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## **Jazz acquires additional 4G/LTE spectrum in Pakistan**

Pakistan subsidiary of GTH and VEON continues to lead in high-speed data services

Amsterdam (23 May 2017) – VEON Ltd. (NASDAQ: VEON, Euronext Amsterdam: VEON ) (“VEON”) and its subsidiary Global Telecom Holding S.A.E. (EGX: GTHE) (“GTH”), today announced the acquisition of additional 4G/LTE spectrum in Pakistan, through their local 85% owned subsidiary, Jazz. This is a crucial milestone for VEON in its ambition to become a global digital leader and is expected to improve the customer experience in terms of voice quality, data speeds and connectivity.

Jazz won the auction, awarding it 10 MHz paired spectrum in the 1800 MHz band for a total consideration of USD 295 million plus withholding tax of 10%.

Jon Eddy, VEON’s Head of Emerging Markets and Chairman of GTH, commented, “VEON is committed to creating the best user experience for Jazz’s more than 53 million customers. This additional spectrum will let our customers surf faster, with better quality and coverage, making VEON the ideal platform to fulfill Pakistan’s digital ambitions.”

### **ABOUT VEON**

VEON is a NASDAQ and Euronext Amsterdam-listed global provider of connectivity, with the ambition to lead the personal internet revolution for the 235 million+ customers it currently serves, and many others in the years to come.

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## **ABOUT GTH**

GTH, which is 57.7% owned by VEON, is a leading international telecommunications company operating mobile networks in high growth markets in Africa and Asia, having a total population under license of approximately 400 million. GTH operates mobile networks in Algeria, Pakistan, and Bangladesh. GTH reached more than 99 million customers as of Q1 2017. GTH is traded on the EGX under the symbol (GTHE.CA).

## **ABOUT JAZZ**

Jazz is Pakistan's leading telecom service provider, spearheading service excellence and product innovation in the country. With a subscriber base above 50 million and a legacy of more than 20 years, Jazz maintains market leadership through cutting-edge, integrated technology, the strongest brands and the largest portfolio of value added services in the industry. Jazz was created on November 2015 following the merger between Mobilink (#1 mobile player in Pakistan fully owned by GTH) and Warid (former #4 player with majority ownership held by the Dhabi Group), which completed on December 2016. Jazz is owned 85% by GTH and 15% by the Dhabi Group.

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