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Afghan Wireless Signs 15-Year GSM Service License

Kabul, Afghanistan -- Afghan Wireless has been awarded a national GSM Mobile Wireless Service License by the Ministry of Communications of the Transitional Islamic Government of Afghanistan. The license will be signed by officials from the Ministry and Afghan Wireless in a ceremony on July 9/10 at the Ministry Offices in downtown Kabul.

The new license replaces an interim mobile services authorization under which Afghan Wireless has been providing service since April 2002. Afghan Wireless is authorized under the new license to provide national GSM mobile services for a period of 15 years.

As part of the license agreement, Afghan Wireless has paid the Ministry of Communications more than \$5 million in license and regulatory fees. In addition, Afghan Wireless has paid \$1.2 million, as a part of a revenue-sharing agreement under the previous license.

Afghan Wireless is one of the fastest-growing wireless service companies in the world with more than 41,000 subscribers in four Afghan cities. The is one of the fastest-growing wireless service companies in the world with more than 41,000 subscribers in four Afghan cities. The company began operations in Kabul in April 2002 and is continuously expanding its network coverage and capacity to meet overwhelming market demand. With just over 40,000 operating phone lines for a population estimated at 22 million, Afghanistan has one of the lowest phone penetration rates (ratio of phones to people) in the world.

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