

MTN to pay Nigeria US\$1.671 billion

MTN has informed shareholders that the matter of its fine in Nigeria has been resolved with the Federal Government of Nigeria (FGN) and MTN Nigeria has agreed to pay a total cash amount of Naira 330 billion over three years (the equivalent of US\$ 1.671 billion at the official exchange rate and US\$902 million at the Lagos Parallel Market Rate).



This is the full and final settlement of the matter payable as set out hereunder. The Naira 50 billion paid in good faith and without prejudice by MTN Nigeria on 24 February 2016 forms part of the monetary component of the settlement leaving a balance of Naira 280 billion outstanding which will be discharged as follows:

Naira 30 billion on 8 July 2016

Naira 30 billion on 31 March 2017

Naira 55 billion on 31 March 2018

Naira 55 billion on 31 December 2018

Naira 55 billion on 31 March 2019

Naira 55 billion on 31 May 2019

In addition to the monetary settlement set out above:

- MTN Nigeria subscribes to the voluntary observance of the Code of Corporate Governance for the Telecommunications Industry and will ensure compulsory compliance when the said Code is made mandatory for the Telecommunications Industry.
- MTN Nigeria undertakes to take immediate steps to ensure the listing of its shares on the Nigerian Stock Exchange as soon as commercially and legally possible after the date of execution of the settlement agreement.
- MTN Nigeria shall always ensure full compliance with its license terms and conditions as issued by Nigerian Communication Commission (NCC).

MTN Group executive chairman, Phuthuma Nhleko, expressed his thanks and gratitude to the FGN for the spirit in which the matter was resolved and believes this is the best outcome for the company, its stakeholders, the FGN and the Nigerian people; and that the relationship between MTN, the FGN and the NCC “has been restored and strengthened”.

Accordingly, shareholders are advised that they are no longer required to exercise caution when dealing in the Company's securities, according to a statement issued by MTN Group Corporate Affairs on Friday, 10 June 2016.

Launched in 1994, the MTN Group connects subscribers in 22 countries in Africa, Asia and the Middle East. As of 30 April 2016, MTN recorded 230.3 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, South Sudan, Swaziland, Syria, Uganda, Yemen and Zambia.

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