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INVESTCOM REPORTS FULL YEAR 2005 RESULTS

Dubai, UAE, 10 APRIL, 2006 – Investcom LLC (Ticker: INVT), the international mobile telecommunications company, today announced its preliminary financial results for the year ended 31 December 2005. Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), but are as yet unaudited.

Full year 2005 highlights include:

- **Total mobile subscribers up 91% on 2004 to 4.9 million**
- **Gross operating revenues reached US\$903 million, an increase of 43% on 31 December 2004**
- **EBITDA reached US\$396 million, a year-on-year increase of 42%**
- **EBITDA margin for the year ended December 31, 2005 was 44%**
- **Net profit for the year ended December 31, 2005 up 31%¹ year-on-year to US\$207.8 million**

¹ Excludes the positive effect in net profit in 2004 from a one-off gain of US\$7.1 million resulting from the disposal of Mobinvest.

Chairman's statement

Commenting on the full year results, Mr. Taha Mikati, Chairman of Investcom, said:

"It is my pleasure to report on a year of record achievement and one that has been a milestone in the evolution of our company. In 2005, we made significant progress in our mission to be a leading international telecommunications company in each of the markets in which we operate. This is especially the case for our mobile telecommunications business in the regions of Asia, Africa, and Europe where we are already demonstrating a strong competitive advantage.

"The expansion of our subscriber base has translated into very strong financial performance for the year. Investcom's revenues have grown rapidly, reaching US\$903 million, up 43% on the previous year. More importantly we continue to improve profitability, with EBITDA of US\$396 million for the full year 2005, and a net profit of US\$207.8 million. Many of our operations were EBITDA and net income positive in their first year of operation and improving on this level of profitability is something our management team continues to be highly focused on.

"Growth also continued geographically. Our strategy has always been to target telecommunications markets that are under-penetrated and which we believe represent exciting, high growth opportunities. In September, we were awarded one of two new licenses to operate GSM services in Afghanistan, a country with an approximate population of 30 million and very low mobile penetration, which is clearly in a crucial stage of infrastructure development. But, one which represents a large market opportunity for us.

“At the same time we extended our coverage in West Africa with a new license to build and operate a GSM network under the Areeba brand in Guinea, a country with an approximate population of 10 million, where mobile penetration growth is already outpacing that of fixed line telecommunications, as consumers opt for the cost and convenience of mobile connectivity.

“The build-out in both of these territories is well underway and we remain on track to launch commercial services in both Guinea and Afghanistan during the first half of 2006. These new operations have boosted Investcom’s licensed population coverage to 147 million, in ten countries.

“Another exciting market opportunity is Sudan, with its large population and sizeable, flat land mass. In July 2005, with the high-profile commercial launch of services under our Areeba network, we became the second mobile phone operator in Sudan. By the end of 2005, after just five months of operation, we have already added 268,517 subscribers; an immense achievement in the timeframe.

“Our ability to upgrade our technology and launch multiple services so rapidly is evidence of how Investcom is beginning to deliver the advantages of scale and scope and, in particular, shows the breadth of our operational and technological expertise across emerging and high growth telecommunications markets.”

Summary

Investcom is a fast-paced, international telecommunications company with operations in ten countries in Asia, Africa, and Europe.

Following the launch of the mobile network in Lebanon, Investcom has worked to expand its telecommunications portfolio to become one of the leading operators in some of the most exciting, high-growth telecommunications markets in the Middle East and Africa.

Investcom owns and operates GSM networks, mostly under the Areeba™ brand, in Syria, Ghana, Yemen, Benin, Liberia, Cyprus, Guinea-Bissau and Sudan and has also recently been awarded GSM licenses to build and operate mobile networks in Afghanistan and Guinea. This expands our operations to ten countries and boosts the combined population we have under license to approximately 147 million. While still at single digit mobile penetration rates, many of Investcom’s operating countries have seen dynamic growth in the number of mobile users over the last few years, with more and more people becoming ‘mobile’ on a daily basis.

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

In constantly expanding its international portfolio into new territories, Investcom seeks to leverage its experienced management team and track record of developing and operating mobile telecommunications businesses. The result is a diverse revenue base, drawn from strong customer demand and loyalty, which, because of strict financial planning and controls, it is able to operate on a profitable basis.

Operational highlights

As one of the leading international providers of mobile telecommunications services in Asia, Africa, and Europe, we have experienced a significant growth in our subscriber base during the last twelve months. The demand for telecommunications services is high in these developing countries and, as we pointed out overleaf, fixed line infrastructure is, in most cases, limited. Waiting times for fixed-line connections can sometimes extend to a number of years.

We believe that mobile networks represent a cost-effective alternative to fixed-line networks, but in many instances mobile services are being made accessible to large parts of local populations for the first time.

As at December 31, 2005, we had a total of 4.9 million customers, compared to 2.5 million on December 31, 2004, representing a rise of 91%.

Growth in the number of our customers and their volume of usage during the period under review has contributed to higher revenues and profits. As at December 31, 2005, we already recorded a total population under license across eight countries of operation of 107 million and are now working hard to reach our deadline for the launch of commercial services for our newest mobile operations in Guinea and Afghanistan during the first half of 2006. This will expand our population under license to 147 million.

While the number of mobile telecommunications customers in most countries in which we operate mobile networks has grown rapidly during 2005, overall mobile penetration remains low.

		Total Subscribers		
		2004	2005	% change
Syria		870,517	1,465,470	68%
	<i>Pre-paid</i>	450,347	944,660	110%
	<i>Post-paid</i>	420,170	520,810	24%
Ghana		955,311	1,819,646	91%
	<i>Pre-paid</i>	942,947	1,807,682	92%
	<i>Post-paid</i>	12,364	11,964	-3%
Yemen		441,239	824,846	87%
	<i>Pre-paid</i>	384,683	769,689	100%
	<i>Post-paid</i>	56,556	55,157	-2%
Benin		172,966	267,583	55%
	<i>Pre-paid</i>	171,434	265,607	55%
	<i>Post-paid</i>	1,532	1,976	29%
Liberia		82,186	108,997	33%
	<i>Pre-paid</i>	82,186	108,997	33%
	<i>Post-paid</i>	-	-	-
Cyprus		17,737	64,591	264%
	<i>Pre-paid</i>	14,133	55,889	295%
	<i>Post-paid</i>	3,604	8,702	141%
Guinea-Bissau		10,510	44,100	320%
	<i>Pre-paid</i>	10,510	44,100	320%
	<i>Post-paid</i>	-	-	-
Sudan		-	268,517	n/a
	<i>Pre-paid</i>	-	266,355	n/a
	<i>Post-paid</i>	-	2,162	n/a
Total subscribers		2,550,466	4,863,750	91%
<i>Total pre-paid subscribers</i>		2,056,240	4,262,979	107%
<i>Total post-paid subscribers</i>		494,226	600,771	22%

As at December 31, 2005, approximately 87.6% of our managed customers were pre-paid customers, compared to 80.6% as at December 31, 2004. Pre-paid services are, in our view, more appropriate for the cash economies in the countries in which we operate and our customers feel more comfortable with

paying small incremental amounts in the form of top-up fees, rather than facing a large initial payment or monthly fees.

Financial Review

Gross Operating Revenues

While the results of operations during 2005 have been positively affected by the launch of new operations and should be taken into account when comparing our results with previous years, we have also experienced strong organic growth of our existing operations.

The increase in our mobile customer base and increased mobile usage, combined with increased international carrier traffic resulted in gross operating revenue growth for the twelve months ended December 31, 2005 of 43% from US\$633 million for the same period in 2004 to US\$903 million.

Gross operating revenues comprise revenues from mobile telephony services, including sales of handsets, international telephony services, including international carrier and fixed telephony services, and engineering and other services, but do not include our share of revenues from Spacotel Yemen, which we account for under the equity method of accounting and is reflected in our *share of results of associates*.

Gross operating revenues from mobile telephony are the main component of our gross operating revenues, representing 90% in 2005, compared to 87% in the same period in 2004. Revenues from international telephony, including international carrier and fixed telephony services, and engineering and other telecommunications services to third parties represented 10% and 13%, respectively.

Mobile telephony

Revenues from mobile telephony include revenues generated by our mobile operating companies from mobile calls, interconnect charges and roaming, as well as a small amount of revenues from sales of handsets as part of promotional packages.

Gross operating revenues from mobile telephony were US\$816 million in the year ended, December 31, 2005 compared to US\$551 million in 2004, which represented an increase of 48%. The increase in our consolidated gross operating revenues from mobile telephony was principally the result of growth in our mobile customer base and in network usage by our customers over the period under review.

	Gross operating revenues (US\$ in millions)		
	2004	2005	% change
Syria	319.0	399.6	25%
Ghana	181.2	323.9	79%
Yemen	92.5	104.7	13%
Benin	27.7	37.7	36%
Liberia	26.7	27.5	3%
Cyprus	2.6	21.1	705%
Guinea-Bissau	1.0	6.1	545%
Sudan	-	20.5	NA

While our customer base and usage are increasing as our operations grow, this has had some negative effect on the overall monthly average usage per customer as penetration increases among lower spending customer segments.

Average Revenue Per User (ARPU) is calculated as total yearly revenue less connection fees divided by average yearly subscribers. For 2005, the accelerated growth we experienced during the month of December is important to consider, as the new subscribers may not have had the time to consume during the full month and such a rise in subscribers distorts the yearly average.

		Monthly ARPU US\$ (average for the year)	
		2004	2005
Syria	<i>Pre-paid</i>	27.6	18.6
	<i>Post-paid</i>	39.4	36.9
Ghana	<i>Pre-paid</i>	17.7	17.7
	<i>Post-paid</i>	92.7	130.1
Yemen	<i>Pre-paid</i>	16.0	8.6
	<i>Post-paid</i>	39.5	26.7
Benin	<i>Pre-paid</i>	12.3	11.7
	<i>Post-paid</i>	83.7	73.1
Liberia	<i>Pre-paid</i>	36.0	26.8
	<i>Post-paid</i>	n/a	n/a
Cyprus	<i>Pre-paid</i>	20.0	22.5
	<i>Post-paid</i>	111.3	92.6
Guinea-Bissau	<i>Pre-paid</i>	18.4	16.8
	<i>Post-paid</i>	n/a	n/a
Sudan	<i>Pre-paid</i>	n/a	18.7
	<i>Post-paid</i>	n/a	189.0

International and fixed telephony

International and fixed telephony includes revenues from international carrier services generated by our international carrier businesses, Med Net and Spacetel Africa, and from fixed telephony services generated by our UK fixed telephony subsidiary, Spacetel UK.

Gross operating revenues from international and fixed telephony were US\$ 81.3 million in the twelve months ended December 31, 2005, compared to US\$79.2 million in 2004, which represents an increase of 3%.

The contribution to consolidated revenues from international and fixed telephony has declined during the course of 2005, representing 9% of our consolidated gross operating revenues in the year ended December 31, 2005, compared to 13% in 2004. Declining tariffs for international traffic, in line with trends in the international carrier market, partially offset an increase in international traffic volumes carried by Med Net. As a result gross operating revenues from international carrier services increased by 3% to US\$79.4 million in the year ended December 31, 2005. Declining fixed telephony tariffs in the UK and a fall in traffic volumes have resulted in a decrease in gross operating revenues from fixed telephony of 8% to US\$2 million in the year ended December 31, 2005 as compared to US\$ 2.2 million in the year ended December 31, 2004.

Other services

Other services comprise revenues from the provision of engineering and consulting services, including technical assistance in connection with network design and construction, and various other telecommunications services to third parties.

Gross operating revenues from other services were US\$5.5 million in the year ended December 31, 2005, compared to US\$2.2 million in the same period in 2004, which represented an increase of 158%. This increase was mainly due to the acquisition of Inteltec in April 2005. Inteltec contributed US\$1.6 million to our consolidated gross operating revenue for the year ended December 31, 2005 for which it was consolidated.

Gross Operating Costs

Our business has grown rapidly, however, we have worked hard to contain costs and ensure that they are consistent with the percentage increases in our customer base. We are keen to maintain the profitability of each of our operating companies and will continue to keep a strict control on costs and have maintained a gross margin of 60% for the year ended December 31, 2005.

Gross operating costs for the year ended December 31, 2005 were US\$359 million, compared to US\$252 million in 2004, representing an increase of 42% in line with the increase in gross operating revenues.

The components of our gross operating costs are cost of cards (SIM and recharge), cost of handsets, commissions, cost of mobile interconnection, revenue sharing, spectrum frequency and technical costs, cost of international carrier interconnection, site costs and other costs.

EBITDA

EBITDA for the year ended December 31, 2005 reached US\$396 million, a year-on-year increase of 42% compared to December 31, 2004.

	Consolidated EBITDA (US\$ millions)		
	2004	2005	% change
Syria	109.1	134.3	23%
Ghana	109.9	186.2	70%
Benin	13.1	18.7	42%
Liberia	14.7	11.9	(19)%
Cyprus	(8.0)	(9.0)	(12)%
Guinea-Bissau	(0.7)	1.7	n/a
Sudan	(1.8)	(11.2)	n/a
Guinea	-	(0.7)	n/a
Afghanistan	-	(0.2)	n/a
Other	42.6	64.1	51%
Total	278.9	395.8	42%

Investcom's consolidated EBITDA margin for the year ended December 31, 2005 was 44%, equal to that achieved during the same period in 2004.

Share of results of associates

Our share of results of associates in the year ended December 31, 2005 was US\$16 million, compared to US\$10 million in the same period in 2004, representing an increase of 69%. The increase in our share of results of associates mainly reflects an increase in our ownership of Spacetel Yemen.

In the year ended December 31, 2005, Spacetel Yemen had gross operating revenues of US\$104.7 million, compared to US\$92.5 million in 2004. Spacetel Yemen had EBITDA of US\$54.5 million and net profit of US\$41.2 million in the year ended December 31, 2005, compared to EBITDA of US\$52.2 million and net profit of US\$38.5 million in the same period in 2004.

Net profit

Net profit for the year ended December 31, 2005 was US\$207.8 million compared to US\$158.2 million in 2004, representing an increase of 31%. This excludes the positive affect in net profit in 2004 due to a one-off gain of US\$7.1 million resulting from the disposal of Mobinvest.

Net Debt

The group shows a positive cash position of US\$143.6 at the year ended December 31, 2005 compared to US\$(106.1) million in 2004.

CAPEX

In line with our estimates, total capital expenditure for Investcom subsidiaries in the year ended December 31, 2005 was US\$257.1 million, representing an increase of 65%. This increase was mainly due to strong subscriber growth and network rollout in Syria, Ghana, Sudan and Guinea.

	Capital Expenditure (US\$, in millions)	
	2004	2005
Syria	78.0	118.9
Ghana	35.6	51.6
Benin	4.2	5.8
Liberia	4.4	6.8
Cyprus	26.9	4.0
Guinea-Bissau	5.3	0.6
Sudan	0.2	52.4
Guinea	-	12.0
Afghanistan	-	-
Other	1.6	5.0
Total	156.2	257.1

Outlook

Commenting on the outlook for 2006, Azmi Mikati, Chief Executive Officer, said:

“We expect the markets of Asia, Africa, and Europe in which we operate to continue progressing in terms of both economic development and the strong growth in the number of people accessing mobile phone networks for the first time. We see penetration levels across the region following their recent impressive trends, to keep on rising across the ten markets Investcom is present in.

“We also expect usage patterns for our existing subscribers in the region to rise, as existing subscribers use their mobiles more and more, as has been seen in both developing markets as well as developed markets.

“It is our aim to maintain our position as a leading operator in each of our existing markets and ensure that we leverage our unique experience in the region to strengthen our position across the group.

“Finally, in terms of non-organic growth, Investcom will continue to look at interesting opportunities which we feel will add value to the group. 2006 will see a number of licenses being sold in countries across Asia, Africa, and Europe, and there is expected to be some industry consolidation. We will take all of these opportunities very seriously and consider those that will enable us to continue our course of strong, profitable growth.”

Investcom LLC (Formerly Investcom Holding (Luxembourg), S.A.)**CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT**

Year ended 31 December 2005

	2005 US\$	2004 US\$
Gross operating revenue	903,325,146	632,797,411
Gross operating costs	(358,561,433)	(252,008,524)
GROSS PROFIT	544,763,713	380,788,887
Other operating income	1,850,169	1,420,384
General and administration expenses	(147,480,787)	(99,152,306)
Depreciation, amortization and goodwill written off	(116,788,205)	(57,835,695)
Provisions for doubtful receivables	(3,186,494)	(4,104,868)
Doubtful debts written off	(142,063)	(31,961)
PROFIT FROM OPERATIONS	279,016,333	221,084,441
Finance revenue	9,799,937	4,316,895
Finance costs	(19,725,552)	(9,864,585)
(Loss) gain on exchange	(2,103,596)	222,599
Share of results of associates	16,259,022	9,637,107
Provisions	(7,386,589)	-
Net (loss) gain on sale of investment in subsidiaries	(103,945)	5,237,619
Negative goodwill arising from acquisition of subsidiaries	1,543,101	-
Gain on sale of held for trading securities	82,370	50,538
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION	277,381,081	230,684,613
Income tax expense	(69,544,135)	(65,399,307)
PROFIT FOR THE YEAR	207,836,946	165,285,306
Attributable to:		
Equity holders of the parent	195,876,476	148,094,803
Minority interests	11,960,470	17,190,503
Basic earnings per share	0.16	0.12

Investcom LLC (Formerly Investcom Holding (Luxembourg), S.A.)

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET At 31 December 2005

	2005	2004
	US\$	US\$
ASSETS		
Non current assets		
Intangible assets	348,984,045	267,474,664
Property, plant and equipment	420,423,953	281,310,052
Investments in associates	58,602,189	41,308,178
Long term accounts receivable	78,027	81,197
Available for sale securities	80,208	662,860
	828,168,422	590,836,951
Current assets		
Inventories	4,762,553	4,676,593
Accounts receivable and prepayments	166,479,076	111,202,195
Held for trading securities	2,601,543	1,424,389
Bank balances and cash	450,619,409	116,210,871
	624,462,581	233,514,048
TOTAL ASSETS	1,452,631,003	824,350,999
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Capital and reserves		
Share capital	66,427,428	20,000,000
Share premium	296,737,327	-
Statutory reserve	2,000,000	2,000,000
Foreign currency translation reserve	(4,987,308)	(6,660,519)
Retained earnings	206,159,799	113,064,996
Result for the year	195,876,476	148,094,803
	762,213,722	276,499,280
Attributable to equity holders of the parent	133,863,147	118,903,906
Minority interests		
Total equity	896,076,869	395,403,186
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Provisions	539,253	81,398
Long term accounts payable	93,926,479	68,039,630
Term loans	71,899,256	15,832,310
Deferred income tax liability	15,537,947	15,371,030
	181,902,935	99,324,368
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accruals	179,823,986	134,532,038
Taxes payable	21,892,541	37,075,365
Bank overdrafts	74,756,019	106,763,912
Amounts due to shareholders	8,398,207	5,138,399
Current portion of term loans	42,644,470	12,283,715
Current portion of long term accounts payable	23,770,364	19,411,796
Other current liabilities	23,365,612	14,418,220
	374,651,199	329,623,445
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	1,452,631,003	824,350,999

Investcom LLC (Formerly Investcom Holding (Luxembourg), S.A.)
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Year ended 31 December 2005

	2005	2004
	US\$	US\$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Profit before taxation	277,381,081	230,684,613
Adjustments for:		
Share of results of associates	(16,259,022)	(9,637,107)
Provisions	7,386,589	-
Depreciation, amortization and goodwill written off	116,788,205	57,835,695
Provisions for doubtful debts	3,186,494	4,104,868
Doubtful debts written off	142,063	31,961
Loss (gain) on sale of subsidiaries (net)	103,945	(5,237,619)
Gain on disposal of held for trading securities	(82,370)	(50,538)
Negative goodwill arising from acquisition of subsidiaries	(1,543,101)	-
Finance income	(9,799,937)	(4,316,895)
Finance costs	19,725,552	9,864,586
	397,029,499	283,279,564
Operating profit before working capital changes:		
Inventories	(85,960)	(859,011)
Receivables	(33,826,650)	(19,539,260)
Payables	32,128,001	52,330,698
	395,244,890	315,211,991
Cash from operations		
Taxation paid	(69,302,025)	(44,172,640)
	325,942,865	271,039,351
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Disposal of investments, net of (cash) overdraft disposed of	-	(5,730)
Acquisition of a subsidiary, net of cash acquired	1,181,926	(100,650,000)
Acquisition of investments in associates	(41,176,845)	(28,045,997)
Disposal of investment in associates	27,783,987	957,906
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(257,134,201)	(155,823,030)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant, and equipment	2,568,626	-
Purchases of held for trading securities	(1,094,785)	93,320
Proceeds from disposal of available for sale securities	478,706	7,199,419
Advance payments on assets purchased	(24,778,789)	(19,150,002)
Purchase of intangible assets	(85,281,504)	(39,255,185)
Acquisition of additional shares in a subsidiary	-	(1,753,987)
Dividend income from associates	11,347,680	3,280,222
Finance income	9,799,937	4,316,895
	(356,305,262)	(328,836,169)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from term loans	93,324,805	25,615,042
Repayment of term loans	(5,380,129)	(3,725,055)
Proceeds from long term accounts payable	53,273,485	52,241,939
Repayment of long term accounts payable	(16,373,569)	(15,056,996)
Proceeds from long term receivables	3,172	7,714,158
Receipts from / (repayments to) shareholders	3,259,808	(8,243,891)
Distribution of dividends	(15,000,000)	(15,600,000)
Finance costs	(19,725,552)	(9,864,586)
Minority's share in dividends distributed by subsidiaries	(2,366,960)	(1,335,628)
Increase in share capital	303,164,755	-
	394,179,815	31,744,983
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	363,817,418	(26,051,835)
Net foreign exchange difference	2,599,013	(979,119)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	9,446,959	36,477,913
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE YEAR	375,863,390	9,446,959

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About Investcom

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