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Belgacom International Carrier Services and MTN complete the agreement to combine their international carrier services

Belgacom ICS (BICS) and MTN are pleased to announce the closing of the transaction which results in a combination of their international carrier services and MTN taking an equity stake in BICS. The agreement was announced on 26 June 2009 and received approval of all relevant government, regulatory and competition authorities in the meantime.

As of today, 1 December 2009, BICS will progressively integrate MTN ICS, MTN's international wholesale subsidiary, and will act as the official gateway for carrier services of MTN globally. Belgacom will own 57.6% of BICS' shares, Swisscom 22.4% and MTN 20.0% with a board representation.

Through this transaction, BICS will reinforce its footprint and become the leading international wholesale operator in Africa. MTN will benefit from improved efficiencies and greater economies of scale while offering its customers in Africa and the Middle East an improved high quality international service offering.

About MTN Group (MTN):

Launched in 1994, the MTN Group Limited is a multinational telecommunications group, operating in 21 countries across Africa and the Middle East. MTN Group is listed on the JSE Securities Exchange in South Africa. It recorded over 108 million subscribers as at 30 September 2009, exceeding the 100 million mark in April. The MTN Group is a global sponsor of the 2010 FIFA World Cup in South Africa™ and has exclusive mobile content rights for Africa and the Middle East. For more information please visit www.mtn.com and www.mtnfootball.com.

About Belgacom ICS:

Belgacom International Carrier Services S.A./N.V. (Belgacom ICS) is a leading global carrier of voice, data and value added services to over 500 wireless, wireline and service providers through sales offices in Brussels, Bern, Dubai, Singapore and New York.

Belgacom ICS is at the forefront of the international communications industry, acting as a catalyst for growth, both in terms of traffic and reach. The company aims to enable global interworking across all networks, technologies and services. As a result of this approach and the joint venture with Swisscom ICS, Belgacom International Carrier Services is now one of the largest wholesale voice carrier and a world leader in data transit services.

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