.0%

Points of sale

95,000

Best network quality



52.1%

Customer satisfaction

85.4%

Best customer service

41.0%

Key

Strengths

Kyivstar

Adj. OIBDA

(3)

25.8%

17.9%

5,070

6,374

7,521

4,788

59%

58%

59%

55%

2006

2007

2008

9M 2009

8,639

10,924

12,711

8,634

2006

2007

2008

9M 2009

(in UAH MM)

(% margin)

Source: Company reports, AC&M Consulting, TNS survey.

(1) Market share by subscribers; Market share and subscriber data as of Sep 09.

(2) Average ARPU for 9 months ended Sep 09.

(3) Operating Income before Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment Loss

Market

share

(1)

Key performance indicators (KPI s)

21.4%

40.2%

32.1%

6.3%

Kyivstar

MTS

Life:)

Others

22.3 million subscribers

(1)

with UAH 41.0 ARPU

(2)

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VimpelCom  
Ltd.  
-  
a  
leading  
emerging  
markets  
telecoms  
operator  
(1) Operating Income  
before  
Depreciation,  
Amortisation  
and  
Impairment

Loss.

(2)

Others include OJSC VimpelCom operations in Kazakhstan (6.8m subs), Uzbekistan (3.7m subs), Tajikistan (0.7m subs), Armenia

Strengthen strategic position

Maximise returns to shareholders

Extract operational improvements

and efficiencies

Explore growth opportunities

Source: Company reports, AC&M Consulting

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51.0

22.3

87.7

2.2

Russia

Others

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Ukraine

(Bars represent subscribers in millions (Sep 09))

(2)

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Revenue

Adj. OIBDA

(1)

% Margin

Net Income

2008

9M 2009

12,616

7,443

1,130

1,055

6,280

3,805

49.8%

51.1%

(in MM USD)

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12.2

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(1)

United Nations Commission on International Trade Law.

Independent governance and corporate structure

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Incorporation in Bermuda will improve corporate governance and reduce Russia and Ukraine related risks

Shareholders agreement governed by New York law designed to avoid deadlock situations

Any

shareholder

disputes to be resolved by arbitration proceedings in London under

UNCITRAL

(1)

arbitration rules

Corporate governance structure will align the interests of all shareholders

Balanced Board structure:

3 unaffiliated Board members, 3 designated by Telenor and 3 designated by Altimo

Unaffiliated Board members will act as swing votes on Board decisions

No veto rights for Altimo or Telenor

Chairman and CEO will be unaffiliated with Telenor or Altimo

Strong minority shareholder protection mechanisms

Requirement  
for  
approval  
of  
majority  
of  
independent  
shareholders  
for  
certain key  
decisions  
Independent  
governance  
and strong  
minority rights  
Robust  
corporate law  
framework

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Exchange offer timetable

(1)

Assumes no extension of offer period, US offer closes on 15 April 2010 and Russian offer closes on 20 April 2010.

(2)

Squeeze-out procedure to start within 35 days of the expiration of the Russian offer.

Key transaction milestones (2010)

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Launch tender offer

Tender offer period

(1)

Last day for tendering in the US offer

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Ltd. begins trading on NYSE

Kyivstar

contribution

Delisting of OJSC VimpelCom  
from NYSE

Initiate minority squeeze-out

(2)

April

March

February

May

9 February

21 April

21 April

End April / Early May

Mid /

Late May

15 April



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risks related to the timing or ultimate completion of the Transaction;

the possibility that expected benefits may not materialise as expected;

that, prior to the completion of the Transaction, OJSC VimpelCom's business or Kyivstar's business may not perform as expected.

that the parties are unable to successfully implement integration strategies or otherwise realise any synergies that might arise from the Transaction;

future operating or financial results;

expectations regarding the future growth of the telecommunications industry;

forecasts regarding future macroeconomic performance or results;

future payments of dividends and the availability of cash for the payment of dividends;

future acquisitions, business strategy and expected capital spending;

assumptions regarding interest rates and inflation;

changes in governmental rules and regulations or actions taken by regulatory authorities;

unanticipated changes in laws and regulations;

potential liability from future litigation; and

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