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BICS selected as Roaming Hub provider for MTN Group

BICS a leading global provider of Voice, Data and Value Added Services, is delighted to announce that it has signed an agreement to provide Roaming Hub services to the MTN Group, the biggest mobile operator group in Africa and Middle East.

In the continuous effort to meet the ever changing needs of a fast growing roaming customer base, mobile operators are implementing innovative solutions to set up roaming relations between themselves. Thus connecting to a hub as an alternative to one-to-one relationships is essential for the delivery of better value and quality services particularly for diversified telecommunications groups operating in multiple markets.

“Creating a MTN Roaming Hub together with BICS, will allow us to provide our subscribers with better quality services over a larger global footprint while taking advantage of economies of scale and an improved operational efficiency”, says Sifiso Dabengwa, MTN Group Chief Operating Officer. “The MTN Hub is being established to serve not only our own operations in the over 21 countries we currently operate in, but also our partners the world over,” he added.

“As a dedicated partner to mobile operators and an active participant of the GSMA’s Open Connectivity Initiative, we are proud to be the enabler behind MTN’s Roaming Hub to achieve greater customer experience. As the preferred international service provider to MTN Group, we are excited with the establishment of a Roaming Hub and we are confident the hub will enlarge coverage to MTN Group and BICS customers which will greatly contribute to the further roll-out of roaming services”, comments Daniel Kurgan, CEO BICS.

About MTN Group

Launched in 1994, the MTN Group is a multinational telecommunications group, operating in 21 countries in Africa, Asia and the Middle East. The MTN Group is listed on the JSE Securities Exchange in South Africa under the share code: "MTN". As at 31 March 2010, MTN recorded 123,5 million subscribers across its operations in Afghanistan, Benin, Botswana, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Ghana, Guinea Bissau, Guinea Republic, Iran, Liberia, Nigeria, Republic of Congo (Congo Brazzaville), Rwanda, South Africa, Sudan, Swaziland, Syria, Uganda, Yemen and Zambia. The MTN Group is a global sponsor of the 2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa™ and has exclusive mobile content rights for Africa and the Middle East.

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About BICS

BICS delivers best in class global solutions for Voice, Messaging, Roaming, Connectivity and Mobile Financial Services to hundreds of telecommunication providers around the world.

With our passionate and creative teams located in Brussels, Bern, Monaco, Dubai, Singapore and New York, we continuously strive to provide our customers with the highest levels of quality, reliability and interoperability that enable them to maximize End-user value.

Our innovative approach is visible through our place at the forefront of the market consolidation and technology advancement. We are a joint venture of Belgacom, Swisscom and MTN, and have rolled out transformative Next Generation Networks (NGN). This together with our continued focus

on Value Added Services for Mobile Operators and our growth strategy has enabled us to reach a world-leading position both on the International Voice and Mobile Data markets.

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