

**MEDIA RELEASE**

**Decrease of Off-Net Voice Call Tariffs**

Botswana Communications Regulatory Authority (BOCRA) informs the public that it has approved new retail tariffs for Mobile Network Operators (MNOs). The approved tariffs aim to eliminate Off-Net premiums and ensure that MNOs charge consumers the same tariff for On-Net and Off-Net calls. MNOs are expected to implement the reduction of tariffs in two phases. The first phase will begin on 1 June 2017 and second phase on 1 June 2018. Approval of the new tariffs follows the issuance of REGULATORYDIRECTIVEoncost oriented pricing (**REGULATORY DIRECTIVE NO. 1 OF 2017** issued on **24 March 2017)**.

Tables 1-8 depict approved retail tariff ceilings for implementation by MNOs during the first phase that takes effect from 1 June 2017 as well as old tariffs which were applicable before the Directive;

**MASCOM WIRELESS (PTY) LTD**

Table 1: **Old** Prepaid Voice call tariffs in Pula/minute

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Call type** | **Peak** | **Off-Peak** | **Off-Off Peak** |
| Prepaid Voice Tariffs (Including VAT) | Mascom to Mascom | 1.20 | 0.60 | 0.45 |
| Mascom to fixed networks | 1.20 | 0.60 | 0.45 |
| Mascom to Other National Mobile Networks | 1.50 | 0.75 | 0.60 |

Table 2: **Old** Postpaid Voice call tariffs in Pula/minute

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Call Type** | **Peak** | **Off-Peak** | **Off-Off Peak** |
| Postpaid Voice Tariffs (Excluding VAT) | Mascom to Mascom | 0.96 | 0.55 | 0.45 |
| Mascom to fixed networks | 1.20 | 0.55 | 0.45 |
| Mascom to Other National Mobile Networks | 1.20 | 0.65 | 0.65 |

Table 3: **Approved** Prepaid Voice call tariffs in Pula/minute

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Call type** | **Peak** | **Off-Peak** | **Off-Off Peak** |
| Prepaid Voice Tariffs (Including VAT) | Mascom to Mascom | 1.20 | 0.60 | 0.45 |
| Mascom to fixed networks | 1.20 | 0.60 | 0.45 |
| Mascom to Other National Mobile Networks | 1.40 | 0.70 | 0.55 |

Table 4: **Approved** Postpaid Voice call tariffs in Pula/minute

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Call Type** | **Peak** | **Off-Peak** | **Off-Off Peak** |
| Postpaid Voice Tariffs (Excluding VAT) | Mascom to Mascom | 0.96 | 0.55 | 0.45 |
| Mascom to fixed networks | 1.10 | 0.55 | 0.45 |
| Mascom to Other National Mobile Networks | 1.10 | 0.55 | 0.45 |

**ORANGE BOTSWANA (PTY) LTD**

**Table 5:** **Old** Prepaid Voice call tariffs in Pula/minute

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Call Type** | **Peak**  **7am – 9pm** | **Off-Peak**  **9pm - 7 am** |
| Prepaid Voice Tariffs (Including VAT) | Orange to Orange | 1.35 | 0.875 |
| Orange to Fixed Networks | 1.65 | 0.875 |
| Orange to Other National Mobile Networks | 1.65 | 0.875 |

**Table 6:** **Approved** Prepaid Voice call tariffs in Pula/minute

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Call Type** | **Peak**  **7am – 9pm** | **Off-Peak**  **9pm - 7 am** |
| Prepaid Voice Tariffs (Including VAT) | Orange to Orange | 1.35 | 0.875 |
| Orange to Fixed Networks | 1.55 | 0.875 |
| Orange to Other National Mobile Networks | 1.55 | 0.875 |

**Sundays and Public Holidays tariffs are same as off peak rates**

**Reduction of Orange post paid off net tariffs will be communicated soon and will also be effective 1 June 2017.**

**Botswana Telecommunications Corporation Limited (BTCL)**

**Table 7: Prepaid call tariffs**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Prepaid rates** | BTCL Mobile to BTCL Mobile | BTC mobile to Fixed | BTC mobile to other Mobile |
| Per Minute Rates-Voice (VAT Inc) Peak | 1.32 | 1.32 | 1.32 |
| Per Minute Rates-Voice (VAT Inc) Off-peak | 0.60 | 0.60 | 0.60 |

**Table 8: Postpaid Call Tariffs**

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| --- | --- |
| **Postpaid Packages** | **Price** |
| Per Minute Rates (VAT Inc) | 1.28 |

NB: BTCL has not made any changes to its tariffs as it does not have an off-net premium.

**Consumers are informed that the approved tariffs are the maximum prices that all MNOs can charge for any voice call service. Therefore, all other packages offered by MNOs should fall within the above approved prices.**

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