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# PLAY COMMUNICATIONS S.A. ANNOUNCES INTENTION TO FLOAT ON THE WARSAW STOCK EXCHANGE

PLAY Communications S.A.<sup>1</sup> (the "Company"), 100% owner of mobile operator P4 sp. z o.o. (branded as PLAY), one of Europe's fastest growing telecom companies, today announces its intention to execute an initial public offering. PLAY Communications S.A. intends to apply for listing and admission of the Company's ordinary shares on the main market of the Warsaw Stock Exchange.

# Commenting on today's announcement, Jørgen Bang-Jensen, Chief Executive Officer, said:

"PLAY is a unique company in the European telecoms sector. Our revenue growth and profitability outstrips our listed peers, as a result of our focused strategy and our status as Poland's favourite brand. We have created a business model that enabled a challenger operator to take a market leading position within a few years, while generating free cash flow in line with the best in the industry. PLAY benefits from consistently strong performance of the Polish economy and the increasing sophistication of our customer base's use of data, so we believe we can offer investors an unrivalled combination of growth and returns in our sector."

## PLAY Overview

PLAY operates the second largest and fastest growing mobile telecommunications network in Poland based on reported number of subscribers, with over 14.3 million subscribers<sup>2</sup> as of March 31, 2017. The Company has grown its market share of total reported subscribers in Poland, from approximately 4.6% at the end of 2008, to approximately 27.6% as of March 31, 2017. PLAY provides a wide range of mobile telecommunications services, including voice, data transmission services, messaging, video service (PLAY NOW) as well as Value Added Services and sales of handsets and other devices, to individual and business subscribers in Poland.

## Key Strengths

Poland is one of the most attractive mobile communications markets in Europe with stable competitive dynamics

• The largest economy in the CEE region, demonstrating sustained growth and continued improvement in the macroeconomic environment, driving an increase in disposable income, purchasing power and falling unemployment

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Play Holdings 2 S.à. r.l. will be converted into Play Communications S.A. before launch of the IPO.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Number of SIM cards.

- The Polish economy has outperformed most others in Europe, with real GDP growth of 1.4%, 3.3%, 3.8% and 2.7% compared to an EU average of 0.3%, 1.7%, 2.2% and 1.8% in 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016, respectively<sup>3</sup>
- Growing market, balanced competitive dynamic and favourable mobile communications environment have led to increased profitability, growing Adjusted EBITDA margins on a quarterly basis from 32.4% in the three months ended March 31, 2016, to 35.7% in three months ended March 31, 2017

# PLAY is one of the fastest growing mobile communications operators in Poland and Europe

- Exceptional success story in Poland with a differentiating subscriber growth
- From December 31, 2007 to March 31, 2017, PLAY's subscriber base grew at a CAGR of 37%<sup>4</sup>, to reach over 14.3 million subscribers as of March 31, 2017
- Consistent increase in market share year-on-year since launch
- One of the most successful recent entrants to the mobile communications market in Europe, reaching a subscriber market share of over 27% over ten years of operations
- As of March 31, 2017, PLAY's brand image index exceeded that of the other mobile network operators (MNOs) in Poland<sup>5</sup>. The PLAY brand was recently assessed as the fourth most valuable Polish brand according to Polish newspaper Rzeczpospolita
- Highest net promoter score across a wider range of global telecommunications operators<sup>6</sup>
- The largest nationwide sales network of dedicated stores in Poland, with more than 850 PLAY branded stores, across over 420 cities, as of March 31, 2017

# <u>Lean cost structure designed to provide further profitability and margin expansion through increased</u> <u>scale</u>

- Increased scale resulting in more efficient IT systems expenditure over the past three years, reducing IT operating and capital expenditures from 2.7% to 2.4% (as a percentage of operating revenue), from the years ended December 31, 2014 to 2016, respectively
- Ongoing optimization of network costs has sustainably supported traffic and increased data usage per subscriber from 853MB to 2,773MB, while simultaneously reducing network maintenance operating expenditures from 2.4% to 2.0% (as a percentage of operating revenue) for the years ended December 31, 2014 to 2016, respectively

# Network strategy to support future subscriber growth

- Efficient network with competitive spectrum positioning to cover network requirements complemented by secure national roaming agreements
- IT infrastructure fully customizable and allows deployment of a significant number of new offers and processes with a short time to market

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Per EIU.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> CAGR for total subscribers (incl. MVNOs).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Per Smartscope survey.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Per Analysys Mason.

- Execution of a cost efficient full nationwide rollout of network (own total 4G LTE network covers 92.1% of the Polish population as of December 31, 2016; and 98.9% of the population living in urban areas as of December 31, 2016)
- First Polish MNO to launch LTE carrier aggregation 4G LTE Ultra technology; network enabling carrier aggregation covers 79.4% of the Polish population as of March 31, 2017
- Optimally managed the timing of 4G LTE roll out, avoiding both high 4G LTE infrastructure costs and narrow selection of 4G LTE devices available to the first mover in the Polish market

# Impressive, consistent top-line growth and profitability supported by controlled, efficient capital expenditure leading to rapidly expanding cash flow conversion

- Growing subscriber base and attractive offerings, together with a strong focus on profitability, have historically yielded impressive results, expanding operating revenue and Adjusted EBITDA on a compound annualized basis by 15% and 19%, respectively, from 2014 to 2016
- Attractive Adjusted EBITDA margins of over 33% coupled with an efficient approach to capital expenditure have led to strong cash generation. As a result, Adjusted Cash Conversion, defined as Adjusted EBITDA less cash capex<sup>7</sup> divided by Adjusted EBITDA, was 76% at yearend 2016
- Stable blended ARPU with constantly growing contract subscribers base, from 5.8 million (47.3% of total) as of December 31, 2014 to 8.7 million (60.5% of total) as of March 31, 2017
- PLAY's management targets mid-single digit operating revenue growth over the medium term, in addition to a further improving Adjusted EBITDA margin, driven by operating leverage and completion of the nationwide network rollout that PLAY is undertaking
- PLAY targets annual run-rate capex expenditure (excluding leases and network expansion) as a percentage of operating revenue at approximately 8% per annum in the medium term. As part of the accelerated completion of its nationwide network roll-out, PLAY targets 2017 cash capex to be below PLN 700 million and PLAY also targets an additional PLN 500 million of spending spread over 2018 to 2020 on top of run-rate capex. PLAY is targeting a leverage policy of net reported debt to LTM Adjusted EBITDA of approximately 2.5x

# Experienced management team with proven track record

• Experienced senior management team working together at PLAY for many years and with average telecoms sector experience of over 20 years

# Post IPO Dividend Policy

- PLAY targets distributing a cash dividend for the FYE Dec-17 of PLN 650 million in Q2 2018 subject to approval by the Annual General Meeting, which the existing shareholders are committed to support
- For the following years (starting from the dividend for the year 2018 paid in 2019), PLAY targets to propose an annual cash dividend pay-out ratio of 65-75% of the preceding year Free Cash Flow to Equity post lease payments. Shareholder remuneration policy will be reviewed

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Total cash capital expenditure excluding cash outflows in relation to frequency reservation acquisition.

once the Company has reached its leverage objective of net reported debt to LTM Adjusted EBITDA of around 2.5x

• The dividend would be paid annually after approval by the Annual General Meeting

# **Offering Highlights**

- The Offering will consist of a portion of the existing ordinary shares of PLAY Communications S.A. (the "Secondary Component"), a Luxembourg incorporated company, held by Play Holdings 1 S.à r.l., a company ultimately owned and controlled by Tollerton Investments Limited and Telco Holdings S.à r.l. The Offering consists of a public offering to retail investors, authorized employees and institutional investors in Poland and an international offering pursuant to Regulation S and Rule 144A
- PLAY intends to apply for listing and admission of all of the Company's ordinary shares, including new shares issued to management in connection with the Offering as part of the settlement of the existing incentive scheme (the "Primary Management Issuance"), on the main market of the Warsaw Stock Exchange
- Play Holdings 1 S.à r.l. (the "Selling Shareholder") will receive all of the proceeds from the Secondary Component and intends to use a part of these proceeds to redeem the Existing 2022 PIK Notes of its parent, Impera Holdings S.A. The Selling Shareholder will use the remaining portion of the Secondary Component to fund a distribution to its shareholders and to provide partial cash settlement of the existing incentive scheme
- Authorized employees will be eligible to subscribe for shares with a 15% discount and will be granted a guaranteed allocation (i.e., no proportional reduction) which is expected to be limited up to PLN 25,000 per employee, subject to a one year lock-up, which would require employees to hold or open investment accounts with PKO BP Securities

The Selling Shareholder believes that now, after a period of substantial growth, it is an appropriate time to monetise part of its ownership and to support the Company through the Offering which will provide PLAY with enhanced flexibility for its future financing and corporate strategy.

J.P. Morgan, BofA Merrill Lynch and UBS Investment Bank are acting as Joint Global Coordinators and Joint Bookrunners for the Offering. Bank Zachodni WBK S.A. and Dom Maklerski PKO Banku Polskiego are acting as Joint Bookrunners and Offering Agents.

The IPO is subject to the receipt of all relevant registrations and regulatory approvals.

# Shareholder Structure

The Company is currently indirectly owned and controlled by Tollerton Investments Limited and Telco Holdings S.à r.l. who hold 50.3% and 49.7% of the share capital, respectively.

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### **Financial Highlights**

	Year ended December 31		
-	2014	2015	2016
-	(PLN in millions)		
Operating Revenue	4,590	5,437	6,118
% growth	_	18%	13%
Adjusted EBITDA	1,436	1,786	2,035
Adjusted EBITDA margin (%)	31.3%	32.8%	33.3%
Total cash capital expenditures <sup>1</sup>	449	429	486
Adjusted EBITDA less total cash capital expenditures <sup>1</sup>	987	1,357	1,549
% Adjusted EBITDA	69%	76%	76%
% Operating Revenue	21%	25%	25%

<sup>1</sup> Total cash capital expenditure excluding cash outflows in relation to frequency reservation acquisition.

During the three-month period ended March 31, 2017, PLAY generated total operating revenues of PLN 1,581 million, which represented an increase of 9.6% period on period versus 2016. Adjusted EBITDA for the three month period ended March 31, 2017 amounted to PLN 564 million, an increase of 20.8% period on period in PLN terms.

PLAY's financial policy targets mid-single digit operating revenue growth over the medium term. PLAY is also targeting an improved Adjusted EBITDA margin, driven by operating leverage and completion of the nationwide network rollout that PLAY is undertaking. PLAY targets annual run-rate capex expenditure (excluding leases and network expansion) as a percentage of operating revenue at approximately 8% per annum in the medium term. In terms of expenditure on network expansion, PLAY targets cash capex to be below PLN 700 million for full year 2017, reflecting PLAY's ongoing investments into the accelerated completion of the nationwide network rollout, and targets an additional PLN 500 million of spending spread over 2018 to 2020 on top of PLAY's run-rate capex. PLAY is targeting a leverage policy of net reported debt to LTM Adjusted EBITDA of approximately 2.5x.

The foregoing statements may constitute forward-looking statements and investors are cautioned not to rely thereon; for further information see "IMPORTANT NOTICE" section below.

### About PLAY

PLAY is the second largest MNO in Poland based on reported number of subscribers, with over 14.3 million subscribers, as of March 31, 2017. It is also the number one brand in Poland based on SMARTSCOPE market research. It is also the market leader in subscriber net additions in Poland, with more than 48% of all contract subscriber net additions in the quarter ended March 31, 2017. PLAY's growth is underscored by the SMARTSCOPE research that ranked it with the highest "Brand Image Index" and "top of the mind advertising awareness" score of the four major MNOs in Poland. Further, PLAY has maintained growth in its contract subscriber base, which has steadily increased as a percentage of total reported subscriber base, from 47.3% as of December 31, 2014 to 60.5% as of March 31, 2017. Retail contract revenue represented 77.1%, 77.3% and 78.1% of total usage revenues for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2015 and 2016 respectively and 80.5% of total usage revenues for the three months ended March 31, 2017. PLAY believes it will continue to increase its blended ARPU and maintain or continue to lower its already low churn rates, which are consistently below the average levels observed for its competitors in the market. In addition, contract subscribers provide the benefit of revenue stability and security due to fixed contract durations.

#### About the Polish Wireless Sector

The Polish mobile communications market is well balanced in terms of the relative market shares of the largest four MNOs, and the relatively similar manner in which they operate, particularly when compared to the fixed line market, which is more fragmented. In 2016, the Polish mobile communications market was the main revenue contributor to the Polish communications market, generating revenues of approximately PLN 26.3 billion based on the publicly reported revenues of the four major Polish MNOs (approximately five times the fixed line and fixed broadband market revenue). In terms of total number of users, Poland had approximately 52.0 million reported SIM cards, implying a penetration rate of 135.3% as of March 31, 2017. Cumulative mobile communications revenues of the largest four MNOs have grown at a CAGR of 4.2% from 2014 to 2016, along with number of contract subscribers, which have grown from 28.3 million to 32.9 million over the same period. The Company believes there is still opportunity for further mobile communications service revenue growth in Poland, particularly driven by the increase in smartphone penetration which is expected to support an increase in data usage, mobile broadband services and growth in business customers.

Current pricing and market structure support mobile communications platform bundling, while fixedmobile bundling uptake has been historically limited in Poland. Bundling in Poland is mainly relegated to double-play offers (these currently represent a 77% share of the total bundle uptake per UKE); primarily mobile telephony and mobile broadband. Historically, fixed-mobile bundling has not been very successful in the Polish market due to low speed infrastructure (due to topography that is more favourable to mobile over fixed-line technology) and a fragmented landscape of fixed broadband and cable television players, among other reasons. While, according to Analysys Mason, mobile communications operators cover more than 99% of the population, the fixed broadband market in Poland is fragmented, covering only 53% of Polish households with quality broadband access. For these reasons the importance of the mobile communications platform in Poland is paramount and, according to PMR, has led to mobile broadband representing 52% percent of all internet subscribers. As per the EU Digital Agenda Scoreboard 2016, Poland also had the sixth highest mobile broadband penetration in Europe, amounting to 114.6%, above the EU 28 average of 84.7% (as of June 30, 2016 and defined as subscriptions per 100 people).

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