



Telecom Egypt Confirms Interest To Maximizing Its Exposure To The Mobile Market In Egypt

Cairo, 23 May 2010: Tarek Tantawy, CEO and Managing Director of Telecom Egypt commented recently that the Board of Directors of Telecom Egypt had requested management to explore various alternatives to maximize the company's exposure to the mobile sector in Egypt in the coming period, noting Telecom Egypt's current 45% shareholding stake in Vodafone Egypt.

Tarek Tantawy added that the company is exploring several alternatives including increasing its stake and role in Vodafone Egypt or potentially to apply for the fourth mobile license if the Egyptian government were to make one available.

Tantawy also added that the board of Telecom Egypt did not make any decisions yet and that further announcements will only be made in due course.

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About Telecom Egypt

Telecom Egypt (TE), Egypt's incumbent telecommunications operator, started its operations in 1854 with the first telegraph line in Egypt. Then it was corporatized in 1998 to replace the former Arab Republic of Egypt National Telecommunication Organization (ARENTO). The Company is the largest provider of fixed-line services in the Middle East and Africa with 9.3 million subscribers as at 31 March 2010.

TE provides retail telecommunication services including access, local, long distance and international voice, Internet and data, and other services. The company also provides wholesale services including bandwidth capacity leasing to ISPs, and national and international interconnection services. Telecom Egypt's services also include the provision of narrowband and broadband internet access through its subsidiary TE Data. TE Data has active operations in Egypt and Jordan.

TE currently participates in the mobile segment in Egypt by providing mobile interconnectivity through its current, increased 44.95% holding in Vodafone Egypt, one of the three existing Egyptian mobile operators. TE's shares and GDRs (Ticker: ETEL.CA; TEEG.LN) are traded on the Egyptian Stock Exchange and the London Stock Exchange.