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Dear Sir/Madam;

Sub: <u>Press Release and Presentation on Audited financial result of the Company for the fourth quarter and financial year ended 31st March, 2017 of FY.2016-17.</u>

We are enclosing herewith Press Release and Presentation on audited financial result of the Company for the fourth quarter ended and financial year ended 31st March, 2017 of FY. 2016-17.

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This is for your information and record.

For Ortel Communications Limited

(Lalit Kumar Mohanty)

Company Secretary and Compliance Officer

Encl: as above





Date: 19th May, 2017

Ortel Communications announces Q4 & FY2017 Results

FY2017

Total Revenues stood at Rs. 2,072 million, up by 6%

Cable TV Revenues grew by 22% to Rs. 1,596 million in FY17 Broadband Revenues increases by 7% to Rs. 353 million in FY17

Bhubaneshwar, May 19, 2017: Ortel Communications Limited (Ortel), one of the leading cable television and high speed broadband services provider focused in the Indian states of Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh, Telengana, West Bengal and Madhya Pradesh, announced its financial results for the quarter and full-year ended March 31, 2017.

FY2017 performance overview compared with FY2016

- Total Income increased to Rs. 2,072 million, from Rs. 1,963 million, up by 5.6%
- EBITDA stood at Rs. 551 million compared to Rs. 703 million
 - EBITDA margin came in at 26.6%
- Profit After Tax came in at Rs. 14 million compared to Rs. 119 million
- EPS amounted to Rs. 0.21 per share

Q4 FY2017 performance overview compared with Q4 FY2016

- Total Income stood at Rs. 482 million from Rs. 547 million
- EBITDA came in at Rs. 123 million compared to Rs. 184 million
 - EBITDA margin came in at 25.4%
- Net Profit stood at Rs. 8 million compared to Rs. 28 million
- EPS amounted to Rs. 0.92 per share



Commenting on the performance, Mr. Bibhu Prasad Rath, President & CEO at Ortel Communications said:

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About Ortel Communications Limited (ORTEL)

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Q4 & FY2017 Earnings Presentation – May 19, 2017

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LAST MILE

Owns & operates its network

RIGHT OF WAY

Legal 'rights of way'
for entire network

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Direct customer access leads to greater control

TWO-WAY

Network enabled for 'Triple Play' (video, data and voice)

64,685°

Kilometers of cable network

1,353,502

Estimated homes reached

823,558

Total Subscribers

90%

Subscriber base on 'last mile' network

27%

EBITDA margin

9%

Total broadband subscribers

17%

Revenue contribution from broadband

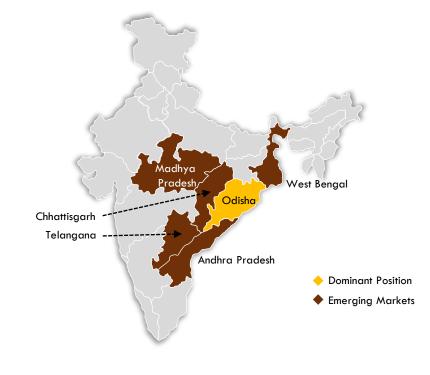
Note: Figures highlighted above are for Financial Year 2017

^{*} Total Owned Network Length also includes the last mile Drop Cable Network

Ortel: One of the leading Players in the Cable TV and Broadband Industry with Direct to Consumer Offering



- One of the leading cable television and broadband providers focused in the Indian states of Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Telengana & West Bengal
 - Rapidly growing markets with maximum headroom for growth in the cable TV and broadband industry
- Direct to consumer business model with full control over the 'last mile'
 - 90% of the subscriber base under own network
- Two-way communication network for 'Triple Play' service delivery (video/TV, data/ broadband and voice capabilities)
 - HFC network (combination of optic fibre in the backbone and coaxial cable in the downstream) with legal 'rights of way' for laying network
 - Providing broadband at speed of up to 100 mbps through use of cable modem with DOCSIS 3.0 technology
- Grown both organically and inorganically through buyout of network equipment, infrastructure and subscribers of other MSOs and LCOs

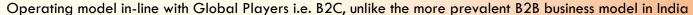


Estimated Homes Reached	1,353,502
Total Subscribers	823,558
Cable television subscribers	750,471
Broadband subscribers	73,087

Note: Data above is as on March 31, 2017

Growth through increased penetration, digitization, inorganic acquisition and increased broadband penetration

Differentiated Play as Compared to Peers





B2B business model faces several challenges

- Current business model of most MSOs in India besides Ortel, is largely based on the B2B platform whereby they operate through franchisees / LCOs and they do not deal with customers directly
- Dependence on LCOs makes MSOs vulnerable to large scale customer churn (essentially LCO churn)
- MSOs and broadcasters get less than their fair share of revenues due to under-reporting by LCOs
- With no access to end-customers, no possibilities of offering additional higher-margin services like broadband
- Over-dependence on placement fees is one of the biggest risks in the B2B business model
- Even in a digitized market, B2B players continue to face challenges on billing, collections and recoveries on investment made in placing STBs in LCO networks and head ends since the point of contact with consumers continues to be the LCO

Ortel owns & controls the 'last mile'

- \bullet Ortel owns / operates its own network and owns 90% of its subscribers
- Ensures legally approved rights of way, superior service, minimal leakages and that the quality of network is uniformly maintained
- · Control on billing of subscribers and collections
- Direct collections from customers help in controlling trade receivables and reduce bad debts resulting in better margins and cash flows
- · Direct access to consumers limits large scale subscriber churn
- Tripe play network allows the Company to offer full range of services across video, data, voice and network infrastructure leasing for customer's benefit
- Ensure 100% of economics on above services accrues to the Company, thereby enabling efficient capital deployment and maximising the ROI objective

High Quality Network Infrastructure With Legal 'Rights of Way'

Head end



Technology & Network 64,685*
Kms of cable

78

Across

57

12

towns Analog

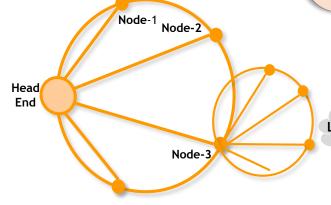
Digital

Network as on March 31, 2017

- Two-way enabled communication network that can provide triple play services of video, data and voice
- Network ready for deployment of digital services without further up gradation
- · Legal 'rights of way' for entire network
- Stringent network design parameters and constant upgradation of technology to maintain a high quality of service

Strong Infrastructure in place...

Fibre optic cable used as a network backbone



Local Network

Coaxial cable is used downstream for broadband data and cable systems

...multiple
streams of
revenues
with
marginal
additional
capex

Analog Cable TV

Broadband

Video on Demand (NVoD) HD TV

Digital Cable TV Signal Uplinking Services Gaming

Fibre Leasing

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Growth Strategy



Expansion
through buyout of
network
equipments,
infrastructure and
subscribers of
other MSOs and
LCOs

Leasing of fibre infrastructure to corporates

Increased penetration of digital television services

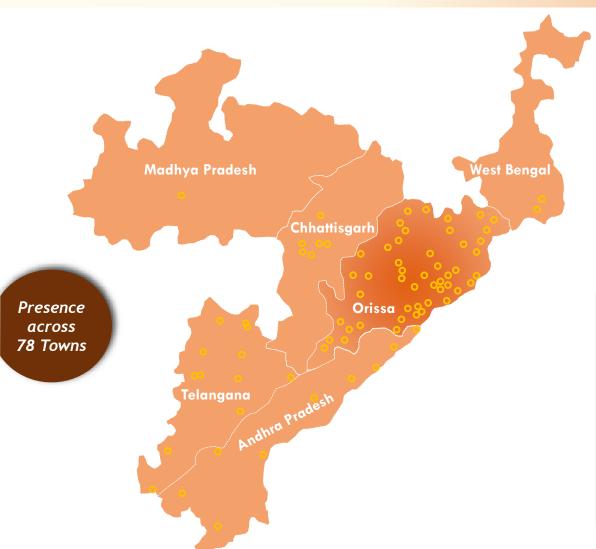
broadband subscriber base

Increase

Deeper
penetration in
existing
geographies and
entry into new
geographies

Strong Traction in Markets outside Odisha





Total Subscribers	823,558
- Odisha	538,032
- Outside Odisha	285,526
- Ratio	65 : 35
Subscribers added in FY17	
- Odisha	2,906
- Outside Odisha	119,460
- Ratio	2:98

Note: As on March 31, 2017

- The Company's Local Cable Operator (LCO) buy-out strategy receiving strong response in states of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh
 - 98% of new subscribers added in FY17 outside Odisha
- Robust growth outside Odisha to continue in FY18

Establishing strong Multi-State presence

Key Operating Highlights



Particulars	Unit	FY16	FY17	Q4 FY16	Q1 FY17	Q2 FY17	Q3 FY17	Q4 FY17
Total Homes Passed	Nos.	1,182,132	1,353,502	1,182,132	1,289,637	1,336,427	1,353,356	1,353,502
Total Subscribers	Nos.	<i>7</i> 01,192	823,558	<i>7</i> 01,192	<i>77</i> 0,141	804,889	811,466	823,558
Subscriber Penetration Ratio	%	59.3%	60.8%	59.3%	59.7%	60.2%	60.0%	60.8%
Inactive Subscribers as a % of Total Subscribers	Nos.	1.9%	3.0%	1.9%	1.7%	3.0%	3.3%	3.0%
Organic Growth (Net of Churn)	%	5.30%	-3.60%	5.90%	-2.40%	-1.00%	-1.00%	0.70%
Total Cable TV Subscribers	Nos.	628,710	750,471	628,710	692,532	725,707	738,963	750,471
Broadband Subscribers (Primary)	Nos.	72,482	73,087	72,482	77,609	79,182	72,503	73,087
Total owned network length*	Kms	55,535	64,685	55,535	58,516	61,988	64,065	64,685
Towns covered	Nos.	70	78	70	74	78	78	78

^{*} Total Owned Network Length also includes the last mile Drop Cable Network

Key Operating Highlights (Cont'd.)



Particulars	Unit	FY16	FY17	Q4 FY16	Q1 FY17	Q2 FY17	Q3 FY17	Q4 FY17
Cable TV ARPU (Primary)	INR/ Sub/ Month	151	147	151	152	153	150	147
Broadband ARPU	INR/ Sub/ Month	398	375	398	401	406	394	375
Average employees	Nos.	1,309	1801	1,567	1,730	1,742	1,778	1,880
Per user per month data usage	MB	3,915	4,133	4,653	5,329	4,562	5,415	4,133
Pay Channel cost per cable TV customer	INR/ Sub/ Month	56.82	46.46	56.29	50.31	40.62	41.81	47.67
Pay Channel cost as a % of cable TV subscription	%	43.3%	33.1%	40.4%	36.0%	29.1%	30.6%	36.8%

Consolidated Summarized Profit & Loss Statement



Particulars (Rs. million)	FY17	FY16	Y-o-Y Growth	Q4 FY17	Q4 FY16	Y-o-Y Growth	Q3 FY17	Q-o-Q Growth
Revenues from operations	2,034	1,877	8.4%	461	533	-13.5%	512	-9.9%
Other Income	38	86	-55.4%	21	15	46.1%	7	214.2%
Total Revenue	2,072	1,963	5.6%	482	547	-11.9%	518	-7.0%
Total Expenditure	1,521	1,260	20.7%	359	364	-1.2%	400	-10.2%
- Programming Cost	384	375	2.5%	107	100	6.2%	92	16.0%
- Bandwidth Cost (Broadband)	101	59	71.3%	26	1 <i>7</i>	50.7%	27	-2.6%
- Bandwidth Cost (Digital)	51	6	751.2%	14	3	359.5%	12	16.0%
- Employee Benefit Expenses	246	225	9.2%	60	63	-4.8%	63	-5.1%
- Bad Debt & Provisions	249	160	55.7%	42	54	-23.5%	83	-50.0%
- Other Expenses	491	435	12.8%	111	125	-11.7%	122	-9.6%
EBITDA (Excluding Other Income)	513	61 <i>7</i>	-16.9%	101	169	-40.1%	111	-9.1%
EBITDA (Including Other Income)	551	703	-21.6%	123	184	-33.3%	118	3.7%
EBITDA margin (Excluding Other Income)	25.2%	32.9%	-23.3%	22.0%	31.8%	-30.7%	21.8%	1.0%
EBITDA margin (Including Other Income)	26.6%	35.8%	-25.8%	25.4%	33.6%	-24.2%	22.8%	11.5%
Finance Costs	252	236	7.0%	62	62	1.4%	65	-3.4%
Depreciation and Fixed Assets written off	256	282	-9.1%	64	77	-17.2%	67	-3.9%
Amortization Expense	28	35	-20.6%	5	7	-28.1%	8	-35.2%
РВТ	14	150	-90.5%	-9	37	-124.5%	-21	-56.7%
PAT	14	119	-88.0%	8	28	-70.8%	-28	-129.0%
PAT Margin	0.7%	6.1%	-88.6%	1.7%	5.0%	-66.8%	-5.4%	-131.2%

Balance Sheet and Cash Flow Snapshot



Particulars (Rs. million)	As on Mar. 31, 2017	As on Dec. 31, 2016	As on Sept. 30, 2016	As on March 31, 2016
Assets				
Non-current assets	3,932	3,927	3,909	3,360
Current assets	1,057	945	885	1,142
Total assets	4,989	4,872	4,794	4,503
Liabilities				
Shareholders' Funds	1,412	1,402	1,430	1,395
Non-current liabilities	1,153	1,257	1,316	1,236
Current liabilities	2,424	2,213	2,048	1,872
Total Liabilities	4,989	4,872	4,794	4,503
CAPEX	482	431	439	1,230
Gross Debt	1,747	1 <i>,77</i> 6	1,802	1,719
Net Debt	1,672	1,718	1,729	1,430
Networth	1,412	1,402	1,436	1,395

Key Financial Ratios



Particulars	FY16	FY17	Q4 FY16	Q1 FY17	Q2 FY17	Q3 FY17	Q4 FY17
Cable TV gross margin*	71%	73%	74%	73%	77%	74%	67%
Broadband gross margin	82%	71%	80%	77%	74%	69%	63%
EBITDA Margin excluding Other Income	32.9%	25.2%	31.8%	25.5%	30.9%	21.8%	22.0%
EBITDA Margin including Other Income	35.8%	26.6%	33.6%	26.3%	31.5%	22.8%	25.4%
PAT Margin	6.1%	0.7%	5.0%	1.6%	4.7%	-5.4%	1.7%
Net debt to Equity	1	1.2	1	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Net Debt to EBITDA (LTM)	2	3	7.8	5.1	3.5	2.8	13.6
Return on shareholder's equity	8.9%	1.0%	7.9%	2.5%	7.2%	NM	2.3%
Return on Capital Employed (pre tax)	13.2%	8.5%	13.6%	9.0%	12.3%	5.4%	6.7%
Receivable Days	61	115	61	65	81	102	115

Notes:

- 1. Return on Shareholder's Equity is calculated as: PAT/ Average Networth. PAT annualized for quarterly calculation.
- 2. Return on Capital Employed is calculated as: EBIT/ Average Capital Employed. EBIT annualized for quarterly calculation.
- 3. "NM" denotes Not Measurable

^{*}Calculation includes intercity carrying cost for expansion of digital services

Segment-wise Revenue break-up



Particulars (Rs. million)	FY17	FY16	Y-o-Y Growth	Q4 FY17	Q4 FY16	Y-o-Y Growth	Q3 FY17	Q-o-Q Growth
Connection Fees – Cable TV	138	84	64.7%	24	60	-59.6%	25	-2.5%
Cable Subscription Fees	1,162	866	34.3%	289	248	16.4%	300	-3.6%
Channel Carriage Fees	296	356	-16.8%	50	83	-39.6%	75	-33.6%
Total Cable TV Services Revenue	1,596	1,305	22.3%	363	391	-7.1 %	400	-9.2%
Connection Fees – Internet	16	26	-39.9%	2	7	-76.0%	2	-36.2%
Internet Subscription Fees	338	303	11.4%	70	83	-15.8%	85	-17.4%
Total Broadband Services Revenue	353	329	7.3%	71	89	-20.2%	87	-17.9%
Income from Infrastructure Leasing	55	213	-74.3%	18	44	-58.7%	17	8.5%
Other operating income	30	30	1.1%	8	8	0.0%	8	0.0%
Total Revenue from Operations	2,034	1,877	8.4%	461	533	-13.5%	512	-9.9%

Region-wise Summarized Statement of Operations



Core Market (Odisha)

Particulars	FY17	FY16	Y-o-Y Growth	Q4 FY17	Q4 FY16	Y-o-Y Growth	Q3 FY17	Q-o-Q Growth
Total revenues	1,544	1,676	-7.9%	327	446	-26.7%	379	-13.6%
EBITDA	556	779	-28.7%	74	201	-63.3%	136	-45.5%
EBIDTA Margin	36.0%	46.5%	-10.5%	22.6%	45.1%	-22.5%	35.8%	-13.2%
Closing Homes Passed	838,134	803,568	34,566	838,134	803,568	34,566	837,988	146
Closing Subscribers	538,032	535,126	2,906	538,032	535,126	2,906	539,229	-1,197

Emerging Markets (Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Telengana & West Bengal)

Particulars	FY17	FY16	Y-o-Y Growth	Q4 FY17	Q4 FY16	Y-o-Y Growth	Q3 FY17	Q-o-Q Growth
Total revenues	476	190	150.7%	133	84	59.1%	128	4.1%
EBITDA	58	-57	NM	51	-7	NM	6	812.7%
EBIDTA Margin	12.2%	-29.9%	42.0%	38.3%	-8.2%	46.5%	4.4%	33.9%
Closing Homes Passed	515,368	378,564	136,804	51 <i>5</i> ,368	378,564	136,804	515,368	0
Closing Subscribers	285,526	166,066	119,460	285,526	166,066	119,460	272,237	13,289

Note: The financial figures are before apportionment of corporate common service expenses/revenue

Management Thrust for Financial Year 2018



Reducing Bad Debts & Provisions	 Bad Debts are expected to come down significantly in FY18 due to initiatives undertaken by the management in the past few quarters like putting in place manpower, systems and related infrastructure etc. on ground for timely collections as well as improving the overall operating efficiencies This will be further controlled as a result of full digitisation 	Organic Growth in Cable TV Subs / Improving the Penetration Ratio	 Improving the growth through aggressive organic acquisition in the Cable TV segment remains a key focus area for the management in FY18 Pace of inorganic acquisitions would be slowed down during FY18
Stable Cable TV ARPUs	 Cable TV ARPUs is expected remain stable in FY18 inspite of digitization in the lower ARPU markets. The Company would increase the ARPUs in a phased manner going forward which would be compensated by digitization in the markets where ARPUs are much lower 	Lower Receivable Days	Steps are being taken to ensure that Receivable Days does not increase further
Overall Cost Control	 Cost Control through focus on controlling the other expenses and improving the overall efficiency would be a key thrust for the management in FY18 This would be further supported by lower pay channel cost per sub, which has already declined from Rs. 57 in FY16 to Rs. 46 in FY17 		 Attractively bundled broadband packages will help compete with the newer entrant, which will thereby result in healthy broadband additions in the ensuing year Also Broadband will be launched in new markets during the year

FY2017 Financial and Operational Discussions (Y-o-Y)



- Total revenues increased by 6% to Rs. 2,072 million
 - Growth in Cable TV Revenues stood at 22%, while Broadband Revenues reported a growth of 7%
- Total expenditure stood at Rs. 1,521 million, higher by 21% Y-o-Y
 - Programming cost increased to Rs. 384 million from Rs. 375 million in FY16
 - Bandwidth cost (digital) increased to Rs. 51 million vis-à-vis Rs. 6 million in FY16 as a result of higher intercity carrying costs for expansion of digital services
 - Employee expenses increased to Rs. 246 million, higher by 9%
 - Bad Debt & Provisions stood at Rs. 249 million
- EBITDA (including other income) came in at Rs. 551 million
 - EBITDA Margin stood at 26.6%
- Profit after tax came in at Rs. 14 million as compared to Rs. 119 million in the previous year

Management Comment





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Glossary



ARPU	Average Revenue Per User Per Month
B2B	Business to Business
B2C	Business to Consumer
CAGR	Compounded Annual Growth Rate
DOCSIS	Data Over Cable Service Interface Specification
DTH	Direct-to-Home
HFC	Hybrid Fibre Coaxial
LCOs	Local Cable Operator
MSOs	Multi System Operators
NV₀D	Near Video on Demand
VoD	Video on Demand denotes Not Meaningful
NM	Not Measurable

Conference Call Details



Ortel Communications' Q4 & FY2017 Earnings Conference Call

Time	• 02.00 pm IST on Monday, May 22, 2017
Conference dial-in number	• +91 22 3938 1071
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