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INVESTCOM REPORTS THIRD QUARTER RESULTS

- Gross revenue up by 46% year-on-year
- EBITDA increased by 55% year-on-year to US\$296.0 million
- 35% net profit growth to US\$163 million
- 64% year-on-year growth in mobile subscribers

For the nine months ended September 30, 2005, Investcom LLC reported gross operating revenue of US\$645.9 million, compared to US\$441.5 million for the same period in 2004.

EBITDA for the period was US\$296.0 million, compared to US\$191.0 million for the same period of 2004. This translates to an EBITDA margin of 46% up from 43% in the first nine months of 2004.

Net profit, including minority interests, for the period to September 30, 2005 was US\$162.6 million, compared to US\$119.9 million for 2004, representing a year-on-year increase of 35.6%. Net profit margin (net profit as a percentage of gross operating revenue) stood at 25.2% for the nine months to September 30, 2005, compared to 25.5% for the same period in 2004 (after deduction of an extraordinary profit of US\$7.1 million due to the disposal of an investment in associates).

Taha Mikati, Chairman of Investcom, said:

"It is my pleasure to report on nine months of intense activity that captured strong growth in revenues and profits surpassing those achieved in the full twelve months to December 2004. We continue to capitalize on strong and growing consumer demand for mobile telecommunications in Africa and the Middle East without sacrificing profitability."

Operational performance

At the end of September 2005, Investcom was managing 3.7 million mobile subscribers through its Areeba™ or Spacetel brands in Benin, Cyprus, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Syria and Yemen and Sudan. This was up from 3.3 million in June 2005. On November 15, 2005, the company reported having exceeded its target of 4 million subscribers.

Gross operating revenue from mobile telephony comprises the main component of Investcom Group's sales, representing 90.8% of gross operating revenue in the first nine months to September 30, 2005. Overall growth in Investcom's customer base and increased mobile penetration across a majority of its operating countries has positively impacted gross operating revenue.

Gross operating revenue for mobile telephony amounting to US\$586.4 million was up by 49.1% year on year in the nine months to September 30, 2005.

Investcom currently operates mobile networks in eight countries and has also recently been awarded GSM licenses to build and operate mobile networks in Afghanistan and Guinea, expanding its operations to ten countries and boosting its combined population under license to approx. 147 million.

Gross operating revenue (after inter-company eliminations) for other services, including international carrier services, fixed telephony and engineering, was up by 23.4% year-on-year, in the nine months to September 30, 2005, at US\$59.5 million. This represents 9.2% of total consolidated operating revenue in 2005.

Commenting on the operational performance, Azmi Mikati, Investcom's Chief Executive, said:

“We continue to make significant progress in our mission to be a leading international telecommunications company in each of the markets in which we operate. Our strategy has been to expand into markets which present exciting, high growth opportunities and as this set of results and our current subscriber numbers show, we are executing on this strategy.”

Investcom LLC
Consolidated Income Statement
For The Period Ended September 30, 2005
(Expressed in US Dollars)
(Un-Audited)

	30-Sep-05	30-Sep-04
Gross operating revenue	645,900,300	441,512,229
Gross operating costs	(228,841,730)	(183,838,231)
GROSS PROFIT	417,058,570	257,673,998
Other operating income	516,736	(448,494)
Administration expenses	(120,646,966)	(65,909,505)
Depreciation and amortisation	(83,295,400)	(37,504,747)
Provisions for doubtful receivables	1,114,141	(346,827)
Doubtful debts written off	(2,016,817)	(0)
PROFIT FROM OPERATIONS	212,730,264	153,464,425
Finance costs (net)	(7,350,665)	(3,341,151)
Gain (Loss) on exchange	(3,242,298)	(1,407,319)
Share of results of associates	12,630,829	9,637,107
Provisions	0	(0)
Net (loss) gain on sale of investment in subsidiaries	(3,958)	7,392,026
Gain (Loss) on sale of held for trading securities	349,628	20,881
Net Profit (Loss) for the year Before Taxation	215,113,800	165,765,969
Income tax expense	(52,475,404)	(45,857,406)
Net Profit (Loss) For the Year	162,638,396	119,908,563
Group Share	150,488,635	107,817,009
Minority Share	12,149,761	12,091,554
NET PROFIT FOR THE YEAR	162,638,396	119,908,563
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Investcom LLC
Consolidated Balance Sheet
As at September 30, 2005
(Expressed in US Dollars)
(Un-Audited)

30-Sep-05

31-Dec-04

ASSETS

Non current assets

Property, plant and equipment	368,056,945	281,310,052
Investments in associates	57,006,122	41,308,178
Long term accounts receivable	72,859	81,197
Available for sale securities	20,352	662,860
Intangible assets	265,833,467	267,474,664
	690,989,745	590,836,951

Current assets

Inventories	5,673,527	4,676,593
Accounts receivable and prepayments	203,726,115	111,202,195
Held for trading securities	2,598,199	1,424,389
Bank balances and cash	174,133,031	116,210,871
	386,130,872	233,514,048

TOTAL ASSETS	1,077,120,617	824,350,999
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EQUITY AND LIABILITIES

Capital and reserves

Share capital	60,000,000	20,000,000
Statutory reserve	2,000,000	2,000,000
Foreign currency translation reserve	(7,344,619)	(6,660,518)
Retained earnings	206,745,472	113,064,996
Result for the period	150,488,635	148,094,802
MINORITY INTERESTS	131,899,275	118,903,905

Total equity	543,788,763	395,403,185
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NON CURRENT LIABILITES

Provisions	447,148	81,398
Long term accounts payable	75,199,638	68,039,630
Term loans	12,294,516	15,832,310
Deferred income tax liability	18,906,258	15,371,030
	106,847,560	99,324,368

CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accruals	200,166,597	134,532,038
Taxes Payable	21,229,154	37,075,365
Bank overdrafts	130,721,064	106,763,912
Amounts due to shareholders	22,827,206	5,138,399
Current portion of term loans	10,564,733	12,283,715
Current portion of long term accounts payable	18,426,963	19,411,797
Other current liabilities	22,548,577	14,418,220
	426,484,294	329,623,446
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	1,077,120,617	824,350,999
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About Investcom

Investcom LLC (www.investcomllc.com) is an international provider of mobile telecommunications services with operations in eight countries in the Middle East, Africa and Europe. The company operates GSM networks, mostly under the Areeba™ brand, in Syria, Ghana, Yemen, Benin, Liberia, Cyprus, Guinea-Bissau and Sudan. Investcom has also recently been awarded GSM licenses to build and operate mobile networks in Afghanistan and Guinea, expanding its operations to ten countries and boosting its combined population under license to approx. 147 million.

The company also provides international carrier services, principally through its operations in Monaco, fixed telephony services in the United Kingdom and telecommunications engineering and consulting services.