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Please find attached herewith the press release on the captioned subject being issued today.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully, For Tata Communications Limited

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# Tata Communications provides secure and seamless connectivity to BlaBla Connect OTT subscribers

With Tata Communications, BlaBla Connect subscribers will be able to access their mobile wallet, voice and data services together with borderless and secure connectivity through one application

**London, UK - June 20th 2018** - <u>Tata Communications</u>, a leading digital infrastructure provider has been selected by global OTT solutions provider <u>BlaBla Connect</u> to underpin a first-of-its-kind OTT service that integrates its existing mobile wallet and voice services together with borderless connectivity. As a result, BlaBla Connect subscribers will enjoy peace of mind while on the move through seamless access to over 64 million secure hotspots in over 160 countries - integrated through one mobile application.

With <u>Tata Communications Wi-Fi+</u>, BlaBla Connect is able to address the security risks and hidden costs sometimes associated with accessing unsecure public Wi-Fi networks. Through this added feature, app subscribers can automatically connect to pre-determined secure hotspots with a single sign-in experience and no hidden charges - no matter where the subscriber is in the world. According to <u>Ericsson Consumer Lab</u>, roamers are not purchasing travel packages as often. Instead, they are turning off their phones while away resulting in missed calls and messages, a struggle to find open Wi-Fi hotspots and overall frustration at the lack of connectivity. This is why 7 out of 10 travelers with smartphones find Wi-Fi calling appealing. Thus, adding Tata Communications Wi-Fi+ to the BlaBla Connect app keeps travelers connected.

"BlaBla Connect will be the first OTT voice and mobile wallet provider to offer bundled voice and data services globally." said Ragheb ElSergani, Chairman, BlaBla Connect. "This latest development supports our global growth ambitions by helping us ensure that our customers can enjoy a seamless, secure and reliable experience, thanks to our partnership with Tata Communications and its established global network presence."

Available on Android, iOS and Windows PC, the BlaBla Connect app currently enables subscribers to make HD voice calls, chat with contacts, send SMS text messages and send international GSM top-up credits to their own mobile and also the mobile phones of friends and family. Recently, BlaBla acquired a financial license in Europe to provide money services over its digital wallet (PassTo), which will allow BlaBla Connect users (OTT) globally to seamlessly integrate with payment services. This is a step further in enabling BlaBala Connect to realize its full integration vision between OTT application and mobile digital wallet.

"Helping companies pursue borderless growth is one of the key highlights of Tata Communications in the age of IoT and information exchange," said Radwan Moussalli, Senior Vice President, Middle East, Central Asia and Africa. "Negotiating the complexities of different operators and network providers

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across borders and regions can be challenging for many companies. We are reinventing mobile networking for the IoT age that gives companies like BlaBla Connect the opportunities for rapid growth and to introduce new innovative features seamlessly and quickly."

This partnership is the latest example of how Tata Communications is helping to enable a truly global, borderless mobile experience for people and things. It is underpinned by Tata Communications' global network which today connects 4 out of 5 mobile subscribers and carries 25% of the world's Internet routes.

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#### **About Tata Communications**

Tata Communications Limited (CIN no: L64200MH1986PLC039266) along with its subsidiaries (Tata Communications) is a leading global digital infrastructure provider. With a leadership position in emerging markets, Tata Communications leverages its advanced solutions capabilities and domain expertise across its global network to deliver managed solutions to multi-national enterprises and communications service providers.

The Tata Communications global network includes one of the most advanced and largest submarine cable networks and a Tier-1 IP network with connectivity to more than 240 countries and territories across 500 PoPs.

Tata Communications' depth and breadth of reach in emerging markets includes leadership in Indian enterprise data services and leadership in global international voice communications. Tata Communications Limited is listed on the Bombay Stock Exchange and the National Stock Exchange of India.

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#### **About BlaBla Connect**

BlaBla Connect, a company based in London, UK, is a provider of differentiated mobile wallet and communication services for businesses and consumers globally. BlaBla Connect is rapidly expanding its presence and services across the world, with a footprint in over 100 countries. The company is investing in bringing Social consumer connection and inclusion, to new levels of differentiated experience.

Our customers enjoy free in-app calls, messaging, files sharing, HD calls, mini calls, international airtime top-up and much more. We implement advanced audio and call routing algorithms to ensure the best audio experience is delivered to our customers.

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