

Celtel Information/ Cell Phone Use Changes Life in Africa Information

This is Africa's largest telecommunications company and I am trying to find out what percentage of ownership they offer to the governments of the countries they enter in order to gain access to their markets. This info can be used to highlight security concerns.

Plus they just released the world's first borderless mobile phone network as of today. This would allow customer to move freely from one country to another without any roaming call surcharges and without having to pay to receive incoming calls/
Source: <http://www.mobileafrica.net/n1721.htm>

Cell phones made up 74.6 percent of all African phone subscriptions last year, says the U.N.'s International Telecommunication Union. Cell phone subscriptions jumped 67 percent south of the Sahara in 2004, compared with 10 percent in cell-phone-saturated Western Europe, according to Mo Ibrahim, the Sudanese who chairs Celtel, a leading African provider.

History

Celtel is a subsidiary of MTC

Celtel Parent Company:

Mobile Telecommunications Company is a telecommunications company based in Kuwait. The company was founded in 1983 in Kuwait and now spans 18 countries with over 10 million subscribers. MTC is known as MTC-Vodafone in Kuwait and Bahrain, Fastlink in Jordan, MTC Atheer in Iraq, MTC Touch in Lebanon and Celtel in Several African countries. MTC's Market Capitalization exceeds US \$10 billion on the Kuwait Stock Exchange as of August 1, 2005. MTC has been recognized as a telecommunication company that has invested heavily on the marketing of its products. A high profile TV commercial featuring Kenyan actors Edwin Nyutho and BMJ Mureithi advertising a Celtel product is an example of this. The company is certainly a heavyweight in the telecommunication industry and has been growing steadily since its inception

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<http://fellows.rdvp.org/davidlehr/blog/cellphoneusechangeslifeinafrica?PHPSESSID=dea3a5c0b0663d1b5b6cb6e06935fc07>