

Telecom Egypt [TE] Financial Highlights For The First Half 2005

Cairo, August, 16th 2005: Telecom Egypt (TE) (Ticker: ETEL.CA), announced its financial results for the first half 2005. Key performance indicators for the period are highlighted below:

- Total number of subscribers reached 9.9 million, an increase of 7.6 % over June 2004.
- Fixed line penetration rate reached 14%, compared to 13.3% penetration rate in June 2004
- Revenues reached L.E 4.03 billion, an increase of 6.4% over June 2004.
- Net Profit before Tax for the period reached L.E 1.33 billion in comparison to L.E 812.02 million in June 2004 showing a 63.2% increase.
- Net Profit after Tax reached L.E 1.03 billion compared to L.E 607 million in June 2004, an increase of 69.5%.
- Earnings per Share (EPS) reached L.E 6.02 vs. L.E 3.55 in June 2004, a 69.5% increase.
- Monthly ARPU increased to L.E 52.6 in June 2005 a compared to L.E 51.6 in June 2004.
- *EBITDA reached L.E 2.31 billion, an increase of 5% over June 2004.
- EBITDA margin maintained at 57.4% in June 2004

*EBITDA calculated after deducting provisions

About Telecom Egypt

Telecom Egypt (TE), Egypt's incumbent telecommunications operator, was established in 1998 to replace the former Arab Republic of Egypt National Telecommunication Organization (ARENTO). The company has a fixed line subscriber base in excess of 10 million subscribers which makes it the largest fixed line provider in the Middle East and Africa.

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