



**Alcatel-Lucent launches an offering of bonds convertible into and/or exchangeable for new or existing shares (OCEANE) in an amount of €750 million**

**Paris, September 2, 2009** - Alcatel-Lucent (Euronext Paris and NYSE: ALU) launches today an offering of bonds convertible into and/or exchangeable for new or existing shares of Alcatel-Lucent (the “**Bonds**”) due January 1, 2015 in an initial nominal amount of €750 million, which may be increased by 15% to approximately €862.5 million in the event that the over-allotment option granted to the Joint Lead-Managers and Joint Bookrunners of the offering is exercised in full at the latest on September 8, 2009.

The principal purpose of the offering is to contribute to the refinancing of the group’s debt and the extension of its maturity, and, secondarily, to further enhance the group’s financial position.

In particular, all or part of the proceeds of the issue may be used to finance the repurchase of part of the group’s debt, including the bonds convertible into and/or exchangeable for new or existing shares due January 1, 2011 (the “**2011 OCEANE**”), of which the principal amount outstanding is approximately €1,022 million.

The nominal value of each Bond will correspond to an issue premium of 35% over Alcatel-Lucent’s reference share price on Euronext Paris<sup>1</sup>. The conversion / exchange ratio of the Bonds will be one new or existing Alcatel-Lucent share per Bond, subject to potential further adjustments.

The Bonds will bear interest at a rate of between 5.00% and 5.50% per annum payable semi-annually in arrears on January 1<sup>st</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, commencing January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 (or, if it is not a business day, the following business day). For the period from and including September 10, 2009, the issue date, up to and including December 31, 2009, the coupon will be payable on January 1, 2010 (or on the following business day if such date is not a business day) and will be calculated on a *pro rata temporis* basis.

The Bonds will be issued at par on September 10, 2009 and will mature and be redeemed in cash at par on January 1, 2015. The Bonds may be redeemed early at the option of Alcatel-Lucent subject to certain conditions.

The determination of the final terms of the issue is expected on September 2, 2009.

The expected date of issue and settlement and delivery for the Bonds is September 10, 2009.

This press release does not constitute an offering to subscribe, and the offering of the Bonds is not a public offering in any jurisdiction except in France, subject to the following:

In France,

- The Bonds will initially be offered only in a private placement in accordance with article L. 411-2-II of the French Financial and Monetary Code;

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<sup>1</sup> The reference share price will be the volume-weighted average price (VWAP) of Alcatel-Lucent’s shares quoted on Euronext Paris from the opening of trading on September 2, 2009 until the final terms of the Bonds are determined.

- Following such placement and once the final terms of the offering will have been determined, a visa will be requested from the French Autorité des marchés financiers (the “AMF”) on the offering circular (prospectus). Upon receipt of such visa, the Bonds will be offered to the public in France during the following three trading days.

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- (II) to any legal entity which has two or more of the following criteria: (1) an average of at least 250 employees during the last financial year; (2) a total balance sheet of more than € 43 million; and (3) an annual net turnover of more than € 50 million, as per its last annual or consolidated accounts;
- (III) in any other circumstances, not requiring the issuer to publish a prospectus as provided under article 3(2) of the prospectus directive.

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**About Alcatel-Lucent**

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