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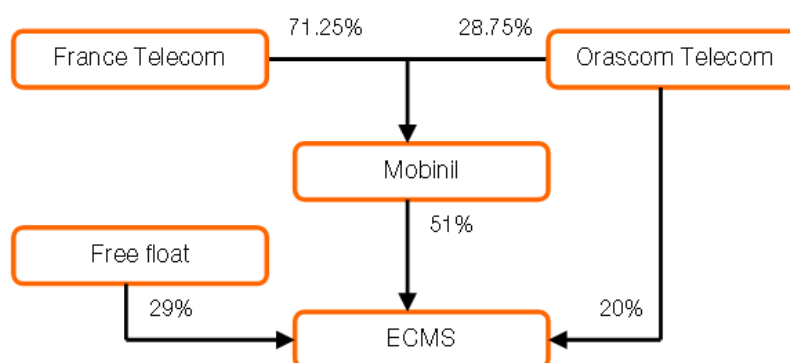
Mobinil (Egypt): France Telecom acknowledges the Tribunal's decision to suspend its public offer on ECMS shares

Following a request by Orascom Telecom, the Administrative Tribunal announced its summary decision to suspend – pending a detailed investigation – the authorization given by the Egyptian Financial Supervisory Authority (EFSA) on December 10, 2009 that allowed France Telecom to launch a formal offer to buy ECMS shares for a price of 245 Egyptian pounds. This request was made by Orascom Telecom despite the fact that their appeal had already been rejected on January 2, 2010 by an independent committee. The next session of this procedure will be held on February 13, 2010.

France Telecom acknowledges that the Administrative Tribunal has authorized France Telecom to participate in the defense that will be presented by the EFSA during the proceedings, and regrets this summary decision insofar as it is above all detrimental to minority shareholders of ECMS.

France Telecom will therefore provide its support to the EFSA in order to obtain a definitive positive decision, which will enable the completion of this formal public offer.

France Telecom also reaffirms its desire to obtain the full respect of its rights both before international and Egyptian law, and remains open to engage in constructive dialog with its partner.





About France Telecom

France Telecom, one of the world's leading telecommunications operators, had consolidated sales of 53.5 billion euros in 2008 (38.1 billion euros for the first nine months of 2009) and, at 30 September 2009, a customer base of almost 190 million customers in 32 countries. Orange, the Group's single brand for Internet, television and mobile services in the majority of countries where the company operates, now covers 126 million customers. At 30 September 2009, the Group had 128.8 million mobile customers and 13.4 million broadband Internet (ADSL) customers worldwide. Orange is the number three mobile operator and the number two provider of broadband Internet services in Europe and, under the brand Orange Business Services, is one of the world leaders in providing telecommunication services to multinational companies.

The Group's strategy, which is characterized by a strong focus on innovation, convergence and effective cost management, aims to establish Orange as an integrated operator and benchmark for new telecommunications services in Europe. Today the Group remains focused on its core activities as a network operator, while working to develop its position in new growth activities. To meet customer expectations, the Group strives to provide products and services that are simple and user-friendly, while maintaining a sustainable and responsible business model that can be adapted to the requirements of a fast-paced and changing eco-system.

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