

Turkcell selects Alcatel-Lucent for "All IP" 3G transmission network in Turkey

Paris, July 22, 2009 - Alcatel-Lucent (Euronext Paris and NYSE: ALU) announced today, that Turkcell, the leading communication and technology company of Turkey, has selected its IP/MPLS solution to transform Turkcell's nation-wide network to an "All IP" 3G transmission network.

Upon completion, expected by early summer 2009, Turkcell will transport a broad suite of premium IP based services with Quality of Service assurances, high-availability, reliability and flexibility.

"The demand for higher bandwidth and interconnectivity is increasing at an extremely fast pace in our rapidly evolving communications marketplace. With the transformation into an "All IP" 3G network, which we believe is the first in Turkey, we will expand the capacity of our existing network to provide national coverage and meet our customer's demand for 3G services" said Bülent ELÖNÜ, the Transport Network Division Head of Turkcell. "The ease of management and Quality of Service capabilities of Alcatel-Lucent's IP/MPLS solution enables us to carry our customer's 3G data traffic over an IP network from day 1", he added.

"Our advanced IP/MPLS solutions are a key element in Alcatel-Lucent's global leadership in enabling network transformations as operators around the world are moving to all IP networks," said Ali Kancal, head of Alcatel-Lucent's activities in Turkey and Azerbaijan.

"Our solution will enable Turkcell to enhance the speed at which their customer's interaction with their 3G experience and creating a competitive differentiation", he added.

About the Alcatel-Lucent solution

The Alcatel-Lucent IP/MPLS solution for Turkcell consists of 7750 Service Router, 7705 Service Aggregation Router (SAR), 7210 Service Aware Switch (SAS) and 5620 Service Aware Manager (SAM) platform that provides end-to-end management. The Alcatel-Lucent IP/MPLS solution delivers a future-proof, reliable and scalable IP transport allowing mobile operators to activate 3G services quicker and in a more robust way. Alcatel-Lucent has deployed all IP backhaul solutions for 3G networks for more than 60 operators around the world.

About Turkcell

Turkcell is the leading GSM operator in Turkey with 36.4 million postpaid and prepaid customers as of March 31, 2009 operating in a three player market with a market share of approximately 56% as of December 31, 2008 (Source: operators' announcements). In addition to high-quality wireless telephone services, Turkcell currently offers General Packet Radio Service ("GPRS") countrywide and Enhanced Data Rates for GSM Evolution ("EDGE") in dense areas, which provide for both improved data and voice services. Turkcell provides roaming with 614 operators in 202 countries as of April 22, 2009. Serving a large subscriber base in Turkey with its high-quality wireless telephone network, Turkcell reported US\$1.3 billion net revenue for the quarter ended March 31, 2009 as per IFRS financial statements. Turkcell has interests in international GSM operations in Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Northern Cyprus and Ukraine. Turkcell has been listed on the NYSE ("New York Stock Exchange") and the ISE ("Istanbul Stock Exchange") since July 2000 and is the only NYSE listed company in Turkey. 51.00% of Turkcell's share capital is held by Turkcell Holding, 0.05% by Cukurova Group, 13.07% by Sonera Holding, 2.32% by M.V. Group and 0.08% by others while the remaining 33.48% is free float.

About Alcatel-Lucent

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