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**TURKCELL ILETISIM HIZMETLERI A.S.**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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**EXHIBIT 1**

# TURKCELL ILETISIM HIZMETLERI A.S. REPORTS RESULTS FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2008

## *Improved performance started with strong execution*

Istanbul, Turkey, August 6, 2008 Turkcell (NYSE:TKC, ISE:TCELL), the leading provider of mobile communications services in Turkey, today announced results for the second quarter ended June 30, 2008. All financial results in this press release are unaudited, prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ( IFRS ) and expressed in US\$ unless otherwise stated.

Please note that all financial data is consolidated and comprises Turkcell Iletisim Hizmetleri A.S., (the Company , or Turkcell ) and its subsidiaries and its associates (together referred to as the Group ). All non-financial data is unconsolidated and comprises Turkcell only. The terms we , us , and our in this press release refer only to the Company, except in discussions of financial data, where such

terms refer to the Group, and where context otherwise requires.

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## Turkcell Iletisim Hizmetleri A.S. Reports Results for the Second Quarter 2008

### Highlights for the Second Quarter 2008

- § Revenue increased by 16.7% to US\$1,755.0 million compared to Q2 2007 (US\$1,503.5 million)
- § EBITDA\* increased by 7.4% to US\$641.0 million compared to Q2 2007 (US\$596.9 million)
- § Net income increased by 55.8% to US\$426.4 million compared to Q2 2007 (US\$273.6 million)
- § Turkcell's subscriber base grew by 4.7% to 35.4 million compared to Q2 2007 (33.8 million) as of June 30, 2008. The postpaid subscriber base grew by 13.1% to 6.9 million (6.1 million)
- § On an annual basis, blended minutes of usage per subscriber ( MoU ) increased by 3.6% to 92.6 minutes (89.4 minutes), and 25.8% on a quarterly basis.
- § Blended average revenue per user ( ARPU ) increased by 5.7% to US\$14.9 compared to Q2 2007 (US\$ 14.1), while the prepaid ARPU grew by 8.0% to US\$9.5 (US\$8.8)
- § Astelit increased its revenues by 100.9% to US\$110.1 million compared to Q2 2007 (US\$54.8 million) and continued to build on positive EBITDA generation

\*EBITDA is a non-GAAP financial measure. See pages 12 for the reconciliation of EBITDA to net cash from operating activities.

( In this press release, a year on year comparison of our key indicators is provided and figures in brackets following the operational and financial results for the second quarter 2008 refer to the same item in the second quarter of 2007. For further details, please refer to our consolidated financial statements and notes as at and for the quarter ended June 30, 2008 which can be accessed via our web site in the investor relations section ([www.turkcell.com.tr](http://www.turkcell.com.tr)).

### Comments from the CEO, Sureyya Ciliv

I am pleased to see that Turkcell improved its performance and financial results during the second quarter of 2008. We increased our consolidated revenue by 17% to US\$1.8 billion and recorded US\$641 million EBITDA and US\$426 million net income in the second quarter of 2008. I am also satisfied with the recovery in our subscriber additions and the consumption increase as a result of our actions and new offers during the quarter.

We quickly differentiated ourselves from competition during the second quarter. This was primarily achieved through our well designed pricing offers for various segments supported by our new communication campaign. Combined with our new pricing initiatives, we believe our overall value propositions continued to stand out against competition. As a result, we have ensured the momentum we seek for the remainder of 2008.

We believe we are well positioned and focused to handle the competitive challenges coming up in second half of 2008 and remain committed to attaining our year end targets.

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On the international front, we acquired an 80% stake in Belarusian Telecommunications Network ( BeST ). I believe the acquisition of BeST represents an opportunity for Turkcell to gain access to a market with growth potential. We believe we can use our complimentary skills and experience gained in Ukraine and CIS effectively in Belarus to start differentiating BeST against the competition as soon as possible.

I thank to all the Turkcell employees and business partners for their continued hard work during this period.

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**Overview of the Second Quarter**

During the second quarter, we continued operating in a difficult environment. This can be attributed to the weakening global macro environment, uncertainties in the local market as well as growing competition. We improved operational performance and as a result recorded better operational results in our subscriber base, ARPU and MoU in the second quarter as we have regained our marketing flexibility to launch new campaigns and offers and take necessary pricing actions at the end of February.

Since the end of February, we have been continuously rolling out strong offers while improving our subscribers' price perception. Improved price perception helped increase customer satisfaction, enhance customer retention and strengthen brand image while stimulating usage during the quarter.

We relaunched our successful Pomegranate campaign at the end of first quarter, which provided free on-net usage in return for airtime top ups, having an immediate positive impact on usage starting from March that continued into the second quarter of 2008. In the second quarter of 2008, we recorded better subscriber growth, with a focus on postpaid, corporate and premium customers. Additionally, we achieved higher customer satisfaction and retention rates through our segmented retention activities which we were limited to do during the previous quarter.

Among the new offers, our homezone offer, which remains unique in our market, and our prepaid campaigns were well perceived and as a result led to improved customer satisfaction.

In line with our focus on the youth segment, we continued to cater to the youth segment and have introduced new offers particularly addressing the needs and expectations of all the students and people below the age 25 during the quarter.

We continued to focus on ensuring retention of our customers especially in the premium and corporate segments. We focused on improving our value perception of our corporate customers through the launch of a new tariff, customized complete communication solutions along with co-branding campaigns, and the minute packages aimed at the corporate segment.

As part of our ongoing efforts, recently in July, we introduced the most attractive offer for the largest community for both the prepaid and postpaid subscribers. Prepaid subscribers are granted incentives based on higher unit top ups and the postpaid subscribers upon the purchase of minute packages.

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Our VAS revenues constituted 12% of the group's consolidated revenue in the second quarter of 2008. During this period, we recorded high usage levels in corporate messaging, mobile internet usage as well as increased subscriptions to data lines. On the consumer segment, we have seen the positive impact of the SMS campaigns.

All in all, we can state that we have addressed all major segments with improved offers and supported by strong communication campaigns. We believe we will continue to see the benefits of our actions during the second half of 2008.

### **Financial and Operational Review of Second Quarter 2008**

The following discussion focuses principally on the developments and trends in our business in the second quarter of 2008. Selected financial information for the second quarter of 2007, first quarter of 2008 and second quarter of 2008 is also included at the end of this press release.

Selected financial information in TRY prepared in line with the Capital Markets Board of Turkey's standards is also included at the end of this press release.

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**Macro environment Information**

				<b>Q2 2008-</b>	<b>Q2 2008-</b>
		<b>Q1</b>	<b>Q2</b>	<b>Q2 2007</b>	<b>Q1 2008</b>
	<b>Q2 2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>% Chg</b>	<b>% Chg</b>
<b>TRY / US\$ rate</b>					
Closing Rate	1.3046	1.2765	1.2237	(6.2%)	(4.1%)
Average Rate	1.3317	1.1898	1.2448	(6.5%)	4.6%
<b>INFLATION</b>					
Consumer Price Index	1.5%	3.1%	2.8%	-	-

The uncertainty in the global markets continued into the second quarter of 2008. This, coupled with the rising political tension in Turkey, resulted in the depreciation of the TRY against USD during the first half of the year. The government raised its inflation target for the year and the consumer confidence index continued its downward trend. As for our operating environment, we believe that these developments in and out of Turkey although not quantifiable have, to some extent, impacted our operational, business and financial performance for the last two quarters.

As for the potential impact of increasing inflation on our financial results, so far we have not seen a material impact. However, we will continue to carefully monitor the global and local developments that may have an impact on our operating environment and our results of operations.

**Financial Review****Profit & Loss Statement**

<b>(million US\$)</b>	<b>Q2</b>	<b>Q1</b>	<b>Q2</b>	<b>Q2 2008-Q2</b>	<b>Q2 2008-Q1</b>
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
				<b>% Chg</b>	<b>% Chg</b>
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>1,503.5</b>	<b>1,574.4</b>	<b>1,755.0</b>	<b>16.7%</b>	<b>11.5%</b>
Direct cost of revenue	(768.4)	(825.1)	(847.0)	10.2%	2.7%
Depreciation and amortization	(197.8)	(192.5)	(172.5)	(12.8%)	(10.4%)
Administrative expenses	(54.4)	(72.2)	(73.4)	34.9%	1.7%

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Selling and marketing expenses	(281.6)	(292.7)	(366.1)	30.0%	25.1%
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>596.9</b>	<b>577.0</b>	<b>641.0</b>	<b>7.4%</b>	<b>11.1%</b>
<b>EBITDA Margin</b>	<b>39.7%</b>	<b>36.6%</b>	<b>36.5%</b>	<b>(3.2 p.p)</b>	<b>(0.1 p.p)</b>
Net finance income / (expense)	(110.2)	209.4	70.5	(164.0%)	(66.3%)
Finance expense	(163.5)	(15.9)	(15.3)	(90.6%)	(3.8%)
Finance income	53.3	225.3	85.8	61.0%	(61.9%)
Share of profit of equity	8.4	19.9	29.3	248.8%	47.2%
accounted investees					
Income tax expense	(46.4)	(126.3)	(118.9)	156.3%	(5.9%)
<b>Net income</b>	<b>273.6</b>	<b>486.8</b>	<b>426.4</b>	<b>55.8%</b>	<b>(12.4%)</b>

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**Revenue:** We increased our revenues 16.7% in the second quarter of 2008 to US\$1,755.0 million compared to the same quarter of 2007. This was mainly due to a 4.7% increase in our subscriber base, 6.5% appreciation of TRY against US\$, and the price increase in 2007 as well as the contribution of our consolidated subsidiaries.

We increased our revenues in the second quarter of 2008 by 11.5% compared to a quarter ago. This was mainly attributable to the 25.8% increase in usage despite a 4.6% depreciation of TRY against US\$ and decrease in interconnection revenue due to the downward revision in interconnection rates as of April 1, 2008.

On June 25th, we introduced an upward price adjustment of 3.66% on a blended basis in line with the trends in the general operating environment as well as customer behavior and trends in our competitive environment. However, the impact of this adjustment is not reflected in the second quarter results, yet.

**Direct cost of revenue:** Our direct cost of revenues, including depreciation and amortization, was realized at US\$847.0 million with a 10.2% year on year increase. However, the share of direct cost of revenues in total revenues decreased to 48.3% from 51.1% a year ago. This was mainly due to lower depreciation and amortization expenses as a percent of revenues.

In the second quarter of 2008, direct cost of revenue including depreciation and amortization increased slightly by 2.7% compared to the previous quarter. The share of direct cost of revenue in total revenues in the second quarter of 2008 decreased to 48.3% from 52.4% in the first quarter of 2008. This was mainly due to the lower depreciation and amortization expenses as a percent of revenues and the decrease in interconnection costs due to the downward revision in interconnection rates as of April 1, 2008.

**Selling and marketing expenses:** In the second quarter of 2008 selling and marketing expenses increased by 30.0% compared to the same period of last year. The proportion of selling and marketing expenses in total revenue rose to 20.9% in the second quarter of 2008 from 18.7% a year ago. This stemmed from higher marketing expenses due to higher campaign activities and higher selling expenses with increased dealer and distributor activities in an active competitive environment.

Selling and marketing expenses increased 25.1% in the second quarter of 2008 compared to the first quarter of 2008. Selling and marketing expenses in total revenues also increased to 20.9% from 18.6% compared to the previous quarter. This was down to the increase in selling expenses due to higher gross acquisitions as well as the increase in marketing expenses due to higher campaign activities along with new offers introduced since the end of February that continued into this quarter.

**General and Administrative expenses:** In the second quarter of 2008, general and administrative expenses in nominal terms increased by 34.9% on an annual basis, however remaining flat on a quarterly basis. The increase on an annual basis was mainly

due to an increase in wages and salaries as well as an average 6.5% appreciation of TRY against US\$.

**Share of profit of equity accounted investees:** In the second quarter of 2008, our equity in net income of unconsolidated investees increased to US\$29.3 million from US\$8.4 million in the second quarter of 2007. This was mainly due to the solid operational growth in Fintur s operations.

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Our 50% owned subsidiary A-Tel impacted two items in the financial statements. A-Tel's revenue generated from Turkcell, amounting to US\$12.0 million, is netted from the selling and marketing expenses in our consolidated financial statements. The difference between the total net impact of A-Tel and the amount netted from selling and marketing expenses amounted to US\$9.8 million and is recorded in the share of profit of equity accounted investees line of our financial statements.

**Net finance income/(expense):** We recorded a net finance income of US\$70.5 million in the second quarter of 2008 compared to a financial loss of US\$110.2 million in the second quarter of 2007. This was mainly attributable to the translation loss of US\$19.4 million recorded in the second quarter of 2008, compared to a translation loss of US\$139.9 million in the second quarter of 2007. The translation loss recorded in the second quarter of 2007 was mainly due to the forward contracts we engaged at the beginning of 2007. Our interest income for the second quarter of 2008, as compared to the second quarter of 2007, also rose due to an increase in our cash balance.

Net finance income in the second quarter of 2008 decreased from US\$209.4 to US\$70.5 million compared to the previous quarter. This was mainly due to US\$19.4 million translation loss recognized in the second quarter of 2008 as opposed to US\$125.8 million translation gain in the first quarter of 2008.

**Income Tax Expense:** The total taxation charge in the second quarter of 2008 increased by 156.3% year on year to US\$118.9 million, mainly due to an increase in profit before tax.

Of the total tax charge in second quarter of 2008, US\$112.6 million was related to current tax charges in the second quarter of 2008 and US\$6.3 million deferred tax expense, which was realized during the quarter.

Income tax expense (million US\$)	Q2 2007	Q1	Q2	Q2 2008-Q2 2007	Q2 2008-Q1 2008
		2008	2008	% Chg	% Chg
Current Tax expense	(79.4)	(146.9)	(112.6)	41.8%	(23.3%)
Deferred Tax income /(expense)	33.0	20.6	(6.3)	(119.1%)	(130.6%)
Income Tax expense	(46.4)	(126.3)	(118.9)	156.3%	(5.9%)

**EBITDA:** In the second quarter of 2008 EBITDA, in nominal terms, increased 7.4% on annual basis. However, EBITDA margin decreased from 39.7% to 36.5% in the second quarter of 2007 mainly due to higher selling and marketing expenses in an increasingly competitive environment.

EBITDA, in nominal terms, increased 11.1% on a quarterly basis while the EBITDA margin remained almost flat.

**Net income:** In the second quarter of 2008, our net income increased 55.8% to US\$426.4 million on an annual basis. The year on year growth was mainly attributable to a US\$139.9 million translation loss that we recorded in the second quarter of 2007 while during the second quarter of 2008 we recorded only US\$19.4 million translation loss. Net income margin increased to 24.3% in the second quarter of 2008 from 18.2% last year.

Net income in the second quarter of 2008 decreased by 12.4% on a quarterly basis. This mainly resulted from US\$19.4 million translation loss in the second quarter of 2008 compared to the US\$125.8 million translation gain in the previous quarter. Additionally, we realized a one-off payment in an amount of approximately US\$19.8 million, which also adversely impacted net income. The net income margin in the first quarter of 2008 was 30.9% compared to 24.3% in the second quarter of 2008.

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**Total Debt:** Our consolidated debt amounted to US\$638.4 million as of June 30, 2008. Of this total amount, US\$535.6 million was related to our Ukraine operations.

<b>Consolidated Cash Flow</b>	<b>Q2</b>	<b>Q1</b>	<b>Q2</b>
<b>(million US\$)</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2008</b>
EBITDA	596.9	577.0	641.0
LESS:			
Capex and License	(190.7)	(192.5)	(229.4)
Turkcell	(94.6)	(97.4)	(99.2)
Ukraine	(53.0)	(55.5)	(57.8)
Investment & Marketable Securities	-	(25.0)	(7.1)
Net Interest Income	29.6	83.6	89.9
Other	(282.5)	(456.5)	(198.4)
Net Change in Debt	68.4	7.5	(6.9)
Dividend Paid	(411.9)	-	(502.3)
Cash Generated	(190.2)	(5.9)	(213.2)
Cash Balance	1,672.5	3,089.4	2,876.2

**Cash Flow Analysis:** Capital expenditures in the second quarter of 2008 amounted to US\$229.4 million of which US\$57.8 million was related to our Ukrainian operations.

As for the other item, major cash outflow in second quarter of 2008 was US\$378 million, which mainly composed of corporate tax payments belonging to the first quarter of 2008 and 2007. On the other hand, major cash inflows were the US\$89 million from bank overdraft and US\$65 million frequency usage fee, which was paid in the first quarter of 2008 and recorded as expense in the second quarter.

Consequently, our cash position at the end of the second quarter of 2008 is US\$2,876.2 million.

Although the capex budget planned for 2008 remains the same, we revised the planned capex for Astelit and Tellcom as US\$300 million and up to US\$150 million, respectively.

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**Operational Review**

Summary of	Q2	Q1	Q2	Q2 2008-Q1	
Operational Data	2007	2008	2008	Q2 2008-Q2 2007 % Chg	2008 % Chg
Number of total subscribers (million)	33.8	35.1	35.4	4.7%	0.9%
Number of postpaid subscribers (million)	6.1	6.6	6.9	13.1%	4.5%
Number of prepaid subscribers (million)	27.7	28.6	28.5	2.9%	(0.3%)
ARPU (Average Monthly Revenue per User), blended (US\$)	14.1	13.2	14.9	5.7%	12.9%
ARPU, postpaid (US\$)	38.2	37.4	37.6	(1.6%)	0.5%
ARPU, prepaid (US\$)	8.8	7.8	9.5	8.0%	21.8%
ARPU, blended (TRY)	18.8	15.7	18.5	(1.6%)	17.8%
ARPU, postpaid (TRY)	50.9	44.5	46.7	(8.3%)	4.9%
ARPU, prepaid (TRY)	11.7	9.2	11.8	0.9%	28.3%
Churn (%)	4.7%	7.2%	6.9%	2.2pp	(0.3pp)
MOU (Average Monthly Minutes of usage per subscriber), blended	89.4	73.6	92.6	3.6%	25.8%

**Subscribers:** Our total subscriber base reached 35.4 million as of June 30, 2008, representing a 4.7% year on year increase. In the second quarter of 2008, we continued to record strong gross additions and led the market in a comparatively slower growing market. We recorded a net addition of approximately 202,000 during the second quarter of 2008.

We recorded the highest postpaid acquisitions in our history and our postpaid subscriber base grew by 13.1% compared to last year. This was achieved through our acquisition campaigns for postpaid and corporate as well as offers incentivizing switches from prepaid to postpaid subscriptions.

We also sustained growth on the prepaid front with 2.9% growth during the same period. On a quarterly comparison basis, our total subscriber base grew slightly by 0.9% while postpaid subscriber base grew by 4.5%. We also continued with our loyalty programs and churn prevention activities for the prepaid subscriber base.

**Churn Rate:** Churn refers to disconnected subscribers, whether disconnected voluntarily or involuntarily. In the second quarter of 2008, our churn rate was realized at 6.9%. This represented a 2.2 percentage points increase from 4.7% a year ago, reflecting an active competitive environment and the negative effect of the Telecom Authority's retail pricing decision of October 2007. However, this quarter the churn rate slightly decreased to 6.9% from 7.2% in the first quarter of 2008. The majority of the churn rate during the quarter was due to involuntary

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churn of the low ARPU generating prepaid subscribers who were acquired during previous quarters through periodical campaigns.

**MoU:** Our blended minutes of usage per subscriber ( MoU ), was realized at 92.6 minutes in the second quarter of 2008, which is the highest MoU since 2004. The 25.8% increase on a quarterly basis was due to the Pomegranate campaign for the individual subscribers, the redesigned newstudent tariff Bizbize Kampus for students younger than 25, our Homezone campaign, as well as the increase in the number of subscriptions to our simplified tariff options.

On an annual basis, MoU increased 3.6% compared to the second quarter of 2007, where usage had been boosted by the Pomegranate Campaign launched during that quarter. We decided to relaunch this successful campaign with a new incentive scheme at the end of February 2008, resulting in an improved MoU performance.

**ARPU:** Our blended average revenue per user ( ARPU ) increased by 5.7% to US\$14.9 in the second quarter of 2008. This was a result of a 6.5% appreciation of TRY against US\$ and the price increase in 2007.

In TRY terms ARPU decreased slightly by 1.6%. Postpaid ARPU decreased by 8.3% in TRY terms with higher subscriptions to new tariff launches offering usage incentives and the increase in data lines on track with our focus on Value Added Services. Prepaid ARPU increased 0.9% in TRY terms as a result of our effective usage incentives such as the Pomegranate campaign.

On a quarterly basis, ARPU increased 12.9% in US\$ and 17.8% in TRY terms mainly due to the positive effect of the Pomegranate campaign, despite a 4.6% depreciation of TRY against US\$.

We expect to increase TRY ARPU during the second half of 2008 compared to the first half of 2008. For the whole year, we expect flat TRY ARPU compared to 2007, due to the adverse impact of the macroeconomic developments and a downward revision in interconnection rates.

## Regulatory and Legal Developments

### Telecommunications Authority s on retail pricing decision

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On December 18, 2007 Turkcell announced the commencement of litigation at the Highest Administrative Court and requested the suspension and annulment of the Telecommunications Authority ( TA ) s decision to control retail pricing for mobile operators. The TA s decision implied setting a lower ceiling for off-net calling prices (the tariffs that Turkcell charges its subscribers for calls that are terminated outside of its network-on other mobile operators networks) for all operators and asking Turkcell to set its on-net prices (the tariffs that Turkcell charges its subscribers for calls terminated on its network) to be not lower than its lowest interconnect rate.

As we believe to be in compliance with the Telecommunications Authority s decision regarding retail pricing decision, since the end of February, we have been relaunching new campaigns and offers and taking pricing actions that were halted between October 2007 and February 2008.

In June, the Highest Administrative Court suspended the TA s decision stating that Turkcell should set its on-net prices to be not lower than its lowest interconnection rate until the lawsuit ends. On the other hand, the High Administrative Court rejected Turkcell s request regarding the suspension of the decision about the off-net calling prices.

### **Electronic Communications Law**

The Electronic Communications Law prepared by the Turkish Ministry with the aim of establishing a similar legislative system to the EU regulatory framework and existing Telecommunications Authority regulations, has been approved by the Parliament on July 31, 2008. While we believe

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this development is an improvement for the better regulation of the Telecommunications sector in Turkey, it will result in an expansion of the Telecommunications Authority's powers and could lead to an increase in our current obligations.

**International and Domestic Operations****Fintur**

We hold a 41.45% stake in Fintur and through Fintur we hold interests in GSM operations in Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, Moldova and Georgia.

FINTUR as of June 30, 2008	Q2 2007	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Q2 2008	Q2 2007	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Q2 2008
	Subscriber	Subscriber	Subscriber	Q2 2008	Revenue	Revenue	Revenue	Q2 2008
	(mio)	(mio)	(mio)	Q2 2007	(US\$ mio)	(US\$ mio)	(US\$ mio)	Q2 2007
				%Chg				%Chg
Kazakhstan	4.5	6.5	6.9	53.3%	199	225	242	21.6%
Azerbaijan	2.6	3.2	3.3	26.9%	104	117	134	28.8%
Moldova	0.5	0.5	0.6	20.0%	13	14	16	23.1%
Georgia	1.1	1.4	1.4	27.3%	39	48	54	38.5%
TOTAL	8.7	11.6	12.2	40.2%	355	404	446	25.6%

Fintur's operations continued to deliver positive operational performance during the second quarter of 2008. The total number of subscribers in Fintur's operations increased by 40.2% to 12.2 million in the second quarter of 2008. The consolidated revenues of Fintur reached US\$446 million as of June 30, 2008.

We account for our investment in Fintur using the equity method. Fintur's contribution to income increased 78% to US\$39.2 million in the second quarter of 2008.

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Astelit, in which we hold a 55% stake through Euroasia, has operated in Ukraine since February 2005 under the brand (life:)

During the second quarter of 2008;

Astelit continued to grow its net subscriber additions capturing the largest market share in net additions during the quarter

Astelit's market share grew from 12% to 18% compared to the same period of last year.

Astelit grew its subscriber base by 58.7% to 10.0 million

Approximately 60% of the total subscriber base is active and they generate US\$6.3 ARPU, which is quite in line with the weighted average ARPU in the market

Astelit recorded US\$110.1 million in revenues with a 100.9% year on year increase

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Summary Data for Astelit	Q2	Q1	Q2	Q2 2008	Q2	Q1
	2007	2008	2008	2007	2008	2008
				%Chg	%Chg	
Number of subscribers (million)						
Total	6.3	9.4	10.0	58.7%	6.4%	
Active (3 months) <sup>1</sup>	4.0	5.8	5.9	47.5%	1.7%	
Average Revenue per User						
(ARPU) in US\$						
Total	3.0	3.3	3.8	26.7%	15.2%	
Active (3 months)	5.0	5.4	6.3	26.0%	16.7%	
Revenue	54.8	90.2	110.1	100.9%	22.1%	
EBITDA <sup>2</sup>	(9.6)	2.1	3.6	137.5%	71.4%	
Net Loss	(46.1)	(32.4)	(18.7)	59.4%	42.3%	
Capex	53.0	55.5	57.8	9.1%	4.1%	

**Inteltek**

Inteltek is our 55% owned subsidiary that operates in the sports betting business. Inteltek is operating under Fixed Odds Betting and Central Betting System contracts until a new tender is held by Spor Toto and operations start under the new tender. The new tender is announced to take place on August 12, 2008. Inteltek intends to participate to the new tender.

**Acquisition of BeST in Belarus**

As we announced on July 29, 2008, we signed a Share Purchase Agreement ( SPA ) to acquire an 80% stake in Belarusian Telecommunications Network ( BeST ) for a consideration of US\$500 million. The payment is expected to be realized in 3 tranches whereas US\$300 million is expected to be paid on the closing date and an additional US\$100 million tranches are expected to be paid on December 31, 2009 and 2010 respectively. An additional payment of US\$100 million shall be made when BeST records a full-year positive net income for the first time. The transaction is expected to close in 30 days from the SPA s signature date.

**Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures**

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*We believe that EBITDA is a measure commonly used by companies, analysts and investors in the telecommunications industry, which enhances the understanding of our operating results and assists in the evaluation of our capacity to meet our financial obligations. We also use EBITDA as an internal measurement tool and, accordingly, we believe that the presentation of EBITDA provides useful and relevant information to analysts and investors.*

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<sup>1</sup> Active subscribers are those who in the past three months made a transaction which brought revenue to the Company.

<sup>2</sup> EBITDA is a non-GAAP financial measure. See page 13 for the reconciliation of Euroasia's EBITDA to net cash from operating activities. Eurasia holds 100% stake in Astelit.

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*Beginning from the 2006 fiscal year, we have revised the definition of EBITDA which we use and we report EBITDA using this new definition starting from the first quarter of 2006 results announcement to provide a new measure to reflect solely cash flow from operations.*

*The EBITDA definition used in our previous press releases and announcements had included Revenues, Direct Cost of Revenues excluding depreciation and amortization, Selling and Marketing expenses, Administrative expenses, translation gain/(loss), financial income, income on unconsolidated subsidiaries, gain on sale of investments, income/(loss) from related parties, minority interest and other income/(expense). Our new EBITDA definition includes Revenues, Direct Cost of Revenues excluding depreciation and amortization, Selling and Marketing expenses and Administrative expenses, but excludes translation gain/(loss), financial income, income on unconsolidated subsidiaries, gain on sale of investments, income/(loss) from related parties, minority interest and other income/(expense).*

*EBITDA is not a measure of financial performance under IFRS and should not be construed as a substitute for net earnings (loss) as a measure of performance or cash flow from operations as a measure of liquidity.*

*The following table provides a reconciliation of EBITDA, which is a non-GAAP financial measure, to net cash provided by operating activities, which we believe is the most directly comparable financial measure calculated and presented in accordance with IFRS.*

<b>TURKCELL</b>	<b>Q2</b>	<b>Q1</b>	<b>Q2</b>	<b>Q2 2008-Q2</b>	<b>Q2</b>
<b>US\$ million</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008-Q1</b>
				<b>% Chg</b>	<b>% Chg</b>
EBITDA	596.9	577.0	641.0	7.4%	11.1%
Income Tax Expense	(46.4)	(126.4)	(118.9)	156.3%	(5.9%)
Other operating income/(expense)	3.1	1.4	(1.6)	(151.6%)	(214.3%)
Financial income	3.8	3.2	10.0	163.2%	212.5%
Financial expense	(8.3)	(2.4)	(12.7)	53.0%	429.2%
Net (decrease)/increase in assets and liabilities	(236.5)	(292.9)	(252.9)	6.9%	(13.7%)
<b>Net cash from operating activities</b>	<b>312.6</b>	<b>159.9</b>	<b>264.9</b>	<b>(15.3%)</b>	<b>65.7%</b>



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EUROASIA (Astelit)	Q2	Q1	Q2	Q2 2008-Q2 2007	Q2 2008-Q1 2008
US\$ million	2007	2008	2008	% Chg	% Chg
EBITDA	(9.6)	2.1	3.6	(137.5%)	71.4%
Other operating income/(expense)	-	0.1	(0.1)	-	(200.0%)
Financial income	0.4	0.8	1.8	350.0%	125.0%
Financial expense	(17.2)	(9.1)	(12.5)	(27.3%)	37.4%
Net increase/(decrease) in assets and liabilities	(11.0)	26.6	37.4	(440.0%)	40.6%
<b>Net cash from operating activities</b>	<b>(37.4)</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>30.2</b>	<b>(180.7%)</b>	<b>47.3%</b>

## Turkcell Group Subscribers

We have approximately 48.6 million proportionate GSM subscribers as of June 30, 2008. This is calculated by taking the number of GSM subscribers in Turkcell and each of our subsidiaries and multiplying the number of unconsolidated investees by our percentage ownership interest in each subsidiary. This figure includes the proportionate rather than total number of Fintur's GSM subscribers. However, it includes the total number of GSM subscribers in Astelit and in our operations in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus ( Northern Cyprus ) because the financial statements of our subsidiaries in Ukraine and Northern Cyprus are consolidated with Turkcell's financial statements.

Turkcell Group Subscribers	Q2	Q1	Q2	Q2 2008- Q2 2007	Q2 2008-Q1 2008
(million)	2007	2008	2008	% Chg	% Chg
Turkcell	33.8	35.1	35.4	4.7%	0.9%
Ukraine	6.3	9.4	10.0	58.7%	6.4%
Fintur (pro rata)	2.1	2.8	3.0	42.9%	7.1%
Northern Cyprus	0.3	0.3	0.2	(33.3%)	(33.3%)
<b>TURKCELL GROUP</b>	<b>42.5</b>	<b>47.6</b>	<b>48.6</b>	<b>14.4%</b>	<b>2.1%</b>

## Forward-Looking Statements

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*This release includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Safe Harbor provisions of the US Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. All statements other than statements of historical facts included in this press release, including, without limitation, certain statements regarding our operations, financial position and business strategy may constitute forward-looking statements. In addition, forward-looking statements generally can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as, among others, may, will, expect, intend, plan, estimate, anticipate, believe or continue.*

*Although Turkcell believes that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable at this time, it can give no assurance that such expectations will prove to be correct. Given these uncertainties, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements. All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to us are expressly qualified in their entirety by reference to these cautionary statements.*

*For a discussion of certain factors that may affect the outcome of such forward looking statements, see our Annual Report on Form 20-F for 2007 filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, and in particular the risk factor section therein.*

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## **ABOUT TURKCELL**

Turkcell is the leading GSM operator in Turkey with 35.4 million postpaid and prepaid customers as of June 30, 2008 operating in a three player market with a market share of approximately 56% as of March 31, 2008 (Source: The Telecommunications Authority). In addition to high-quality wireless telephone services, Turkcell currently offers General Packet Radio Service ( GPRS ) countrywide and Enhanced Data Rates for GSM Evolution ( EDGE ) in dense areas, which provide for both improved data and voice services. Turkcell provides roaming with 587 operators in 200 countries as of July 10, 2008. Serving a large subscriber base in Turkey with its high-quality wireless telephone network, Turkcell reported US\$3.3 billion net revenues for the six months as of June 30, 2008 and US\$6.3 billion net revenues as of December 31, 2007 as per IFRS financial statements. Turkcell has interests in international GSM operations in Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Northern Cyprus and Ukraine. Turkcell has been listed on the NYSE ( New York Stock Exchange ) and the ISE ( Istanbul Stock Exchange ) since July 2000 and is the only NYSE listed company in Turkey. 51.00% of Turkcell s share capital is held by Turkcell Holding, 0.05% by Cukurova Group, 13.07% by Sonera Holding, 2.32% by M.V. Group and 0.08% by others while the remaining 33.48% is free float.

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**EXHIBIT 2****TURKCELL ILETISIM HIZMETLERI AS AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES****CONSOLIDATED INTERIM BALANCE SHEET****As at 30 June 2008**

(Amounts expressed in thousands of US Dollars unless otherwise indicated except share amounts)

	<b>Note</b>	<b>30 June 2008</b>	<b>31 December 2007</b>
<b>Assets</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	11	2,237,709	2,221,895
Intangible assets	12	1,283,873	1,375,403
Investments in equity accounted investees	13	723,918	664,385
Other investments	14	40,312	42,354
Due from related parties	31	57,816	68,871
Other non-current assets	15	52,812	44,171
Deferred tax assets	16	2,739	2,446
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		<b>4,399,179</b>	<b>4,419,525</b>
Inventories		21,181	23,424
Other investments	14	56,505	28,218
Due from related parties	31	79,872	52,482
Trade receivables and accrued income	17	681,121	558,563
Other current assets	18	310,201	291,534
Cash and cash equivalents	19	2,876,213	3,095,300
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>4,025,093</b>	<b>4,049,521</b>
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>8,424,272</b>	<b>8,469,046</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Share capital	20	1,636,204	1,636,204
Share premium	20	434	434

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Reserves	20	784,433	931,913
Retained earnings	20	3,513,483	3,224,526
<b>Total equity attributable to equity holders of Turkcell Iletisim Hizmetleri Anonim Sirketi</b>		<b>5,934,554</b>	<b>5,793,077</b>
<b>Minority interest</b>	20	<b>171,887</b>	<b>138,128</b>
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>6,106,441</b>	<b>5,931,205</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Loans and borrowings	22	522,723	140,404
Employee benefits	23	31,299	27,229
Other non-current liabilities		837	-
Deferred tax liabilities	16	110,202	132,388
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>		<b>665,061</b>	<b>300,021</b>
Bank overdraft	19	95,081	2,125
Loans and borrowings	22	115,635	619,555
Income taxes payable	10	147,566	443,194
Trade and other payables	26	815,845	759,019
Due to related parties	31	23,626	17,978
Deferred income	24	389,165	324,815
Provisions	25	65,852	71,134
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>1,652,770</b>	<b>2,237,820</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>2,317,831</b>	<b>2,537,841</b>
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>		<b>8,424,272</b>	<b>8,469,046</b>

The notes on page 6 to 83 are an integral part of these consolidated interim financial statements.

## TURKCELL ILETISIM HIZMETLERI AS AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES

## CONSOLIDATED INTERIM INCOME STATEMENT

For the six and three months ended 30 June 2008

(Amounts expressed in thousands of US Dollars unless otherwise indicated except share amounts)

	Note	Six months ended		Three months ended	
		30 June 2008	30 June 2007	30 June 2008	30 June 2007
Revenue	7	3,329,438	2,798,277	1,755,058	1,503,516
Direct cost of revenue		(1,672,115)	(1,454,421)	(847,013)	(768,426)
<b>Gross profit</b>		<b>1,657,323</b>	<b>1,343,856</b>	<b>908,045</b>	<b>735,090</b>
Other income		2,398	8,352	148	5,242
Selling and marketing expenses		(658,757)	(513,313)	(366,119)	(281,618)
Administrative expenses		(145,608)	(106,859)	(73,400)	(54,427)
Other expenses		(22,485)	(4,099)	(21,617)	(2,083)
<b>Results from operating activities</b>		<b>832,871</b>	<b>727,937</b>	<b>447,057</b>	<b>402,204</b>
Finance income	9	311,149	130,044	85,800	53,274
Finance expense	9	(31,238)	(214,675)	(15,338)	(163,535)
<b>Net finance income/(expense)</b>		<b>279,911</b>	<b>(84,631)</b>	<b>70,462</b>	<b>(110,261)</b>
Share of profit of equity accounted investees	13	49,243	26,150	29,376	8,471
<b>Profit before income tax</b>		<b>1,162,025</b>	<b>669,456</b>	<b>546,895</b>	<b>300,414</b>
Income tax expense	10	(245,210)	(147,034)	(118,858)	(46,422)
<b>Profit for the period</b>		<b>916,815</b>	<b>522,422</b>	<b>428,037</b>	<b>253,992</b>
<b>Attributable to:</b>					
Equity holders of Turkcell Iletisim Hizmetleri Anonim Sirketi		913,236	545,769	426,446	273,631
Minority interest		3,579	(23,347)	1,591	(19,639)
<b>Profit for the period</b>		<b>916,815</b>	<b>522,422</b>	<b>428,037</b>	<b>253,992</b>
Basic and diluted earnings per share (in full USD)	21	0.415107	0.248077	0.193839	0.124378

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**TURKCELL ILETISIM HIZMETLERI AS AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES****CONSOLIDATED INTERIM STATEMENT OF RECOGNIZED INCOME AND EXPENSE****For the six and three months ended 30 June 2008**

(Amounts expressed in thousands of US Dollars unless otherwise indicated except share amounts)

	<b>Six months ended</b>		<b>Three months ended</b>	
	<b>30 June 2008</b>	<b>30 June 2007</b>	<b>30 June 2008</b>	<b>30 June 2007</b>
Foreign currency translation differences	(256,291)	284,541	212,159	207,586
Net change in fair value of available-for-sale securities	(9,514)	2,200	(8,791)	1,851
<b>Income and expense recognized directly in equity</b>	<b>(265,805)</b>	<b>286,741</b>	<b>203,368</b>	<b>209,437</b>
<b>Profit for the period</b>	916,815	522,422	428,037	253,992
<b>Total recognized income for the period</b>	<b>651,010</b>	<b>809,163</b>	<b>631,405</b>	<b>463,429</b>
<b>Attributable to:</b>				
Equity holders of Turkcell Iletisim Hizmetleri Anonim Sirketi	643,811	831,385	629,759	481,943
Minority interest	7,199	(22,222)	1,646	(18,514)
<b>Total recognized income for the period</b>	<b>651,010</b>	<b>809,163</b>	<b>631,405</b>	<b>463,429</b>

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## TURKCELL ILETISIM HIZMETLERI AS AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES

## CONSOLIDATED INTERIM STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the six months ended 30 June 2008

(Amounts expressed in thousands of US Dollars unless otherwise indicated except share amounts)

	<b>Six months ended 30 June</b>	
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
<b>Profit for the period</b>	<b>916,815</b>	<b>522,422</b>
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation	235,635	260,268
Amortization of intangibles	129,389	126,294
Foreign exchange (gain)/loss net	(106,028)	177,508
Net finance income	(184,797)	(98,775)
Provision for doubtful receivables	26,176	14,303
Income tax expense	245,210	147,034
Share of profit of equity accounted investees	(72,732)	(47,494)
Loss/(Gain) on sale of property, plant and equipment	1,184	(4,323)
Translation reserve	(17,675)	23,570
Amortization of transaction costs of borrowings	-	12,393
Deferred income	80,011	(12,926)
	<b>1,253,188</b>	<b>1,120,274</b>
Change in trade receivables	(174,136)	(110,494)
Change in due from related parties	(18,543)	37,887
Change in inventories	1,112	358
Change in prepaid expenses	(159,343)	(130,520)
Change in other current assets	(23,013)	(103,680)
Change in other non-current assets	(5,606)	101,801
Change in due to related parties	6,488	1,123
Change in trade and other payables	(10,719)	(12,448)
Change in other current liabilities	100,539	114,211
Change in other non-current liabilities	837	(7,846)
Change in employee benefits	5,383	3,787
Change in provisions	(1,853)	(8,459)
	<b>974,334</b>	<b>1,005,994</b>
Interest paid	(18,083)	(25,289)
Income tax paid	(531,463)	(336,578)
Dividend received	-	11,960
<b>Net cash from operating activities</b>	<b>424,788</b>	<b>656,087</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Proceeds from sale of property plant and equipment	3,942	11,586
Proceeds from currency option contracts	5,965	3,851
Proceeds from sale of available-for-sale financial assets	26,758	17,386
Proceeds from settlement of held-to-maturity investments	-	7,665
Interest received	209,824	123,047
Dividends received	10,250	16,744
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	(324,148)	(237,209)
Acquisition of intangibles	(91,964)	(83,472)

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Acquisition of minority interest	-	(751)
Payment of currency option contracts premium	(2,482)	(3,489)
Acquisition of available-for-sale financial assets	(58,763)	(119)
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>(220,618)</b>	<b>(144,761)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Payment of transaction costs	-	(205)
Dividends paid	(556,972)	(457,625)
Proceeds from issuance of loans and borrowings	456,500	436,646
Repayment of borrowings	(455,903)	(426,154)
Change in minority interest	90,782	71,378
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>	<b>(465,593)</b>	<b>(375,960)</b>
<b>Effects of foreign exchange rate fluctuations on balance sheet items</b>	<b>(156,648)</b>	<b>104,271</b>
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(418,071)</b>	<b>239,637</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January</b>	<b>3,093,175</b>	<b>1,598,355</b>
Effect of exchange rate fluctuations on cash and cash equivalents	106,028	(177,508)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at 30 June</b>	<b>2,781,132</b>	<b>1,660,484</b>

The notes on page 6 to 83 are an integral part of these consolidated interim financial statements.

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## NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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**1. Reporting entity**

Turkcell Iletisim Hizmetleri Anonim Sirketi (the Company) was incorporated in Turkey on 5 October 1993 and commenced its operations in 1994. The address of the Company's registered office is Turkcell Plaza, Mesrutiyet caddesi No. 71, 34430 Tepebasi/Istanbul. It is engaged in establishing and operating a Global System for Mobile Communications (GSM) network in Turkey and regional states.

In April 1998, the Company signed a license agreement (the License) with the Ministry of Transportation and Communications of Turkey (the Turkish Ministry), under which it was granted a 25 year GSM license in exchange for a license fee of \$500,000. The License permits the Company to operate as a stand-alone GSM operator and releases it from some of the operating constraints in the Revenue Sharing Agreement, which was in effect prior to the License. Under the License, the Company collects all of the revenue generated from the operations of its GSM network and pays the Undersecretariat of Treasury (the Turkish Treasury) an ongoing license fee equal to 15% of its gross revenue from Turkish GSM operations. The Company continues to build and operate its GSM network and is authorized to, among other things, set its own tariffs within certain limits, charge peak and off-peak rates, offer a variety of service and pricing packages, issue invoices directly to subscribers, collect payments and deal directly with subscribers.

On 25 June 2005, the Turkish government declared that GSM operators are required to pay 10% of their existing monthly ongoing license fee to the Turkish Ministry as a universal service fund contribution in accordance with Law No 5369. As a result, starting from 30 June 2005, the Company pays 90% of the ongoing license fee to the Turkish Treasury and 10% to the Turkish Ministry as universal service fund.

In July 2000, the Company completed an initial public offering with the listing of its ordinary shares on the Istanbul Stock Exchange and American Depository Shares, or ADSs, on the New York Stock Exchange.

As at 30 June 2008, two significant founding shareholders, Sonera Holding BV and Cukurova Group own approximately 37.1% and 13.8%, respectively of the Company's share capital and are ultimate counterparties to a number of transactions that are discussed in the related party footnote. On 28 November 2005, upon completion of a series of transactions, Alfa Group acquired 13.2% indirect ownership in the Company through its Altimo subsidiary, one of Russia's leading private telecommunications investors. On the basis of publicly available information, Alfa Group transferred control of over 50% of its previously held shares to Nadash in January 2008.

The consolidated interim financial statements of the Company as at and for the six and three months ended 30 June 2008 comprise the Company and its twenty one subsidiaries (together referred to as the Group) and the Group's interest in one associate and one joint venture. The Company and each of its subsidiaries, associate's and joint venture's interim financial statements are prepared as at and for the six and three months ended 30 June 2008.

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**NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**As at and for the six and three months ended 30 June 2008**

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**2. Basis of preparation**

**(a) Statement of compliance**

The consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ( IFRSs ) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ( IASB ).

The Group s consolidated interim financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 6August 2008.

**(b) Basis of measurement**

The accompanying consolidated interim financial statements are based on the statutory records, with adjustments and reclassifications for the purpose of fair presentation in accordance with IFRSs as issued by the IASB. They are prepared on the historical cost basis adjusted for the effects of inflation during the hyperinflationary period lasted by 31 December 2005, except that the following assets and liabilities are stated at their fair value: derivative financial instruments and financial instruments classified as available-for-sale. The methods used to measure fair value are further discussed in note 4.

**(c) Functional and presentation currency**

The consolidated interim financial statements are presented in US Dollars ( USD ), rounded to the nearest thousand. Moreover, all financial information expressed in TRY, Euro ( EUR ) and Swedish Krona ( SEK ) have been rounded to the nearest thousand. The functional currency of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries located in Turkey and Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus is TRY. The functional currency of Euroasia Telecommunications Holding BV ( Euroasia ) and Financell BV ( Financell ) is USD. The functional currency of East Asian Consortium BV ( Eastasia ) is EUR. The functional currency of LLC Astelit ( Astelit ) is Ukrainian Hryvnia.

**(d) Use of estimates and judgments**

The preparation of interim financial statements in conformity with International Accounting Standards No:34 (IAS 34) *Interim Financial Reporting* requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected.

Information about estimates, uncertainty and critical judgements about the contingencies are described in note 30 and detailed analysis with respect to accounting estimates and judgements of bad debts, useful life or expected pattern of consumption of the future economic benefits embodied in depreciable assets is provided below:

**Key sources of estimation uncertainty**

In note 27, detailed analysis is provided for the foreign exchange exposure of the Company and risks in relation to foreign exchange movements.

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**2. Basis of preparation (continued)**

**(d) Use of estimates and judgments (continued)**

**Critical accounting judgments in applying the Company's accounting policies**

Certain critical accounting judgments in applying the Company's accounting policies are described below:

***Allowance for doubtful receivables***

The impairment losses in trade and other receivables are based on management's evaluation of the volume of the receivables outstanding, past experience and general economic conditions.

***Useful life of assets***

The useful economic lives of the Group's assets are determined by management at the time the asset is acquired and regularly reviewed for appropriateness. The Group defines useful life of its assets in terms of the assets' expected utility to the Group. This judgment is based on the experience of the Group with similar assets. In determining the useful life of an asset, the Group also follows technical and/or commercial obsolescence arising on changes or improvements from a change in the market. The useful life of the License is based on duration of the license agreement.

***Commission fees***

Commission fees relate to services performed in relation to betting games where the Group acts as an agent in the transaction rather than as a principal. In the absence of specific guidance under IFRSs on distinguishing between an agent and a principal, management considered the following factors:

The Group does not take the responsibility for fulfilment of the games.

The Group does not collect the proceeds from the final customer and it does not bear the credit risk.

The Group earns a stated percentage of the total turnover.

***Revenue Recognition***

In arrangements which include multiple elements, the Company considers the elements to be separate units of accounting in the arrangement. Deliverables are accounted separately where a market for each deliverable exists and if the recognition criterion is met individually. The arrangement consideration is allocated to each deliverable in proportion to the fair value of the individual deliverables.

***Income taxes***

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The calculation of tax charge involves a degree of estimation and judgment in respect of certain items whose tax treatment cannot be finally determined until resolution has been reached with the relevant tax authority or, as appropriate, through formal legal process.

As part of the process of preparing the consolidated interim financial statements, the Group is required to estimate the income taxes in each of the jurisdictions and countries in which they operate. This process involves estimating the actual current tax exposure together with assessing temporary differences resulting from differing treatment of items, such as deferred revenue and reserves for tax and accounting purposes. The Company management assesses the likelihood that the deferred tax assets will be recovered from future taxable income, and to the extent the recovery is not considered probable the deferred asset is adjusted accordingly.

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**2. Basis of preparation (continued)**

**(d) Use of estimates and judgments (continued)**

**Critical accounting judgments in applying the Company's accounting policies**

***Income taxes (continued)***

The recognition of deferred tax assets is based upon whether it is probable that future taxable profits will be available, against which the temporary differences can be utilized. Recognition, therefore, involves judgment regarding the future financial performance of the particular legal entity in which the deferred tax asset has been recognized.

**3. Significant accounting policies**

The accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these consolidated interim financial statements, and have been applied consistently by Group entities.

**(a) Basis of consolidation**

***(i) Subsidiaries***

Subsidiaries are entities controlled by the Group. Control exists when the Group has the power to govern the financial and operating policies of an entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities. In assessing control, potential voting rights that currently are exercisable or convertible are taken into account. The interim financial statements of subsidiaries are included in the consolidated interim financial statements from the date that control commences until the date that control ceases. The accounting policies of subsidiaries are changed as necessary to align them with the policies adopted by the Group.

***(ii) Acquisition from entities under common control***

Business combinations arising from transfers of interests in entities that are under the control of the shareholder that controls the Group are excluded from the scope of International Financial Reporting Standards No. 3 ( IFRS 3 ) *Business Combinations* . The assets and liabilities acquired from entities under common control are recognised at the carrying amounts recognised previously in the Group's controlling shareholder's consolidated financial statements. The components of equity of the acquired entities are added to the same components within the Group equity.

(iii) *Associates and jointly controlled entities (equity accounted investees)*

Associates are those entities in which the Group has significant influence, but not control, over the financial and operating policies. Significant influence is presumed to exist when the Group holds between 20 and 50 percent of the voting power of another entity. Joint ventures are those entities over whose activities the Group has joint control, established by contractual agreement and requiring unanimous consent for strategic financial and operating decisions. Associates and jointly controlled entities (equity accounted investees) are accounted for using the equity method and are initially recognised at cost. The Group's investment includes goodwill identified on acquisition, net of any accumulated impairment loss. The consolidated interim financial statements include the Group's share of the income and expenses and equity movements of equity accounted investees, after adjustments to align the accounting policies with those of the Group, from the date that significant influence or joint control commences until the date that significant influence or joint control ceases. When the Group's share of losses exceeds its interest in an equity accounted investee, the carrying amount of that interest (including any long-term investments) is reduced to nil and recognition of further losses is discontinued except to the extent that the Group has an obligation or has made payments on behalf of the investee. The Group's equity accounted investees as at 30 June 2008 are Fintur Holdings BV ( Fintur ) and A-Tel Pazarlama ve Servis Hizmetleri AS ( A-Tel ).

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**3. Significant accounting policies (continued)**

**(a) Basis of consolidation (continued)**

*(iv) Transactions eliminated on consolidation*

Intragroup balances and transactions, and any unrealised income and expenses arising from intragroup transactions, are eliminated in preparing the consolidated interim financial statements. Unrealised gains arising from transactions with equity accounted investees are eliminated against the investment to the extent of the Group's interest in the investee. Unrealised losses are eliminated in the same way as unrealised gains, but only to the extent that there is no evidence of impairment.

**(b) Foreign currency**

*(i) Foreign currency transactions*

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated to the respective functional currencies of Group entities at exchange rates at the dates of the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the reporting date are retranslated to the functional currency at the exchange rate at that date. Foreign currency differences arising on translation of foreign currency transactions are recognised in the income statement. The foreign currency gain or loss on monetary items is the difference between amortised cost in the functional currency at the beginning of the period, adjusted for effective interest and payments during the period, and the amortised cost in foreign currency translated at the exchange rate at the end of the period. Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies that are measured at fair value are retranslated to the functional currency at the exchange rate at the date that the fair value was determined. Foreign currency differences arising on retranslation are recognised in profit or loss, except for differences arising on the retranslation of available-for-sale equity instruments, which are recognised directly in equity.

*(ii) Foreign operations*

The assets and liabilities of foreign operations, including fair value adjustments arising on acquisition, are translated to USD at foreign exchange rates ruling at the reporting date. The income and expenses of foreign operations are translated to USD at exchange rates approximating to the exchange rates at the dates of the transactions.

Foreign currency differences arising on retranslation are recognized directly in a separate component of equity. Since 1 January 2005, the Group's date of transition to IFRSs, such differences have been recognized in the foreign currency translation reserve. When a foreign operation is disposed of, in part or in full, the relevant amount in the foreign currency translation reserve is transferred to profit or loss.

Foreign exchange gains and losses arising from a monetary item receivable from or payables to a foreign operation, the settlement of which is neither planned nor likely in the foreseeable future, are considered to form part of a net investment in a foreign operation and are recognised directly in equity in the foreign currency translation reserve.

(iii) *Translation from functional to presentation currency*

Items included in the financial statements of each entity are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entities operate, normally under their local currencies.

The consolidated interim financial statements are presented in USD, which is the presentation currency of the Group. The Group uses USD as the presentation currency for the convenience of investor and analyst community.

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**3. Significant accounting policies (continued)**

**(b) Foreign currency (continued)**

*(iii) Translation from functional to presentation currency (continued)*

Assets and liabilities for each balance sheet presented (including comparatives) are translated to USD at exchange rates at the balance sheet date. Income and expenses for each income statement (including comparatives) are translated to USD at monthly average exchange rates.

Foreign currency differences arising on retranslation are recognised directly in a separate component of equity.

*(iv) Net investment in foreign operations*

Foreign currency differences arising from the translation of the net investment in foreign operations are recognized in foreign currency translation reserve. They are transferred to the income statement upon disposal.

**(c) Financial instruments**

*(i) Non-derivative financial instruments*

Non-derivative financial instruments comprise investments in equity and debt securities, trade and other receivables, cash and cash equivalents, loans and borrowings, and trade and other payables.

Non-derivative financial instruments are recognised initially at fair value plus, for instruments not at fair value through profit or loss, any directly attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, non-derivative financial instruments are measured as described below:

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash balances and call deposits. Bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the Group's cash management are included as a component of cash and cash equivalents for the purpose of the statement of cash flows.

Accounting for finance income and expenses is discussed in note 3(m).

*Held-to-maturity investments*

If the Group has the positive intent and ability to hold debt securities to maturity, then they are classified as held-to-maturity. Held-to-maturity investments are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses.

*Available-for-sale financial assets*

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The Group's investments in equity securities and certain debt securities are classified as available-for-sale financial assets. Subsequent to initial recognition, they are measured at fair value and changes therein, other than impairment losses (see note 3(h)(i)), and foreign exchange gains and losses on available-for-sale monetary items (see note 3(b)(i)), are recognised directly in equity. When an investment is derecognised, the cumulative gain or loss in equity is transferred to profit or loss.

### *Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss*

An instrument is classified as financial asset at fair value through profit or loss if it is held for trading or is designated as such upon initial recognition. Financial instruments are designated at fair value through profit or loss if the Group manages such investments and makes purchase and sale decisions based on their fair value in accordance with the Group's risk management or investment strategy. Upon initial recognition, attributable transaction costs are recognised in profit or loss when incurred. Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss are measured at fair value, and changes therein are recognised in profit or loss.

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**3. Significant accounting policies (continued)**

**(c) Financial instruments (continued)**

*(i) Non-derivative financial instruments (continued)*

*Other*

Other non-derivative financial instruments are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses.

*(ii) Derivative financial instruments*

The Group holds derivative financial instruments to hedge its foreign currency risk exposures arising from operational, financing and investing activities. In accordance with its treasury policy, the Group engages in forward and option contracts. However, these derivatives do not qualify for hedge accounting and are accounted for as trading instruments.

Embedded derivatives are separated from the host contract and accounted for separately if the economic characteristics and risks of the host contract and the embedded derivative are not closely related, a separate instrument with the same terms as the embedded derivative would meet the definition of a derivative, and the combined instrument is not measured at fair value through profit or loss.

Derivatives are recognised initially at fair value; attributable transaction costs are recognised in profit or loss when incurred. Subsequent to initial recognition, derivatives are measured at fair value, and changes therein are recognized in profit or loss.

*(iii) Share capital*

*Ordinary shares*

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to issue of ordinary shares are recognised as a deduction from equity, net of any tax effects.

**(d) Property, plant and equipment**

*(i) Recognition and measurement*

Items of property, plant and equipment are stated at cost adjusted for the effects of inflation during the hyperinflationary period lasted by 31 December 2005 less accumulated depreciation (see below) and accumulated impairment losses (see note 3(h)(ii)).

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Cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the asset. The cost of self-constructed assets includes the cost of materials and direct labor, any other costs directly attributable to bringing the asset to a working condition for its intended use, and the costs of dismantling and removing the items and restoring the site on which they are located, if any. Borrowing costs related to the acquisition or constructions of qualifying assets are recognized in profit or loss as incurred.

When parts of an item of property, plant and equipment have different useful lives, they are accounted for as separate items of property, plant and equipment.

Gains/losses on disposal of an item of property, plant and equipment are determined by comparing the proceeds from disposal with the carrying amount of property, plant and equipment and are recognized net within other income or other expenses in profit or loss.

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**3. Significant accounting policies (continued)**

**(d) Property, plant and equipment (continued)**

*(ii) Subsequent costs*

The cost of replacing part of an item of property, plant and equipment is recognized in the carrying amount of the item if it is probable that the future economic benefits embodied within the part will flow to the Group and its cost can be measured reliably. The carrying amount of the replaced item is derecognised. The costs of the day-to-day servicing of property, plant and equipment are recognised in profit or loss as incurred.

*(iii) Depreciation*

Depreciation is recognized in the profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of each part of an item of property, plant and equipment. Leased assets are depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives unless it is reasonably certain that the Group will obtain ownership by the end of the lease term. Land is not depreciated.

The estimated useful lives for the current and comparative periods are as follows:

Buildings	25	50 years
Network infrastructure	3	8 years
Equipment, fixtures and fittings	4	5 years
Motor vehicles	4	5 years
Central betting terminals		1 year
Leasehold improvements		5 years

Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values are reviewed at least annually unless there is a triggering event.

**(e) Intangible assets**

Intangible assets that are acquired by the Group which have finite useful lives are measured at cost adjusted for the effects of inflation during the hyperinflationary period lasted by 31 December 2005 less accumulated amortization (see below) and accumulated impairment losses (see note 3(h)).

*(i) Subsequent expenditure*

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Subsequent expenditure is capitalised only when it increases the future economic benefits embodied in the specific asset (that is purchased from independent third parties) to which it relates. All other expenditure, including expenditure on internally generated goodwill and brands, is recognised in profit or loss as incurred. Capitalized costs generally relate to the application of development stage; any other costs incurred during the pre and post-implementation stages, such as repair, maintenance or training, are expensed as incurred. Subsequent expenditures of the Company do not relate to research and development activities.

### (ii) *Amortization*

Amortization is recognized in the profit or loss on a straight line basis over the estimated useful lives of intangible assets unless such lives are indefinite from the date that they are available for use. The estimated useful lives for the current and comparative periods are as follows:

Computer software	3	8 years
GSM and other telecommunications license	3	25 years
Transmission lines		10 years
Central betting system operating right		1 years
Customer base		2 years

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**3. Significant accounting policies (continued)**

**(f) Leased assets**

Leases in terms of which the Group assumes substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are classified as finance leases. Upon initial recognition, the leased asset is measured at an amount equal to the lower of its fair value and the present value of the minimum lease payments. Subsequent to initial recognition, the asset is accounted for in accordance with the accounting policy applicable to that asset.

Other leases are operating leases and the leased assets are not recognized on the Group's balance sheet.

**(g) Inventories**

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less selling expenses. The cost of inventory is determined using the weighted average method and includes expenditure incurred in acquiring the inventories and bringing them to their existing location and condition. As at 30 June 2008, inventories consist of simcards, scratch cards and handsets.

**(h) Impairment**

*(i) Financial assets*

A financial asset is assessed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any objective evidence that it is impaired.

A financial asset is considered to be impaired if objective evidence indicates that one or more events have had a negative effect on the estimated future cash flows of that asset.

An impairment loss in respect of a financial asset measured at amortised cost is calculated as the difference between its carrying amount and the present value of the estimated future cash flows discounted at the original effective interest rate. An impairment loss in respect of an available-for-sale financial asset is calculated by reference to its fair value.

Individually significant financial assets are tested for impairment on an individual basis. The remaining financial assets are assessed collectively in groups that share similar credit risk characteristics.

All impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss. Any cumulative loss in respect of an available-for-sale financial asset recognised previously in equity is transferred to profit or loss.

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An impairment loss is reversed if the reversal can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognised. For financial assets measured at amortised cost and available-for-sale financial assets that are debt securities, the reversal is recognised in profit or loss. For available-for-sale financial assets that are equity securities, the reversal is recognised directly in equity.

(ii) *Non-financial assets*

The carrying amounts of the Group's non-financial assets, other than inventories, and deferred tax assets are reviewed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists, then the asset's recoverable amount is estimated.

The recoverable amount of an asset or cash-generating unit is the greater of its value in use and its fair value less costs to sell. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. For the purpose of impairment testing, assets are grouped together into the smallest group of assets that generates cash inflows from continuing use that are largely independent of the cash inflows of other assets or group of assets (the cash-generating unit).

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**3. Significant accounting policies (continued)**

**(h) Impairment (continued)**

*(ii) Non-financial assets (continued)*

An impairment loss is recognised if the carrying amount of an asset or its cash-generating unit exceeds its estimated recoverable amount. Impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss. Impairment losses recognised in respect of cash-generating units are allocated first to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill allocated to the units and then to reduce the carrying amount of the other assets in the unit (group of units) on a pro rata basis.

An impairment loss in respect of goodwill is not reversed. In respect of other assets, impairment losses recognised in prior periods are assessed at each reporting date for any indications that the loss has decreased or no longer exists. An impairment loss is reversed if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount. An impairment loss is reversed only to the extent that the asset's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortization, if no impairment loss had been recognised.

**(i) Employee benefits**

*(i) Retirement pay liability*

In accordance with existing labor law in Turkey, the Company and its subsidiaries in Turkey are required to make lump-sum payments to employees who have completed one year of service and whose employment is terminated without cause or who retire, are called up for military service or die. Such payments are calculated on the basis of 30 days' pay maximum full TRY 2,173 as at 30 June 2008 (equivalent to full \$1,776 as at 30 June 2008) (31 December 2007: full TRY 2,030 (equivalent to full \$1,659 as at 30 June 2008)) per year of employment at the rate of pay applicable at the date of retirement or termination. Reserve for retirement pay is computed and reflected in the consolidated interim financial statements on a current basis. The reserve has been calculated by estimating the present value of future probable obligation of the Company and its subsidiaries in Turkey arising from the retirement of the employees. The calculation was based upon the retirement pay ceiling announced by the Government.

*(ii) Defined contribution plans*

A defined contribution plan is a post-employment benefit plan under which an entity pays fixed contributions into a separate entity and will have no legal or constructive obligation to pay further amounts. Obligations for contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an employee benefit expense in profit or loss when they are due. The Company initiated a defined contribution retirement plan for all eligible employees during 2005. Besides, during 2006, Inteltek Internet Teknoloji Yatirim ve Danismanlik Ticaret AS ( Inteltek ) and Bilyoner Interaktif Hizmetler AS ( Bilyoner ), during 2007 Kule Hizmet ve Isletmecilik AS ( TurkKule ), Turkcell Teknoloji Arastirma ve Gelistirme AS ( Turkcell Teknoloji ) and Tellcom Iletisim Hizmetleri AS ( Tellcom ) initiated defined contribution plan for all eligible employees. The assets of the plan are

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held separately from the consolidated interim financial statements of the Group. The Company and other consolidated companies that initiated defined contribution retirement plan are required to contribute a specified percentage of payroll costs to the retirement benefit scheme to fund the benefits. The only obligation of the companies with respect to the retirement plan is to make the specified contributions.

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**3. Significant accounting policies (continued)**

**(j) Provisions**

A provision is recognised if, as a result of a past event, the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation that can be estimated reliably, and it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation. Provisions are determined by discounting the expected future cash flows at a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and, where appropriate, the risks specific to the liability.

*Onerous contracts*

A provision for onerous contracts is recognized when the expected benefits to be derived by the Group from a contract are lower than the unavoidable cost of meeting its obligations under the contract. The provision is measured at the present value of the lower of the expected cost of terminating the contract and the expected net cost of continuing with the contract. Before a provision is established, the Group recognizes any impairment loss on the assets associated with that contract. The Company did not recognize any provision for onerous contracts as at 30 June 2008.

**(k) Revenue**

Communication fees include all types of postpaid revenues from incoming and outgoing calls, additional services and prepaid revenues. Communication fees are recognized at the time the services are rendered.

With respect to prepaid revenues, the Group generally collects cash in advance by selling scratch cards to distributors. In such cases, the Group does not recognize revenue until the subscribers use the telecommunications services. Instead, deferred income is recorded under current liabilities.

In connection with campaigns, both postpaid and prepaid services may be bundled with handset or other goods / services and these bundled services and products involve consideration in the form of fixed fee or a fixed fee coupled with continuing payment stream. Loyalty programs for both postpaid and prepaid services may be bundled with other services. Deliverables are accounted separately where a market for each deliverable exists and if the recognition criterion is met individually. Costs associated with each deliverable are recognized at the time of revenue recognized. The arrangement consideration is allocated to each deliverable in proportion to the fair value of the individual deliverables.

Commission fees mainly comprised of net takings earned to a maximum of 7% of gross takings, as a head agent of fixed odds betting games starting from 15 March 2007 and 4.3% commission recognized based on the para-mutual and fixed odds betting games operated on Central Betting System. Prior to 15 March 2007, under the former head agency agreement, head agency commission fees were earned to a maximum of 12% of gross takings. Commission revenues are recognized at the time all the services related with the games are fully rendered. Under the head agency agreement, Inteltek is obliged to undertake any excess payout, which is presented on net basis with the commission fees.

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Monthly fixed fees represent a fixed amount charged to postpaid subscribers on a monthly basis without regard to the level of usage. Fixed fees are recognized on a monthly basis when billed.

Simcard sales are recognized upfront upon delivery to subscribers, net of returns, discounts and rebates. Simcard costs are also recognized upfront upon sale of the simcard to the subscriber.

Call center revenues are recognized at the time services are rendered.

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**3. Significant accounting policies (continued)**

**(l) Lease payments**

Payments made under operating leases are recognized in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease. Lease incentives received are recognized as an integral part of the total lease expense, over the term of the lease.

Minimum lease payments made under finance leases are apportioned between the finance expense and the reduction of the outstanding liability. The finance expense is allocated to each period during the lease term so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability.

**(m) Finance income and expenses**

Finance income comprises interest income on funds invested (including available-for sale financial assets), late payment interest income, gains on the disposal of available-for-sale financial assets, changes in the fair value of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and gains on hedging instruments that are recognised in profit or loss. Interest income is recognised as it accrues, using the effective interest method.

Finance expenses comprise interest expense on borrowings, unwinding of the discount on provisions, changes in the fair value of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and impairment losses recognised on financial assets. All borrowing costs are recognised in profit or loss using the effective interest method.

Foreign currency gains and losses are reported on a net basis.

**(n) Transactions with related parties**

A related party is essentially any party that controls or can significantly influence the financial or operating decisions of the Group to the extent that the Group may be prevented from fully pursuing its own interests. For reporting purposes, investee companies and their shareholders, key management personnel, shareholders of the Group and the companies that the shareholders have a relationship with are considered to be related parties.

**(o) Income tax**

Income tax expense comprises current and deferred tax. Income tax expense is recognised in profit or loss except to the extent that it relates to items recognised directly in equity, in which case it is recognised in equity.

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Current tax is the expected tax payable on the taxable income for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years.

Deferred tax is recognised using the balance sheet method, providing for temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes. Deferred tax is not recognised for the following temporary differences: the initial recognition of assets or liabilities in a transaction that is not a business combination and that affects neither accounting nor taxable profit, and differences relating to investments in subsidiaries and jointly controlled entities to the extent that they probably will not reverse in the foreseeable future. Deferred tax is measured at the tax rates that are expected to be applied to the temporary differences when they reverse, based on the laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset if there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax liabilities and assets, and they relate to income taxes levied by the same tax authority on the same taxable entity, or on different tax entities, but they intend to settle current tax liabilities and assets on a net basis or their tax assets and liabilities will be realised simultaneously.

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**3. Significant accounting policies (continued)**

**(o) Income tax (continued)**

A deferred tax asset is recognised to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which temporary difference can be utilised. Deferred tax assets are reviewed at each reporting date and are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realised.

**(p) Earnings per share**

The Group presents basic earnings per share ( EPS ) data for its ordinary shares. Basic EPS is calculated by dividing the profit or loss attributable to ordinary shareholders of the Company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the period. Diluted EPS is equal to basic EPS because the Group does not have any convertible notes or share options granted to employees.

**(q) Segment reporting**

A segment is a distinguishable component of the Group that is engaged either in providing related products or services (business segment) or in providing products or services within a particular economic environment (geographical segment), which is subject to risks and returns that are different from those of other segments. Segment information is presented in respect of the Group's business and geographical segments. The Group's primary format for segment reporting is based on geographical segment and secondary segment reporting is based on business segments.

Inter-segment pricing is determined on an arm's length basis.

Segment results, assets and liabilities include items directly attributable to a segment as well as those that can be allocated on a reasonable basis. Unallocated items comprise mainly investments and related revenue, loans and borrowings and related expenses and income tax assets and liabilities.

Segment capital expenditure is the total cost incurred during the period to acquire property, plant and equipment, and intangible assets other than goodwill.

**(r) New standards and interpretations not yet adopted**

A number of new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations are not yet effective at 30 June 2008, and have not been applied in preparing these consolidated interim financial statements:

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IFRS 8 *Operating Segments* introduces the management approach to segment reporting. IFRS 8, which becomes mandatory for the Group's 2009 consolidated financial statements, will require the disclosure of segment information based on the internal reports regularly reviewed by the Group's Chief Operating Decision Maker in order to assess each segment's performance and to allocate resources to them. Currently, the Group presents segment information in respect of its business and geographical segments (see note 6). It is not expected to have any impact on the consolidated financial statements.

*Revised IAS 23 Borrowing Costs* removes the option to expense borrowing costs and requires that an entity capitalize borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of a qualifying asset as a part of the cost of that asset. The revised IAS 23 will become mandatory for the Group's 2009 consolidated financial statements and will not constitute a change in accounting policy for the Group.

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**3. Significant accounting policies (continued)**

**(r) New standards and interpretations not yet adopted (continued)**

*IFRIC 13 Customer Loyalty Programmes* addresses the accounting by entities that operate, or otherwise participate in, customer loyalty programmes for their customers. It relates to customer loyalty programmes under which the customer can redeem credits for awards such as free or discounted goods or services. IFRIC 13, which becomes mandatory for the Group's 2009 consolidated financial statements, is not expected to have any impact on the consolidated financial statements.

*Revised IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements* does not change the recognition measurement or disclosure of transactions and events that are required by other IFRSs. The revised standard introduces as a financial statement the statement of comprehensive income. The revised standard is effective for annual financial periods beginning on or after 1 January 2009, with early adoption permitted.

*Revised IFRS 3 Business Combinations* made changes to the scope of IFRS 3, revised the definition of business, made some revisions at recognition principles of acquired assets and enhanced the disclosure requirements. The revised standard is effective for annual financial periods beginning on or after 1 July 2009, with early adoption permitted for annual periods beginning on or after 30 June 2007 providing that the entity also applies IAS 27 in the same period.

*Revised IAS 27 Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements* mainly changes the accounting for non-controlling interest and the loss of control of a subsidiary. The revised standard is effective for annual financial periods beginning on or after 1 July 2009, with early adoption permitted providing that the entity also applies IAS 27 in the same period.

*Amendments to IFRS 2 Share-based Payment - Vesting Conditions and Cancellations* clarifies the definition of vesting conditions, introduces the concept of nonvesting conditions, requires non-vesting conditions to be reflected in grant date fair value and provides the accounting treatment for non-vesting conditions and cancellations. The amendments to IFRS 2 is effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2009, with early adoption permitted and is not expected to have any effect on the consolidated financial statements.

*Amendments to IAS 32 Financial Instruments: Presentation and IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements - Puttable Financial Instruments and Obligations Arising on Liquidation* improve the accounting for particular types of financial instruments that have characteristics similar to ordinary shares but are at present classified as financial liabilities. The amendments will apply for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2009, with earlier application is permitted and is not expected to have any effect on the consolidated financial statements.

The following amendments to standards and interpretations have been issued subsequent to 30 June 2008:

The International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (IFRIC) issued on 3 July 2008 an interpretation *IFRIC 16 Hedges of a Net Investment in a Foreign Operation*. IFRIC 16 applies to an entity that hedges the foreign currency risk arising from its net investments in foreign operations and wishes to qualify for hedge accounting in accordance with IAS 39. It does not apply to other types of hedge accounting. The interpretation is effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 October 2008 and is not expected to have any effect on the consolidated financial statements.

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**3. Significant accounting policies (continued)**

**(r) New standards and interpretations not yet adopted (continued)**

The IFRIC issued on 3 July 2008 an Interpretation, *IFRIC 15 Agreements for the Construction of Real Estate*. The Interpretation will standardize accounting practice across jurisdictions for the recognition of revenue among real estate developers for sales of units, such as apartments or houses before construction is complete. The Interpretation is effective for annual periods beginning or after 1 January 2009 and is not expected to have any effect on the consolidated financial statements.

*Eligible Hedged Items (amendment to IAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement)* introduces application guidance to illustrate how the principles underlying hedge accounting should be applied in the designation of i) a one-sided risk in a hedged item and ii) inflation in a financial hedged item. The amendment is effective, with retrospective application, for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2009 and is not expected to have any effect on the consolidated financial statements.

**4. Determination of fair values**

A number of the Group's accounting policies and disclosures require the determination of fair value, for both financial and non-financial assets and liabilities. Fair values have been determined for measurement and/or disclosure purposes based on the following methods. When applicable, further information about the assumptions made in determining fair values is disclosed in the notes specific to that asset or liability.

**(i) Property, plant and equipment**

The fair value of property, plant and equipment recognised as a result of a business combination is based on market values. The market value of property is the estimated amount for which a property could be exchanged on the date of valuation between a willing buyer and a willing seller in an arms length transaction after proper marketing wherein the parties had each acted knowledgeably, prudently and without compulsion. The market value of items of plant, equipment, fixtures and fittings is based on the quoted market prices for similar items.

**(ii) Intangible assets**

The fair value of intangible assets is based on the discounted cash flows expected to be derived from the use and eventual sale of the assets.

**(iii) Investments in equity and debt securities**

The fair value of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, held-to-maturity investments and available-for-sale financial assets is determined by reference to their quoted bid price or over the counter market price at the reporting date. The fair value of held-to-maturity investments is determined for disclosure purposes only.

**(iv) Trade and other receivables / due from related parties**

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The fair values of trade and other receivables and due from related parties are estimated as the present value of future cash flows, discounted at the market rate of interest at the reporting date.

### (v) **Derivatives**

The fair value of forward exchange contracts and option contracts is based on their listed market price, if available. If a listed market price is not available, then fair value is estimated by discounting the difference between the contractual forward price and the current forward price for the residual maturity of the contract using a risk-free interest rate (based on government bonds) or option pricing models.

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**4. Determination of fair values (continued)**

**(vi) Non-derivative financial liabilities**

Fair value, which is determined for disclosure purposes, is calculated based on the present value of future principal and interest cash flows, discounted at the market rate of interest at the reporting date. For finance leases, the market rate of interest is determined by reference to similar lease agreements.

**5. Financial risk management**

The Group has exposure to the following risks from its use of financial instruments:

Credit risks

Liquidity risks

Market risk

This note presents information about the Group's exposure to each of the above risks, the Group's objectives, policies and processes for measuring and managing risk, and the Group's management of capital.

The Company management has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the Group's risk management framework.

The Group's risk management policies are established to identify and analyse the risks faced by the Group, to set appropriate risk limits and controls, and to monitor risks and adherence to limits. Risk management policies and systems are reviewed regularly to reflect changes in market conditions and the Group's activities.

**Credit risk**

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the group if a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations, and arises principally from the Group's receivables from customers and investment securities.

Management has a credit policy in place and the exposure to credit risk is monitored on an ongoing basis. The Group may require collateral in respect of financial assets. Also, the Group may demand letters of guarantee from third parties related to certain projects or contracts. The Group may also demand certain pledges from counterparties if necessary in return for the credit support it gives related to certain financings.

In monitoring customer credit risk, customers are grouped according to whether they are an individual or legal entity, ageing profile, maturity and existence of previous financial difficulties. Trade receivables and accrued service income are mainly related to the Group's subscribers. The

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Group exposure to credit risk on trade receivables is influenced mainly by the individual payment characteristics of post-paid subscribers.

Investments are allowed only in liquid securities and mostly with counterparties that have a credit rating equal or better than the Group. Some of the collection banks have credit ratings that are lower than the Group's, or they may not be rated at all, however, policies are in place to review the paid-in capital and capital adequacy ratios periodically to ensure credit worthiness.

Transactions involving derivatives are with counterparties with whom the Group has signed agreements and which have sound credit ratings. The Group does not expect any counterparty fail to meet its obligations

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**5. Financial risk management (continued)**

**Credit risk (continued)**

At the reporting date, there were no significant concentrations of credit risk. The maximum exposure to credit risk is represented by the carrying amount of each financial asset in the balance sheet.

The Group establishes an allowance for doubtful receivables that represents its estimate of incurred losses in respect of receivables from subscribers. This allowance includes the specific loss component that relates to individual subscribers exposures, and adjusted for a general provision which is determined based on historical data of payment statistics. Impairment loss as a percentage of revenues represented 0.8% and 1.0% of revenues for the six and three months ended 30 June 2008. If impairment loss as a percentage of revenues increased to 1.5% of revenues, the impairment loss would have been increased by \$23,351 and \$9,292, negatively impacting profit for the six and three months ended 30 June 2008.

**Liquidity risk**

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Group will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Group's approach to managing liquidity is to ensure, as far as possible, that it will always have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when due, under both normal and stressed conditions, without incurring unacceptable losses or risking damage to the Group's reputation. Typically, the Group ensures that it has sufficient cash and cash equivalents to meet expected operational expenses, including financial obligations.

**Market risk**

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as foreign exchange rates, interest rates and equity prices will affect the Group's income or the value of its holdings of financial instruments. The objective of market risk management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters, while optimising the return on risk.

**Currency risk**

The Group is exposed to currency risk on certain revenues such as roaming revenues, purchases and certain operating costs such as roaming expenses and network related costs and resulting receivables and payables and borrowings that are denominated in a currency other than the respective functional currencies of Group entities, primarily TRY for operations conducted in Turkey. The currencies in which these transactions are primarily denominated are EUR, USD and SEK.

Derivative financial instruments such as forward contracts and options are used to hedge exposure to fluctuations in foreign exchange rates. The Group uses forward exchange contracts to hedge its currency risk. When necessary, forward exchange contracts are rolled over at maturity.

The Group's investments in its equity accounted investee Fintur and its subsidiary in Ukraine are not hedged with respect to the currency risk arising from the net assets as those currency positions are considered to be long-term in nature.

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To manage foreign currency risk more efficiently, the Group enters into forward contracts, details of which are given in note 27.

### **Interest rate risk**

The Group has not entered into any type of derivative instrument in order to hedge interest rate risk as at 30 June 2008.

The Board's policy is to maintain a strong capital base as to maintain investor, creditor and market confidence and to sustain future development of the business.

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**6. Segment reporting**

**Geographical segments:**

The primary format, geographical segments, is based on the dominant source and nature of the Group's risk and returns as well as the Group's internal reporting structure.

In presenting information on the basis of geographical segments, segment revenue is based on the geographical location of the entities. Segment assets are based on the geographical location of the assets.

The Group comprises the following main geographical segments: Turkey, Ukraine, Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.

**Business segments:**

In presenting information on the basis of business segments, segment revenue is based on the operational activity of the entities. Segment assets are based on the intended use of the assets.

The Group comprises the following main business segments: Telecommunications and betting businesses.

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**6. Segment reporting (continued)****Geographical segments**

	Six months ended 30 June								Eliminations		Consolidated	
	Turkey		Ukraine		Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus		Other		2008	2007	2008	2007
	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007				
Total external revenues	3,087,583	2,661,336	199,695	96,794	42,160	40,147	-	-	-	-	3,329,438	2,798,277
Inter-segment revenue	974	2,004	568	616	3,942	2,876	-	-	(5,484)	(5,496)	-	-
Total segment revenue	3,088,557	2,663,340	200,263	97,410	46,102	43,023	-	-	(5,484)	(5,496)	3,329,438	2,798,277
Segment result	885,460	785,018	(46,673)	(64,290)	12,377	3,708	(26)	-	1,820	(752)	852,958	723,684
Unallocated income/(expense), net											(20,087)	4,253
Results from operating activities											832,871	727,937
Net finance income/(expense)											279,911	(84,631)
Share of profit/(loss) of equity accounted investees	(20,534)	(17,926)	-	-	-	-	69,777	44,076	-	-	49,243	26,150
Income tax expense											(245,210)	(147,034)
Profit for the period											916,815	522,422

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**6. Segment reporting (continued)****Geographical segments (continued)**

	<b>Three months ended 30 June</b>				<b>Turkish Republic of</b>				<b>Eliminations</b>		<b>Consolidated</b>	
	<b>Turkey</b>		<b>Ukraine</b>		<b>Northern Cyprus</b>		<b>Other</b>		2008	2007	2008	2007
	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007				
Total external revenues	1,623,873	1,428,306	109,783	54,016	21,402	21,194	-	-	-	-	1,755,058	1,503,516
Inter-segment revenue	188	1,284	314	616	2,309	1,759	-	-	(2,811)	(3,659)	-	-
Total segment revenue	1,624,061	1,429,590	110,097	54,632	23,711	22,953	-	-	(2,811)	(3,659)	1,755,058	1,503,516
Segment result	484,171	427,062	(23,034)	(29,193)	6,342	2,034	(26)	-	1,073	(858)	468,526	399,045
Unallocated income/(expense), net											(21,469)	3,159
Results from operating activities											447,057	402,204
Net finance income/(expense)											70,462	(110,261)
Share of profit/(loss) of equity accounted investees	(9,808)	(13,485)	-	-	-	-	39,184	21,956	-	-	29,376	8,471
Income tax expense											(118,858)	(46,422)
Profit for the period											428,037	253,992

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## 6. Segment reporting (continued)

## Geographical segments (continued)

	As at 30 June 2008 and 31 December 2007									
	Turkey		Ukraine		Northern Cyprus		Other		Consolidated	
	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
Segment assets	3,832,916	3,730,627	799,976	708,005	74,875	70,570	34	125,066	4,707,801	4,634,268
Investment in equity accounted investees	134,223	149,306	-	-	-	-	589,695	515,079	723,918	664,385
Unallocated assets									2,992,553	3,170,393
Total assets									8,424,272	8,469,046
Segment liabilities	1,196,680	1,096,780	121,385	91,561	8,525	12,694	34	48	1,326,624	1,201,083
Unallocated liabilities									991,207	1,336,758
Total liabilities									2,317,831	2,537,841

	Six months ended 30 June									
	Turkey		Ukraine		Northern Cyprus		Other		Consolidated	
	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
Capital expenditure	296,448	188,440	113,233	103,039	12,180	29,232	-	-	421,861	320,681
Depreciation	198,925	235,486	34,732	21,488	1,978	3,294	-	-	235,635	260,268
Amortization of intangible assets	110,455	108,969	17,177	16,482	1,757	843	-	-	129,389	126,294

	Three months ended 30 June									
	Turkey		Ukraine		Northern Cyprus		Other		Consolidated	
	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
Capital expenditure	169,308	109,647	57,751	53,038	2,297	27,999	-	-	229,356	190,684
Depreciation	92,678	120,479	18,607	11,928	979	1,644	-	-	112,264	134,051
Amortization of intangible assets	51,519	55,870	7,813	7,428	885	553	-	-	60,217	63,851



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## 6. Segment reporting (continued)

## Business segments

	Six months ended 30 June				Other operations		Consolidated	
	Telecommunications		Betting		2008	2007	2008	2007
	2008	2007	2008	2007				
Total external revenue	3,226,107	2,714,553	94,711	76,088	8,620	7,636	3,329,438	2,798,277
Capital expenditure	403,530	318,230	789	742	17,542	1,709	421,861	320,681
	Three months ended 30 June				Other operations		Consolidated	
	Telecommunications		Betting		2008	2007	2008	2007
	2008	2007	2008	2007				
Total external revenue	1,710,185	1,481,711	41,848	17,932	3,025	3,873	1,755,058	1,503,516
Capital expenditure	215,090	189,356	569	105	13,697	1,223	229,356	190,684
	As at 30 June 2008 and 31 December 2007				Other operations		Consolidated	
	Telecommunications		Betting		2008	2007	2008	2007
	2008	2007	2008	2007				
Segment assets	4,636,044	4,439,037	12,321	20,660	59,436	174,571	4,707,801	4,634,268

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## 7. Revenue

	Six months ended		Three months ended	
	30 June 2008	30 June 2007	30 June 2008	30 June 2007
Communication fees	3,155,153	2,628,509	1,669,784	1,435,170
Commission fees on betting business	94,711	76,088	41,848	17,932
Monthly fixed fees	34,895	26,062	18,136	13,467
Simcard sales	11,641	13,421	6,486	6,548
Call center revenues	8,217	5,603	3,995	2,553
Other revenues	24,821	48,594	14,809	27,846
	3,329,438	2,798,277	1,755,058	1,503,516

## 8. Personnel Expenses

	Six months ended		Three months ended	
	30 June 2008	30 June 2007	30 June 2008	30 June 2007
Wages and salaries (*)	256,361	160,216	125,804	84,001
Increase in liability for long-service leave	6,841	5,450	2,221	1,500
Contributions to defined contribution plans	2,452	573	929	313
	265,654	166,239	128,954	85,814

\* Wages and salaries include compulsory social security contributions.

## 9. Finance income and expenses

Recognised in profit or loss:

	Six months ended		Three months ended	
	30 June 2008	30 June 2007	30 June 2008	30 June 2007
Interest income on bank deposits	162,916	108,614	81,569	44,068
Net foreign exchange gain	106,350	-	(19,409)	-
Late payment interest income	20,272	13,947	9,770	6,773
Net gain on disposal of available-for-sale financial assets transferred from equity	6,819	-	5,319	-

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Premium income on option contracts	5,965	2,937	2,777	1,245
Interest income on available-for-sale financial assets	1,827	1,328	1,459	348
Interest income on unimpaired held-to-maturity investments	-	710	-	5
Other interest income	7,000	2,508	4,315	835
Finance income	311,149	130,044	85,800	53,274
Discount interest expense on financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	(26,018)	(24,194)	(14,501)	(12,783)
Option premium expense	(2,131)	-	(104)	-
Net foreign exchange loss	-	(177,508)	-	(139,877)
Debt extinguishment cost	-	(7,878)	-	(7,878)
Other	(3,089)	(5,095)	(733)	(2,997)
Finance expense	(31,238)	(214,675)	(15,338)	(163,535)
Net finance costs	279,911	(84,631)	70,462	(110,261)

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**9. Finance income and expenses (continued)**

Late payment interest income is interest received from subscribers who pay monthly invoices after due date specified on the invoices.

Interest expense on borrowings capitalized on fixed assets amounts to \$5,749, \$4,328, \$3,212 and \$2,381 for the six and three months ended 30 June 2008 and 2007, respectively.

**10. Income tax expense**

	Six months ended 30 June		Three months ended 30 June	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
<b>Current tax expense</b>				
Current period	(259,551)	(193,640)	(112,606)	(79,374)
	(259,551)	(193,640)	(112,606)	(79,374)
<b>Deferred tax benefit/(expense)</b>				
Origination and reversal of temporary differences	12,968	30,571	(6,349)	17,140
Benefit of investment incentive recognized	1,373	16,035	97	15,812
	14,341	46,606	(6,252)	32,952
Total income tax expense	(245,210)	(147,034)	(118,858)	(46,422)

**Reconciliation of effective tax rate**

The reported income tax expense for the six and three months ended 30 June 2008 and 2007 are different than the amounts computed by applying the statutory tax rate to profit before income tax of the Company, as shown in the following reconciliation:

	Six months ended 30 June		Three months ended 30 June	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
Profit for the period	916,815	522,422	428,037	253,992
Total income tax expense	245,210	147,034	118,858	46,422
Profit excluding income tax	1,162,025	669,456	546,895	300,414
Income tax using the Company's domestic tax rate 20%	(232,405)	20% (133,891)	20% (109,379)	20% (60,083)
Effect of tax rates in foreign jurisdictions	- 2,144	(1)% 4,085	- 666	(1)% 2,091
Tax exempt income	- 5,036	(1)% 6,233	1% (2,926)	- 922
Non deductible expenses	- (3,353)	- (3,062)	- (459)	(1)% 3,103
Tax incentives	- 1,373	(2)% 16,035	- 97	(5)% 15,812

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Effect of gradual tax rate	-	-	3%	(19,126)	-	-	-	(390)
Unrecognized deferred tax assets	2%	(22,141)	3%	(21,760)	1%	(4,033)	4%	(10,998)
Other	-	4,136	(1)%	4,452	1%	(2,824)	(1)%	3,121
Total income tax expense	21%	(245,210)	22%	(147,034)	22%	(118,858)	15%	(46,422)

The income taxes payable of \$147,566 as at 30 June 2008 represents the amount of current income tax provision in respect of related taxable profit for the six months ended 30 June 2008 netted off with advance tax payment made as at 30 June 2008.

The income tax payable of \$443,194 as at 31 December 2007 represents the amount of income taxes payable in respect of related taxable profit for the year ended 31 December 2007.

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**10. Income tax expense (continued)**

**Reconciliation of effective tax rate (continued)**

The Turkish entities within the Group are subject to corporate tax at the rate of 20%. In Turkey, there is no procedure for a final and definitive agreement on tax assessments. Companies file their tax returns until the end of April following the close of the accounting year to which they relate. Tax authorities may, however, examine such returns and the underlying accounting records and may revise assessments within five years. Advance tax returns are filed on a quarterly basis.

Corporate tax is applied on taxable corporate income, which is calculated from the statutory accounting profit by adding back non-deductible expenses, and by deducting tax exempt income.

In Turkey, the transfer pricing provisions have been stated under the Article 13 of Corporate Tax Law with the heading of disguised profit distribution via transfer pricing. The General Communiqué on disguised profit distribution via Transfer Pricing, dated 18 November 2007 sets details about implementation.

If a taxpayer enters into transactions regarding sale or purchase of goods and services with related parties, where the prices are not set in accordance with arm's length principle, then related profits are considered to be distributed in a disguised manner through transfer pricing. Such disguised profit distributions through transfer pricing are not accepted as tax deductible for corporate income tax purposes.

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## 11. Property, plant and equipment

	<b>Balance at</b>				<b>Effect of</b>	<b>Balance at</b>
<b>Cost or deemed cost</b>	<b>1 January 2007</b>	<b>Additions</b>	<b>Disposals</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>movements in</b>	<b>31 December 2007</b>
					<b>exchange rates</b>	
Network infrastructure (All Operational)	4,476,792	77,393	(394,103)	460,982	862,675	5,483,739
Land and buildings	253,708	29,474	(124)	-	45,214	328,272
Equipment, fixtures and fittings	292,483	14,870	(8,609)	2,651	55,903	357,298
Motor vehicles	17,818	819	(5,033)	-	3,648	17,252
Leasehold improvements	131,830	1,304	(188)	-	21,016	153,962
Construction in progress	267,187	452,268	-	(463,633)	52,947	308,769
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,439,818</b>	<b>576,128</b>	<b>(408,057)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,041,403</b>	<b>6,649,292</b>
<b>Accumulated Depreciation</b>						
Network infrastructure (All Operational)	3,063,148	501,390	(385,685)	-	663,137	3,841,990
Land and buildings	67,443	11,785	(42)	-	14,842	94,028
Equipment, fixtures and fittings	253,266	17,747	(8,522)	-	64,223	326,714
Motor vehicles	15,601	1,286	(4,866)	-	3,377	15,398
Leasehold improvements	123,369	707	(122)	-	25,313	149,267
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,522,827</b>	<b>532,915</b>	<b>(399,237)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>770,892</b>	<b>4,427,397</b>
<b>Total property, plant and equipment</b>	<b>1,916,991</b>	<b>43,213</b>	<b>(8,820)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>270,511</b>	<b>2,221,895</b>

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## 11. Property, plant and equipment

	Balance at				Effect of	Balance at
Cost or deemed cost	1 January 2008	Additions	Disposals	Transfers	movements in exchange rates	30 June 2008
Network infrastructure (All Operational)	5,483,739	74,855	(16,763)	225,708	(223,293)	5,544,246
Land and buildings	328,272	6,116	(750)	260	(14,616)	319,282
Equipment, fixtures and fittings	357,298	6,072	(2,166)	3,473	(14,686)	349,991
Motor vehicles	17,252	476	(1,074)	-	(833)	15,821
Leasehold improvements	153,962	2,080	(448)	700	(7,203)	149,091
Construction in progress	308,769	240,298	-	(230,141)	(12,478)	306,448
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,649,292</b>	<b>329,897</b>	<b>(21,201)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(273,109)</b>	<b>6,684,879</b>
<b>Accumulated Depreciation</b>						
Network infrastructure (All Operational)	3,841,990	218,498	(13,293)	-	(172,950)	3,874,245
Land and buildings	94,028	6,393	(1)	-	(4,317)	96,103
Equipment, fixtures and fittings	326,714	9,046	(1,799)	-	(14,638)	319,323
Motor vehicles	15,398	602	(924)	-	(747)	14,329
Leasehold improvements	149,267	1,096	(81)	-	(7,112)	143,170
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,427,397</b>	<b>235,635</b>	<b>(16,098)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(199,764)</b>	<b>4,447,170</b>
<b>Total property, plant and equipment</b>						
	<b>2,221,895</b>	<b>94,262</b>	<b>(5,103)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(73,345)</b>	<b>2,237,709</b>

Depreciation expenses for the six and three months ended 30 June 2008 and 2007 are \$235,635, \$260,268, \$112,264 and \$134,051, respectively.

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**11. Property, plant and equipment (continued)****Leased assets**

The Group leases equipments under a number of finance lease agreements. At the end of each of the lease period, the Group has the option to purchase the equipment at a beneficial price. As at 30 June 2008, net carrying amount of fixed assets acquired under finance leases amounted to \$86,363 (31 December 2007: \$95,751).

**Property, plant and equipment under construction**

Construction in progress consisted of expenditures in GSM network of the Company, Astelit and Kibris Mobile Telekomunikasyon Limited Sirketi ( Kibris Telekom ) and non-operational items as at 30 June 2008 and 31 December 2007.

As at 30 June 2008, a mortgage is placed on Izmir and Davutpasa buildings amounting to \$1,226 and \$409, respectively (31 December 2007: \$1,288 and \$429, respectively).

**12. Intangible assets**

In April 1998, the Company signed the License with the Turkish Ministry, under which it was granted a GSM license, which is amortized in 25 years with a carrying amount of \$554,254 as at 30 June 2008 (31 December 2007: \$602,070). The amortization period of the licence will end in 2023.

	<b>Balance at 1 January 2007</b>	<b>Additions</b>	<b>Disposals</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Effects of movements in exchange rates</b>	<b>Balance at 31 December 2007</b>
<b>Cost</b>						
GSM and other telecommunication operating licences	902,427	29,972	-	16,636	168,520	1,117,555
Computer Software	1,565,334	13,391	(3,472)	188,137	309,381	2,072,771
Transmission Lines	31,286	1,917	-	-	6,471	39,674
Central Betting System Operating Right	4,038	55	-	-	835	4,928
Customer Base	1,255	-	-	-	260	1,515
Other	84	245	-	20	(254)	95
Construction in progress	47,565	161,405	-	(204,793)	-	4,177
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,551,989</b>	<b>206,985</b>	<b>(3,472)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>485,213</b>	<b>3,240,715</b>

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**Accumulated Amortization**

GSM and other telecommunication operating licences	327,829	50,341	-	-	63,411	441,581
Computer Software	966,513	205,052	(766)	-	219,992	1,390,791
Transmission Lines	18,986	3,467	-	-	4,332	26,785
Central Betting System Operating Right	2,711	1,173	-	-	692	4,576
Customer Base	1,255	-	-	-	260	1,515
Other	27	29	-	-	8	64
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,317,321</b>	<b>260,062</b>	<b>(766)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>288,695</b>	<b>1,865,312</b>
<b>Total intangible assets</b>	<b>1,234,668</b>	<b>(53,077)</b>	<b>(2,706)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>196,518</b>	<b>1,375,403</b>

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## 12. Intangible assets (continued)

	Balance at 1 January 2008	Additions	Disposals	Transfers	Effects of movements in exchange rates	Balance at 30 June 2008
<b>Cost</b>						
GSM and other telecommunication operating licences	1,117,555	8,693	-	10,943	(46,240)	1,090,951
Computer Software	2,072,771	1,818	(21)	72,740	(89,595)	2,057,713
Transmission Lines	39,674	773	-	-	(1,914)	38,533
Central Betting System Operating Right	4,928	-	(11)	-	(238)	4,679
Customer Base	1,515	-	-	-	(73)	1,442
Other	95	83	(15)	890	78	1,131
Construction in progress	4,177	80,597	-	(84,573)	(201)	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,240,715</b>	<b>91,964</b>	<b>(47)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(138,183)</b>	<b>3,194,449</b>
<b>Accumulated Amortization</b>						
GSM and other telecommunication operating licences	441,581	29,692	-	-	(17,147)	454,126
Computer Software	1,390,791	97,473	(9)	-	(65,425)	1,422,830
Transmission Lines	26,785	1,865	-	-	(1,303)	27,347
Central Betting System Operating Right	4,576	326	(5)	-	(218)	4,679
Customer Base	1,515	-	-	-	(73)	1,442
Other	64	33	(15)	-	70	152
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,865,312</b>	<b>129,389</b>	<b>(29)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(84,096)</b>	<b>1,910,576</b>
<b>Total intangible assets</b>	<b>1,375,403</b>	<b>(37,425)</b>	<b>(18)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(54,087)</b>	<b>1,283,873</b>

Amortization expenses for the six and three months ended 30 June 2008 and 2007 are \$129,389, \$126,294, \$60,217 and \$63,851, respectively.

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**13. Equity accounted investees**

The Group's share of profit in its equity accounted investees for the six and three months ended 30 June 2008 and 2007 are \$49,243, \$26,150, \$29,376 and \$8,471, respectively. Summary financial information for equity accounted investees, not adjusted for the percentage ownership held by the Group is as follows:

	Ownership	Current Assets	Non-current Assets	Total Assets	Current Liabilities	Non-current Liabilities	Total Liabilities
<b>30 June 2008</b>							
Fintur (associate)	41.45%	521,820	2,391,086	2,912,906	327,152	1,002,204	1,329,356
A-Tel (joint venture)	50.00%	87,043	265,210	352,253	29,717	53,136	82,853
		608,863	2,656,296	3,265,159	356,869	1,055,340	1,412,209
<b>31 December 2007</b>							
Fintur (associate)	41.45%	418,485	1,390,361	1,808,846	235,264	31,355	266,619
A-Tel (joint venture)	50.00%	85,473	287,790	373,263	15,939	57,707	73,646
		503,958	1,678,151	2,182,109	251,203	89,062	340,265

	Six months ended 30 June			Three months ended 30 June		
	Revenue	Direct cost of revenue	Profit for the period	Revenue	Direct cost of revenue	Profit/(Loss) for the period
<b>2008</b>						
Fintur (associate)	849,878	(351,118)	168,341	445,919	(181,975)	94,533
A-Tel (joint venture)	46,202	(38,765)	4,851	24,068	(14,743)	4,059
	896,080	(389,883)	173,192	469,987	(196,718)	98,592
<b>2007</b>						
Fintur (associate)	652,573	(263,653)	106,335	354,842	(141,569)	52,919
A-Tel (joint venture)	41,044	(38,749)	5,287	22,907	(28,425)	(4,203)
	693,617	(302,402)	111,622	377,749	(169,994)	48,716



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## 13. Equity accounted investees (continued)

The Company's investment in Fintur and A-Tel amounts to \$589,695 and \$134,223 respectively as at 30 June 2008 (31 December 2007: \$515,079 and \$149,306).

During March 2008 and February 2007, at the General Assembly meeting of A-Tel, it has been decided to distribute dividends and accordingly the Company reduced the carrying value of its investment in A-Tel by the dividends declared of TRY 12,543 (equivalent to \$10,250 as at 30 June 2008) and TRY 37,448 (equivalent to \$30,602 as at 30 June 2008) as at 30 June 2008 and 31 December 2007, respectively.

## 14. Other investments

*Non-current investments:*

	Country of incorporation	30 June 2008		31 December 2007	
		Ownership (%)	Carrying Amount	Ownership (%)	Carrying Amount
Aks Televizyon Reklamcilik ve Filmcilik Sanayi ve Ticaret AS ( Aks TV )	Turkey	6.24	27,675	6.24	29,077
T Medya Yatirim Sanayi ve Ticaret AS ( T-Medya )	Turkey	9.23	12,637	9.23	13,277
			40,312		42,354

In 2003, the Group acquired a 6.24% interest in Aks TV and a 8.23% interest in T-Medya, media companies owned by Cukurova Group. On 27 June 2007, T-Medya took over Asli Gazetecilik ve Matbaacilik AS and, as a result of this restructuring, interest of the Group in T-Medya increased from 8.23% to 9.23%.

Investment in Aks TV and T-Medya is classified as available-for-sale financial assets. However, there is not active market available for these equity instruments, and application of valuation techniques is impracticable. Accordingly, the Company measured these investments at cost.

*Current investments:*

	30 June 2008	31 December 2007
<b>Available-for-sale financial assets</b>		
<i>Government bonds, treasury bills</i>	56,505	1,738
<i>Foreign investment equity funds</i>	-	26,480

56,505 28,218

Interest bearing available-for-sale TRY denominated, USD denominated and EUR denominated government bonds and treasury bills with a carrying amount of \$33,739, \$1,432 and \$316, respectively as at 30 June 2008 (31 December 2007: USD denominated \$1,440 and EUR denominated \$298) have stated interest rates of 14%, Libor+1.0%-Libor+1.6% (31 December 2007: Libor+1.0%-Libor+1.6%) and Euribor+1.8% (31 December 2007: Euribor+1.8%), respectively and mature in 1 to 4 years (31 December 2007: 2 to 3 years). The Company has TRY denominated discounted government bond with a carrying amount of \$21,018 as at 30 June 2008 (31 December 2007: nil).

The Group's exposure to credit, currency and interest rate risks related to other investments is disclosed in Note 27.

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**15. Other non-current assets**

	<b>30 June 2008</b>	<b>31 December 2007</b>
Prepaid expenses	24,279	28,365
Value added tax ( VAT ) receivable	10,312	-
Prepayment for subscriber acquisition cost	7,883	6,347
Deposits and guarantees given	5,950	5,621
Others	4,388	3,838
	<b>52,812</b>	<b>44,171</b>

Subscriber acquisition costs are subsidies to the subscribers for the handsets, under which Astelit can enforce the minimum customer contract period and can determine revenues that can be linked to individual contracts.

**16. Deferred tax assets and liabilities***Unrecognised deferred tax assets*

Deferred tax assets have not been recognised in respect of the following items:

	<b>30 June 2008</b>	<b>31 December 2007</b>
Deductible temporary differences	10,019	457
Tax losses	101,632	48,604
Total unrecognised deferred tax assets	111,651	49,061

The deductible temporary differences do not expire under current tax legislation. Turkish tax legislation does not allow companies to file tax returns on a consolidated basis. Therefore, deferred tax assets have not been recognised in respect of these items resulting from certain consolidated subsidiaries because it is not probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the Group can utilise the benefits therefrom.

As at 30 June 2008, expiration of tax losses is as follows:

<u>Year Originated</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Expiration Date</u>
2003	38	2008
2004	1,356	2009

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2005	1,346	2010
2006	5,180	2011
2007	15,654	2012
2008	33,712	2013 thereafter
	57,286	

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**16. Deferred tax assets and liabilities (continued)***Unrecognised deferred tax assets (continued)*

As at 30 June 2008, net operating loss carry forwards which will be carried indefinitely are as follows:

<u>Year Originated</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2004	26,186
2005	68,083
2006	119,310
2007	46,500
2008	101,645

Astelit decreased its unrecognized deferred tax assets amounting to \$23,567 as at 31 December 2007 due to the Budget Law enacted for 2007 in Ukraine which disallowed carry forwards of the tax losses accumulated before 1 January 2006. However, there are no such limitations on the utilization of tax losses accumulated before 1 January 2006 in 2008. Thus, Astelit has increased its unrecognized deferred tax assets by the same amount.

*Recognised deferred tax assets and liabilities*

Deferred tax assets and liabilities as at 30 June 2008 and 31 December 2007 are attributable to the following:

	<u>Assets</u>		<u>Liabilities</u>		<u>Net</u>	
	<u>30 June</u>	<u>31 December</u>	<u>30 June</u>	<u>31 December</u>	<u>30 June</u>	<u>31 December</u>
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Property, plant & equipment and intangible assets	950	872	(163,680)	(201,602)	(162,730)	(200,730)
Investment	-	-	(12,412)	(7,816)	(12,412)	(7,816)
Provisions	9,737	12,813	-	-	9,737	12,813
Trade and other payables	77,954	54,749	-	-	77,954	54,749
Prepaid expenses	-	-	(25,391)	-	(25,391)	-
Other items	5,689	11,436	(370)	(917)	5,319	10,519
Tax credit carry forwards	60	523	-	-	60	523
<b>Tax assets / (liabilities)</b>	<b>94,390</b>	<b>80,393</b>	<b>(201,853)</b>	<b>(210,335)</b>	<b>(107,463)</b>	<b>(129,942)</b>
Set off of tax	(91,651)	(77,947)	91,651	77,947	-	-
<b>Net tax assets / (liabilities)</b>	<b>2,739</b>	<b>2,446</b>	<b>(110,202)</b>	<b>(132,388)</b>	<b>(107,463)</b>	<b>(129,942)</b>

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All temporary differences are recognized in profit or loss except for the deferred tax effects of change in fair value of available-for-sale financial assets amounting to \$1,064 and \$1,331 as at 30 June 2008 and 31 December 2007, respectively.

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**17. Trade receivables and accrued income**

	<b>30 June 2008</b>	<b>31 December 2007</b>
Receivables from subscribers	353,981	277,519
Accounts and checks receivable	178,955	87,538
Accrued service income	126,282	167,194
Receivables from Turk Telekomunikasyon AS ( Turk Telekom )	21,903	26,312
	681,121	558,563

Trade receivables are shown net of allowance for doubtful debts amounting to \$197,755 as at 30 June 2008 (31 December 2007: \$181,746). The impairment loss recognized for the six and three months ended 30 June 2008 and 2007 are \$26,591, \$15,347, \$17,035 and \$8,002, respectively.

The accrued service income represents revenues accrued for subscriber calls (air-time), which have not been billed. Due to the volume of subscribers, there are different billing cycles; accordingly, an accrual is made at each period end to accrue revenues for rendered but not yet billed.

Receivables from Turk Telekom as at 30 June 2008 and 31 December 2007 represent net amounts that are due from Turk Telekom under the Interconnection Agreement. The Interconnection Agreement provides that Turk Telekom will pay to the Company for Turk Telekom's fixed-line subscribers' calls to GSM subscribers.

Letters of guarantee received with respect to the accounts and checks receivable are amounted to \$195,853 and \$109,322 as at 30 June 2008 and 31 December 2007, respectively.

The Group's exposure to credit and currency risks and impairment losses related to trade receivables are disclosed in Note 27.

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**18. Other current assets**

	<b>30 June 2008</b>	<b>31 December 2007</b>
Prepaid expenses	212,298	61,056
VAT receivable	26,942	27,688
Advances to suppliers	22,683	14,196
Prepayment for subscriber acquisition cost	19,428	14,704
Interest income accruals	10,905	36,338
Forward income accruals	5,365	-
Receivable from personnel	4,030	1,878
Restricted cash	-	125,304
Other	8,550	10,370
	<b>310,201</b>	<b>291,534</b>

Prepaid expenses mainly consists of prepaid frequency usage fees amounting to \$126,872 as at 30 June 2008 (31 December 2007: nil).

Subscriber acquisition costs are subsidies to the subscribers for the handsets, under which Astelit can enforce the minimum customer contract period and can determine revenues that can be linked to individual contracts.

As at 31 December 2007, restricted cash represents amounts deposited at banks as guarantees in connection with the loans used by the Group, which was released on 24 January 2008.

**19. Cash and cash equivalents**

	<b>30 June 2008</b>	<b>31 December 2007</b>
Cash in hand	243	205
Cheques received	845	999
Banks	2,873,500	3,093,906
-Demand deposits	314,959	185,551
-Time deposits	2,558,541	2,908,355
Bonds and bills	1,625	190
Cash and cash equivalents	<b>2,876,213</b>	<b>3,095,300</b>

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Bank overdrafts	(95,081)	(2,125)
Cash and cash equivalents in the statement of cash flows	2,781,132	3,093,175

As at 30 June 2008, cash and cash equivalents amounting to \$60,000 (31 December 2007: \$60,000) were deposited in banks, that are owned and/or controlled by Cukurova Group, a significant shareholder of the Company.

The Group's exposure to interest rate risk and a sensitivity analysis for financial assets and liabilities are disclosed in Note 27.

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## 20. Capital and reserves

*Reconciliation of movement in capital and reserves*

	Attributable to equity holders of the Company								
	Share Capital	Share Premium	Legal Reserves	Value Reserve	Translation Reserve	Retained Earnings	Total	Minority Interest	Total Equity
Balance at 1 January 2007	1,636,204	434	148,273	2,815	(155,972)	2,394,838	4,026,592	91,375	4,117,967
Transfer to legal reserves	-	-	108,561	-	-	(108,561)	-	-	-
Total recognized income and expense	-	-	-	2,200	284,541	545,769	832,510	(23,347)	809,163
Dividends to shareholders	-	-	-	-	-	(411,913)	(411,913)	(45,712)	(457,625)
Acquisition of minority shares	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(751)	(751)
Change in minority interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	71,377	71,377
<b>Balance at 30 June 2007</b>	<b>1,636,204</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>256,834</b>	<b>5,015</b>	<b>128,569</b>	<b>2,420,133</b>	<b>4,447,189</b>	<b>92,942</b>	<b>4,540,131</b>
Balance at 1 July 2007	1,636,204	434	256,834	5,015	128,569	2,420,133	4,447,189	92,942	4,540,131
Transfer to legal reserves	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total recognized income and expense	-	-	-	466	541,029	804,393	1,345,888	(21,834)	1,324,054
Dividends paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Change in minority interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	67,020	67,020
<b>Balance at 31 December 2007</b>	<b>1,636,204</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>256,834</b>	<b>5,481</b>	<b>669,598</b>	<b>3,224,526</b>	<b>5,793,077</b>	<b>138,128</b>	<b>5,931,205</b>
Balance at 1 January 2008	1,636,204	434	256,834	5,481	669,598	3,224,526	5,793,077	138,128	5,931,205
Transfer to legal reserves	-	-	121,945	-	-	(121,945)	-	-	-
Total recognized income and expense	-	-	-	(9,514)	(259,911)	913,236	643,811	7,199	651,010
Dividends paid	-	-	-	-	-	(502,334)	(502,334)	(54,639)	(556,973)
Change in minority interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	81,199	81,199
<b>Balance at 30 June 2008</b>	<b>1,636,204</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>378,779</b>	<b>(4,033)</b>	<b>409,687</b>	<b>3,513,483</b>	<b>5,934,554</b>	<b>171,887</b>	<b>6,106,441</b>

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**20. Capital and reserves (continued)**

*Share capital*

As at 30 June 2008, common stock represented 2,200,000,000 (31 December 2007: 2,200,000,000) authorized, issued and fully paid shares with a par value of TRY 1 each. In accordance with the Law No. 5083 with respect to TRY, on 9 May 2005, par value of each share is registered to be one TRY.

In connection with the redenomination of the Turkish Lira and as per the related amendments of Turkish Commercial Code, in order to increase the nominal value of the shares to TRY 1, 1,000 units of shares, each having a nominal value of TRY 0.001 shall be merged and each unit of share having a nominal value of TRY 1 shall be issued to represent such shares. The Company is still in the process of merging 1,000 existing ordinary shares, each having a nominal value of TRY 0.001 to one ordinary share having a nominal value of TRY 1 each. After the share merger which appears as a provisional article in the Articles of Association to convert the value of each share with a nominal value of TRY 0.001 to TRY 1, all shares will have a value of TRY 1. Although the merger process has not been finalized, the practical application is to state each share having a nominal value of TRY 1 which is consented by Capital Markets Board of Turkey ( CMB ). Accordingly, number of shares data is adjusted for the effect of this merger.

The holders of shares are entitled to receive dividends as declared and are entitled to one vote per share at meetings of the Company.

*Translation reserve*

The translation reserve comprises all foreign currency differences arising from the translation of the financial statements of foreign and domestic operations from their functional currencies to presentation currency of USD.

*Fair value reserve*

The fair value reserve comprises the cumulative net change in the fair value of available-for-sale financial assets until the investments are derecognized or the asset is impaired.

*Legal reserve*

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Under the Turkish Commercial Code, Turkish companies are required to set aside first and second level legal reserves out of their profits. First level legal reserves are set aside 5% of the distributable income per statutory accounts each year. The ceiling on the first legal reserves is 20% of the paid-up capital. The reserve requirement ends when the 20% of paid-up capital level has been reached. Second legal reserves correspond to 10% of profits actually distributed after the deduction of the first legal reserves and the minimum obligatory dividend pay-out (5% of the paid-up capital). There is no ceiling for second legal reserves and they are accumulated every year.

### *Dividends*

The Company has adopted a dividend policy, which is set out in its corporate governance guidance. As adopted, the Company's general dividend policy is to pay dividends to shareholders with due regard to trends in the Company's operating performance, financial condition and other factors.

The Board of Directors intends to distribute cash dividends in an amount of not less than 50% of the Company's lower of distributable profit based on the financial statements prepared in accordance with the accounting principles accepted by the CMB or statutory records, for each fiscal year starting with profits for fiscal year 2004. However, the payment of dividends will still be subject to cash flow requirements of the Company, compliance with Turkish law and the approval of and amendment by the Board of Directors and the General Assembly of Shareholders.

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**20. Capital and reserves (continued)***Dividends (continued)*

On 27 February 2008, Board of Directors of the Company decided to distribute dividends amounting to TRY 648,714 (equivalent to \$530,125 and \$502,334 as at 30 June 2008 and 25 April 2008, respectively), which represented 50% of distributable income. This represents a net cash dividend of full TRY 0.294870 (equivalent to full \$0.240966 in full as at 30 June 2008). Dividend distribution was approved at ordinary General Assembly meeting dated 25 April 2008 and dividend distribution was started on 20 May 2008.

	<b>2008</b>		<b>2007</b>	
	<b>TRY</b>	<b>USD*</b>	<b>TRY</b>	<b>USD*</b>
Cash dividends	648,714	502,334	567,040	411,913
	648,714	502,334	567,040	411,913

\*USD equivalents of dividends are computed by using the Central Bank of Turkey's TRY/USD exchange rate on 25 April 2008 and 23 March 2007, which are the dates that the General Assembly of Shareholders approved the dividend distribution.

On 3 March 2008, Board of Directors of Inteltek decided to distribute dividends amounting to TRY 152,733 (equivalent to \$124,812 and \$121,419 as at 30 June 2008 and 28 March 2008, respectively). Dividend distribution was approved at ordinary General Assembly meeting dated 28 March 2008 and dividend distribution was started on 15 April 2008.

**21. Earnings per share**

The calculation of basic and diluted earnings per share as at 30 June 2008 were based on the profit attributable to ordinary shareholders for the six and three months ended 30 June 2008 and 2007 of \$913,236, \$545,769, \$426,446 and \$273,631 respectively and a weighted average number of shares outstanding during the six and three months ended 30 June 2008 and 2007 of 2,200,000,000 calculated as follows:

<b>Six months ended</b>		<b>Three months ended</b>	
<b>30 June</b>	<b>30 June</b>	<b>30 June</b>	<b>30 June</b>
<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>

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Numerator:				
Net profit for the period	913,236	545,769	426,446	273,631
Denominator:				
Weighted average number of shares	2,200,000,000	2,200,000,000	2,200,000,000	2,200,000,000
Basic and diluted earnings per share	0.415107	0.248077	0.193839	0.124378

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**22. Loans and borrowings**

This note provides information about the contractual terms of the Group's interest-bearing loans and borrowings, which are measured at amortized cost. For more information about the Group's exposure to interest rate, foreign currency and liquidity risk and payment schedule for interest bearing loans, see note 27.

	<b>30 June 31 December</b>	
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>		
Unsecured bank loans	522,723	140,404
	522,723	140,404
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Current portion of unsecured bank loans	72,138	-
Unsecured bank facility	43,497	494,098
Current portion of secured bank loans	-	125,388
Current portion of finance lease liabilities	-	69
	115,635	619,555

Significant portion of the loans are borrowed by Financell. In accordance with the financing agreements signed with Akbank on 27 June 2008, the Group shall not cease its control on Financell and there shall not be a change of control within the Company. In the event of any case, the creditor reserves the right to terminate the facility.

The EUR denominated loan amounting to \$125,985 borrowed from West LB A.G., whose maturity was June 2008, was paid before its maturity on 24 January 2008.

As at 30 June 2008, the Group is not subject to any financial covenants or ratios with respect to its borrowings.

**22. Loans and borrowings (continued)**

Terms and conditions of outstanding loans are as follows:

	Currency	Year of maturity	Interest rate type	Nominal interest rate	30 June 2008		31 December 2007		
					Face value	Carrying amount	Nominal interest rate	Face value	Carrying amount
Unsecured bank loans	USD	2009	Floating	Libor+1.25%	449,000	449,243	-	-	-
Unsecured bank loans	USD	2012	Floating	Libor+2.3%	145,698	145,491	Libor+2.3%	140,226	140,365
Unsecured bank loans	EUR	2008	Floating	Euribor+0.7%	18,898	19,014	Euribor+0.7%	23,494	23,571
Unsecured bank loans	USD	2008	Floating	Libor+0.6%	17,000	17,082	Libor+0.6%	20,500	20,686
Unsecured bank loans	USD	2009	Floating	Libor+0.6%	7,500	7,526	-	-	-
Unsecured bank loans	USD	2008	Floating	-	-	-	Libor+0.6%-0.8%	449,000	449,423
Secured bank loans*	EUR	2008	Floating	-	-	-	Euribor+0.8%	117,469	125,388
Other unsecured bank loans				-	-	2	-	-	457
Finance lease liabilities	USD	2008	Fixed	-	-	-	8.0%	58	69
					638,096	638,358		750,747	759,959

\* Guarantee of the bank loan is restricted cash deposited at banks amounted to \$125,304, which was released on 24 January 2008 due to loan repayment before the maturity.

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**23. Employee benefits**

International Accounting Standard No. 19 ( IAS 19 ) *Employee Benefits* requires actuarial valuation methods to be developed to estimate the enterprise's obligation under defined benefit plans. The liability for this retirement pay obligation is recorded in the accompanying consolidated interim financial statements at its present value using a discount rate of 5.7%.

Movement in the reserve for employee termination benefits as at 30 June 2008 is as follows:

	<b>2008</b>
Balance at 1 January 2008	27,229
Provision set during the period	5,382
Payments made during the period	(1,424)
Unwind of discount	1,459
Effect of change in foreign exchange rate	(1,347)
Balance at 30 June 2008	31,299

Obligations for contributions to defined contribution plans are recognized as an expense in the consolidated interim income statement as incurred. The Group incurred \$2,452, \$573, \$929 and \$313 in relation to defined contribution retirement plan for the six and three months ended 30 June 2008 and 2007, respectively.

**24. Deferred income**

Deferred income is mainly consists of counters sold but not used by prepaid subscribers and it is classified as current as of the reporting date. The amount of deferred income is \$389,165 as at 30 June 2008 and \$324,815 as at 31 December 2007, respectively.

**25. Provisions**

	<b>Legal</b>	<b>Bonus</b>	<b>Total</b>
Balance at 1 January 2008	25,894	45,240	71,134
Provision made during the period	19,667	22,814	42,481
Provisions used during the period	-	(43,327)	(43,327)
Unwind of discount	-	(1,133)	(1,133)
Effect of change in foreign exchange rate	(1,249)	(2,054)	(3,303)
Balance at 30 June 2008	44,312	21,540	65,852

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In note 30, under legal proceedings section, detailed explanations are given with respect to legal provisions in the captions under Disputes on Turk Telekom Transmission Lines Leases , Dispute on Special Communication Taxation Regarding Prepaid Card Sales and Inquiry of Telecommunications Authority on Campaigns .

The bonus provision totalling to \$21,540 comprises only the provision for the six months ended 30 June 2008 and is planned to be paid in March 2009.

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**26. Trade and other payables**

The breakdown of trade and other payables as at 30 June 2008 and 31 December 2007 is as follows:

	<b>30 June 2008</b>	<b>31 December 2007</b>
Taxes and withholdings payable	282,572	258,566
Payables to other suppliers	183,345	195,624
Selling and marketing expense accrual	76,405	48,705
Payables to Ericsson companies	74,522	85,689
Interconnection accrual	52,261	8,256
Roaming expense accrual	39,837	39,637
License fee accrual	36,933	41,196
Interconnection payables	9,699	7,284
Telecommunications Authority share accrual	8,992	21,979
Deposits and guarantees taken from agents	8,491	8,295
Maintenance expense accruals	6,446	2,228
Payables to Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus Tax Office	-	3,000
Other	36,342	38,560
	<b>815,845</b>	<b>759,019</b>

Taxes and withholdings include VAT payable, special communications tax, frequency usage fees payable to Telecommunications Authority and personnel income taxes.

Balances due to other suppliers are arising in the ordinary course of business.

Selling and marketing expense accruals are mainly resulted from services received from third parties related to marketing activities of the Company which are not yet invoiced.

Payables to Ericsson companies comprise due to Ericsson Turkey, Ericsson Sweden and Ericsson AB arising from fixed asset purchases, site preparation and other services.

In accordance with the license agreement, Turkcell pays 90% of the ongoing license fee, which equals to the 15% of its gross revenue, to the Turkish Treasury and 10% as universal service fund to the Turkish Ministry.

Payables to interconnection suppliers arise from voice and SMS termination services rendered by other GSM operators.

The Group's exposure to currency and liquidity risk related to trade and other payables is disclosed in Note 27.



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**27. Financial instruments****Credit risk****Exposure to credit risk:**

The carrying amount of financial assets represents the maximum credit exposure. The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date was:

	<b>Note</b>	<b>30 June 2008</b>	<b>31 December 2007</b>
Due from related parties-long term	31	57,816	68,871
Other non-current assets	15	9,395	7,671
Available-for-sale financial assets	14	56,505	28,218
Due from related parties-short term	31	79,872	52,482
Trade receivables and accrued income	17	681,121	558,563
Other current assets	18	21,994	169,378
Cash and cash equivalents	19	2,875,970	3,095,095
		3,782,673	3,980,278

The maximum exposure to credit risk for trade receivables arising from sales transactions including those classified as due from related parties at the reporting date by type of customer is:

	<b>30 June 2008</b>	<b>31 December 2007</b>
Receivable from subscribers	480,263	443,705
Receivables from distributors and other operators	230,518	137,363
Other	8,134	10,577
	718,915	591,645

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## 27. Financial instruments (continued)

## Credit risk (continued)

## Exposure to credit risk: (continued)

## Impairment losses

The movement in the allowance for impairment in respect of trade receivables as at 30 June 2008 and 31 December 2007 is as follows:

	<b>30 June 2008</b>	<b>31 December 2007</b>
Opening balance	181,746	133,615
Impairment loss recognised	26,591	35,142
Write-off	(1,800)	(16,876)
Effect of change in foreign exchange rate	(8,782)	29,865
Closing balance	197,755	181,746

The impairment loss recognised of \$26,591 for the six months ended 30 June 2008 relates to its estimate of incurred losses in respect of receivables from subscribers.

The allowance accounts in respect of trade receivables is used to record impairment losses unless the Group is satisfied that no recovery of the amount owing is possible; at that point the amount considered irrecoverable is written off against the trade receivable directly.

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**27. Financial instruments (continued)****Liquidity risk**

The following are the contractual maturities of financial liabilities, including estimated interest payments and excluding the impact of netting agreements:

	<b>30 June 2008</b>						<b>31 December 2007</b>					
	<b>Carrying amount</b>	Contractual cash flows	6 months or less	6-12 months	1-2 years	2-5 years	<b>Carrying amount</b>	Contractual cash flows	6 months or less	6-12 months	1-2 years	2-5 years
<b>Non-derivative financial Liabilities</b>												
Secured bank loans	-	-	-	-	-	-	125,388	(127,950)	(127,950)	-	-	-
Unsecured bank loans	638,358	(707,060)	(48,234)	(73,518)	(411,232)	(174,076)	634,502	(710,339)	(479,020)	(40,620)	(11,065)	(179,634)
Finance lease liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	69	(69)	(69)	-	-	-
Trade and other payables	814,819	(825,405)	(825,405)	-	-	-	758,223	(767,125)	(767,125)	-	-	-
Bank overdraft	95,081	(95,081)	(95,081)	-	-	-	2,125	(2,125)	(2,125)	-	-	-
Due to related parties	23,626	(24,050)	(24,050)	-	-	-	17,978	(18,362)	(18,362)	-	-	-
<b>Derivative financial Liabilities</b>												
Forward contracts	5,365	(5,365)	(5,365)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,577,249</b>	<b>(1,656,961)</b>	<b>(998,135)</b>	<b>(73,518)</b>	<b>(411,232)</b>	<b>(174,076)</b>	<b>1,538,285</b>	<b>(1,625,970)</b>	<b>(1,394,651)</b>	<b>(40,620)</b>	<b>(11,065)</b>	<b>(179,634)</b>

Current cash debt coverage ratio as at 30 June 2008 and 31 December 2007 is as follows:

	<b>30 June 2008</b>	<b>31 December 2007</b>
Cash and cash equivalents	2,876,213	3,095,300
Current liabilities	1,652,770	2,237,820
Current cash debt coverage ratio	174%	138%



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## 27. Financial instruments (continued)

## Exposure to currency risk

The Group's exposure to foreign currency risk based on notional amounts is as follows:

	31 December 2007		
	USD	EUR	SEK
<b>Foreign currency denominated assets</b>			
Due from related parties-long term	68,871	770	-
Other non-current assets	5	2,136	-
Other investments	27,920	203	-
Due from related parties-short term	6,681	97	-
Trade receivables and accrued income	31,710	2,839	10
Other current assets	4,595	949	3
Cash and cash equivalents	1,806,527	88,416	5,901
	1,946,309	95,410	5,914
<b>Foreign currency denominated liabilities</b>			
Loans and borrowings-non current	(140,226)	-	-
Loans and borrowings-current	(469,500)	(96,000)	-
Trade and other payables	(74,706)	(43,799)	(198,919)
Due to related parties	(546)	(700)	-
	(684,978)	(140,499)	(198,919)
<b>Net exposure</b>	1,261,331	(45,089)	(193,005)
	30 June 2008		
	USD	EUR	SEK
<b>Foreign currency denominated assets</b>			
Due from related parties-long term	57,609	-	-
Other investments	1,432	201	-
Due from related parties-short term	15,888	340	-
Trade receivables and accrued income	62,868	11,146	10
Other current assets	2,160	105	-
Cash and cash equivalents	1,265,688	8,690	5,340
	1,405,645	20,482	5,350
<b>Foreign currency denominated liabilities</b>			
Loans and borrowings-non current	(145,698)	-	-

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Loans and borrowings-current	(473,500)	(12,000)	-
Trade and other payables	(101,848)	(57,267)	(2,635)
Due to related parties	(3,753)	(645)	-
	(724,799)	(69,912)	(2,635)
<b>Gross balance sheet exposure</b>	680,846	(49,430)	2,715
Structured forwards-Call	195,000	-	-
<b>Net exposure</b>	875,846	(49,430)	2,715

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**27. Financial instruments (continued)****Exposure to currency risk (continued)**

The following significant exchange rates are applied during the period:

	<b>Average Rate 30 June</b>	<b>31 December</b>	<b>Reporting Date Closing Rate 30 June</b>	<b>31 December</b>
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
USD	1.2173	1.3031	1.2237	1.1647
EUR	1.8676	1.7827	1.9271	1.7102
SEK	0.1979	0.1918	0.2036	0.1798

**Sensitivity analysis**

The basis for the sensitivity analysis to measure foreign exchange risk is an aggregate corporate-level currency exposure. The aggregate foreign exchange exposure is composed of all assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies, both short-term and long-term purchase contracts. The analysis excludes net foreign currency investments. Changes in the fair values of forward contracts and currency options are also included in the sensitivity analysis if any; however, offsetting changes in the valuation of the underlying transaction are not included.

10% strengthening of the New Turkish Lira against the following currencies as at 30 June 2008 and 31 December 2007 would have increased/(decreased) profit or loss by the amounts shown below. This analysis assumes that all other variables, in particular interest rates, remain constant.

	<b>Profit or loss 30 June</b>	<b>31 December</b>
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
USD	(101,459)	(126,133)

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EUR	7,784	6,621
SEK	(45)	2,980

10% weakening of the New Turkish Lira against the following currencies as at 30 June 2008 and 31 December 2007 would have increased/(decreased) profit or loss by the amounts shown below. This analysis assumes that all other variables, in particular interest rates, remain constant.

	<b>Profit or loss</b>	
	<b>30 June</b>	<b>31 December</b>
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
USD	64,103	126,133
EUR	(7,784)	(6,621)
SEK	45	(2,980)

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## 27. Financial instruments (continued)

## Sensitivity Analysis (continued)

## Interest rate risk

## Effective interest rates and repricing analysis:

In respect of income-earning financial assets and interest-bearing financial liabilities, the following table indicates their average effective interest rates as at 30 June 2008 and 31 December 2007 in which they mature or, if earlier, reprice.

	Note	30 June 2008 Effective Interest Rate	Carrying amount	31 December 2007 Effective interest rate	Carrying amount
<b>Fixed rate instruments</b>					
Time deposits	19				
USD		5.0%	1,165,358	5.7%	1,788,951
EUR		5.9%	95,985	5.8%	132,758
TRY		21.7%	1,295,627	19.5%	985,766
Other		4.2%	1,571	-	880
Restricted cash	18	-	-	4.3%	125,304
Available-for-sale securities	14				
Gov. bonds, treasury bills					
TRY		19.2%	54,757	-	-
Finance lease obligations	22	-	-	8.3%	(69)
<b>Variable rate instruments</b>					
Available-for-sale securities	14				
Foreign inv. equity funds		-	-	*	26,480
Gov. bonds, treasury bills					
USD		6.8%	1,432	6.5%	1,440
EUR		5.1%	316	4.7%	298
Secured bank loans	22				
EUR floating rate loans**		-	-	4.4%	(125,388)
Unsecured bank loans	22				
USD floating rate loans		5.6%	(619,342)	6.7%	(610,474)
EUR floating rate loans		5.5%	(19,014)	5.3%	(23,571)
Other		-	(2)	-	(457)

\* Effective interest rate is not calculated for foreign investment equity funds since they have no coupon payments.

\*\* Loan agreement was closed on floating rate basis. However, interest rate is fixed since there is only one interest payment till maturity.

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**27. Financial instruments (continued)****Sensitivity Analysis (continued)****Interest rate risk (continued)****Fair value sensitivity analysis for fixed rate instruments:**

The Group does not account for any fixed rate financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss. Therefore a change in interest rates at the reporting date would not affect profit or loss.

A change of 1% in interest rates would have increased/(decreased) equity by \$902.

**Cash flow sensitivity analysis for variable rate instruments:**

A change of 1% in interest rates as at 30 June 2008 would have increased/(decreased) equity and profit or loss by the amounts shown below. This analysis assumes that all other variables, in particular foreign exchange rates, remain constant. The analysis is performed on the same basis as at 30 June 2008 and 31 December 2007.

	<b>Profit or loss</b>		<b>Equity</b>	
	<b>1% increase</b>	<b>1% decrease</b>	<b>1% increase</b>	<b>1% decrease</b>
<b>30 June 2008</b>				
Variable rate instruments	(3,874)	3,874	28	(28)
Cash flow sensitivity (net)	(3,874)	3,874	28	(28)
<b>31 December 2007</b>				
Variable rate instruments	(4,898)	4,898	32	(32)
Cash flow sensitivity (net)	(4,898)	4,898	32	(32)

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**27. Financial instruments (continued)****Fair values**

The fair values of financial assets and liabilities together with the carrying amounts shown in the balance sheet are as follows:

		<b>30 June 2008</b>		<b>31 December 2007</b>	
	<b>Note</b>	<b>Carrying Amount</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>	<b>Carrying Amount</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>
<b>Financial assets</b>					
Due from related parties-long term	31	57,816	57,816	68,871	68,871
Other non-current assets*	15	9,395	9,395	7,671	7,671
Available-for-sale securities	14	56,505	56,505	28,218	28,218
Due from related parties-short term	31	79,872	79,872	52,482	52,482
Trade receivables and accrued income	17	681,121	681,121	558,563	558,563
Other current assets*	18	21,994	21,994	169,378	169,378
Cash and cash equivalents	19	2,876,213	2,876,213	3,095,300	3,095,300
<b>Financial liabilities</b>					
Loans and borrowings long term	22	(522,723)	(522,723)	(140,404)	(140,404)
Bank overdrafts	19	(95,081)	(95,081)	(2,125)	(2,125)
Loans and borrowings short term	22	(115,635)	(115,635)	(619,555)	(619,555)
Trade and other payables	26	(814,819)	(814,819)	(758,223)	(758,223)
Due to related parties	31	(23,626)	(23,626)	(17,978)	(17,978)
		2,211,032	2,211,032	2,442,198	2,442,198
Unrecognized gain			-		-

\* Non-financial instruments such as prepaid expenses and advances given are excluded from other current assets and other non-current assets.

The methods used in determining the fair values of financial instruments are discussed in note 4.

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**28. Operating leases**

The Company entered into various operating lease agreements. For the six and three months ended 30 June 2008 and 2007, total rent expenses for operating leases are \$125,970, \$91,113, \$61,980 and \$48,391, respectively.

**29. Capital commitments**

As at 30 June 2008, outstanding capital commitments that the Group entered into with respect to purchase of property, plant and equipment amounted to \$78,556 (31 December 2007: \$66,502).

**Purchase Obligations**

According to the Sponsorship and Advertising Agreements signed in the context and as an integral part of the Restructuring Framework Agreement, the Group committed to purchase sponsorship and advertisement from Digital Platform Iletisim Hizmetleri AS ( Digital Platform ). Outstanding purchase obligation with respect to these agreements as at 30 June 2008 amounted to \$54,785 (31 December 2007: \$63,785) excluding VAT.

Turkcell Teknoloji is engaged with a construction company for construction of a building in Gebze Teknokent for a consideration of \$12,771. Turkcell Teknoloji paid \$11,839 to this company within the scope of this agreement as at 30 June 2008 (31 December 2007: \$343).

Turkcell Gayrimenkul Yatirim Ortakligi AS ( Turkcell Gayrimenkul ) and Global Bilgi Pazarlama Danisma ve Cagri Servisi Hizmetleri AS ( Global ) are engaged with a construction company for construction of a new facility in Diyarbakir to be used in call center purposes. Turkcell Gayrimenkul has committed to pay \$3,567 for construction and infrastructure and Global has committed to pay \$1,584 for leasehold improvements of the facility. The amount of \$2,931 was paid to this company within the scope of this agreement as at 30 June 2008. The construction is expected to be completed during 2008.

Tellcom is engaged with various suppliers for optical fiber infrastructure. Tellcom has committed to pay \$47,017 for the infrastructure and \$2,800 was paid within the scope of this agreement as at 30 June 2008. The construction is expected to be completed during 2008.

**Guarantees**

As at 30 June 2008, the Group is contingently liable in respect of bank letters of guarantee obtained from banks given to customs authorities, private companies and other public organizations amounting to TRY 143,919 (equivalent to \$117,609 as at 30 June 2008) (31 December 2007: TRY 243,267 equivalent to \$208,867 as at 31 December 2007).



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**30. Contingencies**

**License Agreements**

***Turkcell:***

On 27 April 1998, the Company signed the License Agreement with the Turkish Ministry. In accordance with the License Agreement, the Company was granted a 25 year GSM license for a license fee of \$500,000. The License Agreement permits the Company to operate as a stand-alone GSM operator. Under the License, the Company collects all of the revenue generated from the operations of its GSM network and pays the Turkish Treasury and Turkish Ministry an ongoing license fee and universal service fund, respectively, equal to 15% of its gross revenues in total. The Company is authorized to, among other things, set its own tariffs within certain limits, charge peak and off-peak rates, offer a variety of service and pricing packages, issue invoices directly to subscribers, collect payments and deal directly with subscribers.

In February 2002, the Company renewed its License with the Telecommunications Authority, and became subject to a number of new requirements, including those regarding the build-out, operation, quality and coverage of the Company's GSM network, prohibitions on anti-competitive behavior and compliance with national and international GSM standards. Failure to meet any requirement in the renewed License, or the occurrence of extraordinary unforeseen circumstances, can also result in revocation of the renewed License, including the surrender of the GSM network without compensation, or limitation of the Company's rights thereunder, or could otherwise adversely affect the Company's regulatory status. Certain conditions of the renewed License Agreement include the following:

**Coverage:** The Company had to attain geographical coverage of 50% and 90% of the population of Turkey with certain exceptions within three years and five years, respectively, of the License's effective date.

**Service offerings:** The Company must provide certain services in addition to general GSM services, including free emergency calls and technical assistance for subscribers, free call forwarding to police and other public emergency services, receiver-optional short messages, video text access, fax capability, calling and connected number identification and restrictions, call forwarding, call waiting, call hold, multi-party and third-party conference calls, billing information and barring of a range of outgoing and incoming calls.

**Service quality:** In general, the Company must meet all the technical standards determined and updated by the European Telecommunications Standards Institute and Secretariat of the GSM MoU. Service quality requirements include that call blockage cannot exceed 5% and unsuccessful calls cannot exceed 2%.

**Tariffs:** Telecommunications Authority sets the initial maximum tariffs in TRY and USD. Thereafter, the revised License provides that the Telecommunications Authority will adjust the maximum tariffs at most every six months or, if necessary, more frequently. The Company is free to set its own tariffs up to the maximum tariffs.

**Rights of the Telecommunications Authority, Suspension and Termination:**

The revised License is not transferable without the approval of the Telecommunications Authority. In addition, the License Agreement gives the Telecommunications Authority certain monitoring rights and access to the Company's technical and financial information and allows for inspection rights, and gives certain rights to suspend operations under certain circumstances. Also, the Company is obliged to submit financial

statements, contracts and investment plans to the Telecommunications Authority.

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**30. Contingencies (continued)**

**Rights of the Telecommunications Authority, Suspension and Termination: (continued)**

The Telecommunications Authority may suspend the Company's operations for a limited or an unlimited period if necessary for the purpose of public security and national defense. During period of suspension, the Telecommunications Authority may operate the Company's GSM network.

The Company is entitled to any revenues collected during such period and the Licensee's term will be extended by the period of any suspension. The revised License may also be terminated upon a bankruptcy ruling against the Company or for other license violations, such as operating outside of its allocated frequency ranges, and the penalties for such violations can include fines, loss of frequency rights, revocation of the license and confiscation of the network management centre, the gateway exchanges and central subscription system, including related technical equipment, immovables and installations essential for the operation of the network.

Based on the enacted law on 3 July 2005 with respect to the regulation of privatization, gross revenue description based for the calculation of ongoing license fee and universal service fund has been changed. According to this new regulation, interest charges for late collections, and indirect taxes such as VAT, and other expenses are excluded from the description of gross revenue. Calculation of gross revenue for ongoing license fee and universal service fund according to the new regulation is effective after Danistay's approval on 10 March 2006.

***Astelit:***

Astelit owns two GSM activity licenses, one is for GSM 900, one is for DCS 1800. As at 30 June 2008, Astelit owns eighteen GSM 900, DCS 1800, D-AMPS and Radiorelay frequency licenses which are regional or national licences. In addition to the above GSM licenses, Astelit owns four licenses for local fixed line phone connection with wireless access using D-AMPS standard.

According to licenses, Astelit should adhere to state sanitary regulations to ensure that equipment used does not injure the population by means of harmful electro-magnetic emissions. Licenses require Astelit to inform authorities about start/end of operations in three months; about changes in incorporation address in 10 days. Also, Astelit must present all the required documents for inspection by Ukrainian Telecommunications Authority at their request. The Ukrainian Telecommunications Authority may suspend the operations of Astelit for a limited or an unlimited period if necessary because of the expiration of licenses, upon mutual consent, or in case of violation of terms of radio frequencies use. If such a violation is determined, Ukrainian Telecommunications Authority notifies Astelit of provisions violated and sets deadline for recovery. If the deadline is not met, licenses may be terminated.

***Tellcom:***

Tellcom acquired Long Distance Traffic Carrying Services License, Data Transmission Overland License, Infrastructure License and Internet Service Provider License. Long Distance Traffic Carrying Services License is valid for 15 years and the remaining licenses are valid for 25 years.



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**30. Contingencies (continued)**

***Inteltek:***

Inteltek signed a contract on 30 July 2002 which provides for the installation, support and operation of an on-line central betting system as well as maintenance and support for the provision of football betting games. The Central Betting System Contract was scheduled to expire on 30 March 2008.

Inteltek signed another contract with Genclik ve Spor Genel Mudurlugu ( GSGM ) on 2 October 2003 which authorized Inteltek to establish and operate a risk management center and become head agent for fixed odds betting. The Fixed Odds Betting contract was scheduled to expire in October 2011. However, in relation to the lawsuits related to the operations of Inteltek, GSGM ceased the implementation of the Fixed Odds Betting contract starting from March 2007. Following this annulment decision, Spor Toto and Inteltek signed a new Fixed Odds Betting Contract on 15 March 2007, with less-advantageous conditions compared to previous contract signed in 2003, that expired on 1 March 2008.

On 27 February 2008, the Turkish parliament passed a new law (No. 5738) that allowed Spor Toto to sign a new Fixed Odds Betting contract with Inteltek, at the same terms and conditions with the latest contracts signed with Spor Toto (contract signed as per Provisional Article 1 of Law No. 5583) which would be valid for up to one year, until operations start under the new tender, which Spor Toto is allowed to hold in accordance with the same law. As per Provisional Article 1 of law No. 5738, Inteltek signed a new Fixed Odds Betting contract with Spor Toto, which took effect on 1 March 2008. At the same time, Inteltek signed a new Central Betting System contract with Spor Toto, which took effect on 31 March 2008 as having the same conditions with the current contract but to be valid for one year utmost until the operation started as a result of the new tender.

Spor Toto declared the conditions of the new tender on 8 July 2008 and scheduled new tender date as 12 August 2008. Inteltek is going to participate in the tender.

***Kibris Telekom:***

On 27 April 2007, Kibris Telekom signed the License Agreement for Installation and Operation of A Digital, Cellular, Mobile Telecommunication System ( Mobile Communication License Agreement ) with the Ministry of Communications and Works of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus which is effective from 1 August 2007, replacing the existing GSM-Mobile Telephony System Agreement dated 25 March 1999. In accordance with the Mobile Communication License Agreement, Kibris Telekom was granted an 18 year GSM 900, GSM 1800 and IMT 2000/UMTS license for GSM 900, GSM 1800 frequencies while the usage of IMT 2000/UMTS frequency bands is subject to the fulfilment of certain conditions.

On 14 March 2008, Kibris Telekom was awarded a 3G infrastructure license at a cost of \$10,000 including VAT, which was paid at the end of March 2008. Under the terms of the license, the system must be operational by mid-October 2008.

Under the Mobile Communication License Agreement, Kibris Telekom will also pay the tax authorities of Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus an ongoing license fee on monthly basis equal to 15% of gross revenues excluding accrued interest charges for the late payments, indirect taxes and accrued revenues for reporting purposes, payments made to third parties for value added services, interconnection revenues, roaming income from own subscribers after the related payment made to other operators.



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**30. Contingencies (continued)**

**Interconnection Agreements**

The Company has entered into interconnection agreements with a number of operators in Turkey and overseas including Turk Telekom, Telsim Mobil Telekomunikasyon Hizmetleri AS ( Telsim ), Vodafone Telekomunikasyon AS ( Vodafone ), Avea Iletisim Hizmetleri AS ( Avea ), Milleni.com GMBH ( Milleni.com ) and Globalstar Avrasya Uydu Ses ve Data Iletisim AS ( Globalstar ). The Access and Interconnection Regulation (the Regulation ) became effective when it was issued by the Telecommunications Authority on 23 May 2003.

The Regulation is driven largely by a goal to improve the competitive environment. Under the Regulation, the Telecommunications Authority may compel all telecommunications operators to accept another operator's request for use of and access to its network. All telecommunications operators in Turkey may be required to provide access to other operators on the same terms and qualifications provided to their shareholders, subsidiaries and affiliates.

In accordance with the Regulation, the telecommunications providers in Turkey (including Turk Telekom), were obliged to renew their interconnection agreements within two months following the issuance of the Regulation. As a result of intervention by the Telecommunications Authority, the Company entered into supplemental agreements with Turk Telekom on 10 November 2003, Telsim on 21 November 2003, and Globalstar on 11 December 2003, with amended tariffs and tariff adoption procedures. The interconnection agreement with Avea (formerly TT&TIM) was last renewed on 20 January 2006. On 24 May 2006, shares of Telsim were transferred to Vodafone and a new interconnection agreement was signed between the Company and Vodafone at the end of July 2006.

On 21 February 2005, Tellcom and Milleni.com have signed an agreement to provide telecommunications services to each other whereby Milleni.com may convey calls to the Company's switch and the Company may convey calls to Milleni.com's switch, in both cases, for onward transmission to their destinations. In addition, Telecommunications Authority has required operators holding significant market power, as well as Turk Telekom, to share certain facilities with other operators under certain conditions and to provide co-location on their premises for the equipment of other operators at a reasonable price. The Telecommunications Authority may also require telecommunications operators to provide number portability, which means allowing users to keep the same phone numbers even after they switch from one network to another.

Under a typical interconnection agreement, each party agrees, among other things to permit the interconnection of its network with the Company's network to enable calls to be transmitted to, and received from, the GSM system operated by each party in accordance with technical specifications set out in the interconnection agreement. Typical interconnection agreements also establish understandings between the parties relating to a number of key operational areas, including call traffic management, quality and performance standards, interconnection interfaces and other technical, operational and procedural aspects of interconnection.

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**30. Contingencies (continued)**

**Interconnection Agreements (continued)**

The Company's interconnection agreements usually provide that each party will assume responsibility for the safe operation of its own network. Each party is also typically responsible for ensuring that its network does not endanger the safety or health of employees, contractors, agents or customers of the other party or damage interfere with or cause any deterioration in the operation of the other party's network.

Interconnection agreements also specify the amount of the payments that each party will make to the other for traffic originated on one network but switched to the other. These payments vary by contract, and in some cases, may require the Company to pay the counterparty less, the same amount, or a greater amount per minute, for traffic originating on the Company's network but switching to the counterparty's network, than it receives for a similar call originating on another network and switched to the Company's network.

There are no minimum payment obligations under the interconnection agreements; however, failure to carry the counterparty's traffic may expose the Company to financial and other penalties or loss of interconnection privileges for its own traffic.

On 16 January 2007, Telecommunications Authority published Standard Interconnection Reference Tariffs for Turk Telekom and GSM operators. In accordance with the recommendation, the fee determined for the Company is full TRY 0.140/minute (equivalent to full \$0.114/minute as at 30 June 2008) between 1 January 2007 and 28 February 2007. From 1 March 2007, the fee is full TRY 0.136/minute (equivalent to full \$0.111/minute as at 30 June 2008). These Standard Interconnection Reference Tariffs were not necessarily directly applicable to the Company's interconnection agreements unless explicitly stated by the Telecommunications Authority at the end of the settlement procedure. However, full TRY 0.136/minute (equivalent to full \$0.111/minute as at 30 June 2008) has been started to be applied between Turk Telekom and the Company starting from 1 March 2007.

On 1 April 2008, Telecommunications Authority published Standard Interconnection Reference Tariffs for Turk Telekom and GSM operators. In accordance with the recommendation, the fee determined for the Company is full TRY 0.091/minute (equivalent to full \$0.074/minute as at 30 June 2008) effective from 1 April 2008. These Standard Interconnection Reference Tariffs are not necessarily directly applicable to the Company's current or future interconnection agreements unless explicitly stated by the Telecommunications Authority at the end of the settlement procedure. The Company has recognized interconnection revenues and cost in accordance with Standard Interconnection Reference Tariffs starting from 1 April 2008.

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**30. Contingencies (continued)**

**Legal Proceedings**

The Group is involved in various claims and legal actions arising in the ordinary course of business described below.

***Dispute on Turk Telekom Transmission Lines Leases***

Effective from 1 July 2000, Turk Telekom annulled the discount of 60% that it provided to the Company based on its regular ratio, which had been provided for several years, and, at the same time, Turk Telekom started to provide a discount of 25% being subject to certain conditions. The Company filed a lawsuit against Turk Telekom for the application of the agreed 60% discount. However, on 30 July 2001, the Company had been notified that the court of appeal upheld the decision made by the commercial court allowing Turk Telekom to terminate the 60% discount. Accordingly, the Company paid and continues to pay transmission fees to Turk Telekom based on the 25% discount. Although Turk Telekom did not charge any interest on late payments at the time of such payments, the Company recorded an accrual amounting to a nominal amount of TRY 3,023 (equivalent to \$2,470 as at 30 June 2008) for possible interest charges as at 31 December 2000. On 9 May 2002, Turk Telekom requested an interest amounting to a nominal amount of TRY 30,068 (equivalent to \$24,571 as at 30 June 2008).

The Company did not agree with Turk Telekom's interest calculation and, accordingly, obtained an injunction from the commercial court to prevent Turk Telekom from collecting any amounts relating to this interest charge. Also, the Company initiated a lawsuit against Turk Telekom on the legality of such interest. The case is still pending. As at 30 June 2008, the Company recorded a provision of TRY 13,296 (equivalent to \$10,865 as at 30 June 2008) because its management and legal counsel believe that this is the most likely outcome.

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**30. Contingencies (continued)**

**Legal Proceedings (continued)**

***Dispute on National Roaming Agreement***

During the third quarter of 2001, the Company was approached by Is-Tim to negotiate a national roaming agreement. These negotiations did not result in a mutual agreement. Therefore, the discussions continuing under the supervision of the Telecommunications Authority have been subject to several lawsuits. On 26 November 2001, the Company initiated an arbitration suit in International Chamber of Commerce ( ICC ) against Turkish Ministry and Telecommunications Authority. On 25 November 2003, ICC rendered a decision stating that the case is not under its jurisdiction. The Company initiated a lawsuit for the annulment of this decision. The First Instance Court rejected the case and the Company appealed against said decision. The Supreme Court annulled the decision of the First Instance Court in favor of the Company. On 13 September 2006, local court decided to execute the Supreme Court's decision. Telecommunications Authority appealed the said decision.

In a letter dated 14 March 2002, the Telecommunications Authority subjected Is-Tim's request for national roaming to the condition that it be reasonable, economically proportional and technically possible. Nevertheless, the Telecommunications Authority declared that the Company is under an obligation to enter a national roaming agreement with Is-Tim within a 30 day period. The Company initiated a lawsuit against Telecommunications Authority. On 14 March 2006, Danistay decided to cancel the process dated 14 March 2002 but rejected the Company's request for cancellation of the regulation on procedures and policies with respect to national roaming. Telecommunications Authority appealed the decision. The appeal process is still pending.

The Telecommunications Authority decided that the Company has not complied with its responsibility under Turkish regulations to provide national roaming and fined the Company by nominal amount of approximately TRY 21,822 (equivalent to \$17,833 as at 30 June 2008). On 7 April 2004, the Company made the related payment. On 3 January 2005, with respect to the Danistay's injunction, Telecommunications Authority paid back nominal amount of TRY 21,822 (equivalent to \$17,833 as at 30 June 2008). On 13 December 2005, Danistay decided the cancellation of the administrative fine but rejected the Company's request for cancellation of the regulation on procedures and policies with respect to national roaming. Telecommunications Authority appealed the decision. The case is still pending. Based on its management and legal counsel's opinion, the Company has not recorded any accrual as at 30 June 2008.

On 27 October 2006, Telecom Italia SPA and TIM International N.V. initiated a lawsuit against the Company and Telsim claiming that the Company violated competition law since demand of roaming has not been met. Telecom Italia SPA and TIM International N.V. requested \$2,000 with respect to this claim. On 23 July 2007, the Court sent the file to expert examination. The case is still pending. Based on its management and legal counsel's opinion, the Company has not recorded any accrual as at 30 June 2008



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**30. Contingencies (continued)**

**Legal Proceedings (continued)**

***Investigation of the Competition Board***

The Competition Board commenced an investigation of business dealings between the Company and the mobile phone distributors in October 1999. The Competition Board decided that the Company disrupted the competitive environment through an abuse of dominant position in the Turkish mobile market and infringements of certain provisions of the Law on the Protection of Competition. As a result, the Company was fined by nominal amount of approximately TRY 6,973 (equivalent to \$5,698 as at 30 June 2008) and was enjoined to cease these infringements. The Company initiated a lawsuit before Danistay for the injunction and cancellation of the decision. On 15 November 2005, Danistay cancelled the Competition Board's decision on the ground that Competition Board infringed the procedural rules governing the investigation process.

After the cancellation of the Competition Board's decision, the Competition Board has given the same decision again on 29 December 2005. On 10 March 2006, the Company initiated a lawsuit before Danistay for the injunction and cancellation of the Competition Board's decision dated 29 December 2005. Danistay rejected the injunction request of the Company. The Company has objected to this rejection decision. Danistay rejected the Company's objection request. Based on the decision of Competition Board, Ankara Tax Office requested the Company to pay TRY 6,973 (equivalent to \$5,698 as at 30 June 2008) through the payment order dated 4 August 2006. On 25 September 2006, the Company made the related payment and initiated a lawsuit for the injunction and cancellation of this payment order. The Court rejected the Company's injunction request. The Company ceased to accrue for TRY 6,973 (equivalent to \$5,698 as at 30 June 2008) on its consolidated interim financial statements as at and for the six months ended 30 June 2008 due to the aforesaid payment on 25 September 2006.

***Investigation of the Telecommunications Authority on International Voice Traffic***

In May 2003, the Company was informed that the Telecommunications Authority had initiated an investigation against the Company claiming that the Company has violated Turkish laws by carrying some of its international voice traffic through an operator other than Turk Telekom. The Company is disputing whether Turk Telekom should be the sole carrier of international voice traffic. On 5 March 2004, the Telecommunications Authority fined the Company by nominal amount of approximately TRY 31,731 (equivalent to \$25,930 as at 30 June 2008). On 9 April 2004, the Company made the related payment. With respect to the Danistay's injunction on 5 November 2004, Telecommunications Authority paid back the nominal amount. Telecommunications Authority appealed this decision. General Assembly of Administrative Courts of Danistay rejected the appeal request of Telecommunications Authority. On 26 December 2006, Danistay decided to accept the Company's claim and annul the decision of and the penalty given by the Telecommunications Authority. Telecommunications Authority appealed the decision. Appeal process is pending.



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**30. Contingencies (continued)**

**Legal Proceedings (continued)**

***Investigation of the Telecommunications Authority on International Voice Traffic (continued)***

On 2 March 2005, Turk Telekom notified the Company that it has damaged Turk Telekom because of the interconnection agreement signed with Milleni.com. Accordingly, Turk Telekom requested the Company to pay nominal amount of TRY 219,149 (equivalent to \$179,087 as at 30 June 2008) of principal and nominal amount of TRY 178,364 (equivalent to \$145,758 as at 30 June 2008) of interest, which make a sum of nominal amount of TRY 397,513 (equivalent to \$324,845 as at 30 June 2008) until 7 March 2005. In addition, Turk Telekom initiated a lawsuit against the Company with respect to the same issue requesting an amount of TRY 450,931 (equivalent to \$368,498 as at 30 June 2008) of which TRY 219,149 (equivalent to \$179,087 as at 30 June 2008) is principal and TRY 231,782 (equivalent to \$189,411 as at 30 June 2008) is interest charged until 30 June 2005. The Court sent the file to expert examination. According to the expertise report filed in October 2007, interconnection agreement between the Company and Milleni.com damaged Turk Telekom's interest amounting to TRY 288,400 (equivalent to \$235,679 as at 30 June 2008) or TRY 279,227 (equivalent to \$228,183 as at 30 June 2008). The Company objected to the expertise report. On 6 November 2007, the Court ruled to obtain an additional expertise report. Management and legal counsel believe that the aforementioned request has no legal basis. Moreover, the Company obtained an independent opinion dated 23 October 2007 which supports the management and legal counsel opinion from an expert who is not designated by the Court. The case is still pending.

Based on its management and legal counsel's opinion, the Company has not recorded any accruals with respect to this matter in its consolidated interim financial statements as at and for the six months ended 30 June 2008.

***Dispute on Special Communication Taxation Regarding Prepaid Card Sales***

On 18 September 2003, the Ministry of Finance issued a report stating that by applying discounts for prepaid card sales for the period between June - December 2002, the Company calculated the special communication tax on post-discounted amount. Pursuant to this report, the Tax Office delivered to the Company a notice, asserting deficiencies in special communication tax declarations and requesting a special communication tax payment amounting to nominal amount of TRY 6,992 (equivalent to \$5,714 as at 30 June 2008) and a tax penalty of nominal amount of TRY 9,875 (equivalent to \$8,070 as at 30 June 2008). Tax court accepted the Company's request of cancellation of special communication tax declarations. Tax office appealed this decision. Danistay did not accept the Tax court decision. The Company applied for the correction of the decision. On 25 June 2007, Danistay rejected the correction of decision. On 28 September 2007, Local Court complied with Danistay's decision and rejected the lawsuit for the principle tax amount and accepted the part of the case related to the tax penalty saying that the penalty was excessively applied than it was required. The Company appealed the decision.

On 3 December 2007, Tax Office delivered a notice to the Company requesting a special communication tax payment amounting to nominal amount of TRY 6,992 (equivalent to \$5,714 as at 30 June 2008), a tax penalty of nominal amount of TRY 6,992 (equivalent to \$5,714 as at 30 June 2008) and accrued interest of nominal amount of TRY 16,863 (equivalent to \$13,780 as at 30 June 2008). The Company made the related payment with respect to special communication tax and tax penalty totaling to nominal amount of TRY 13,984 (equivalent to \$11,428 as at 30 June 2008) on 28 December 2007. Besides, the Company filed a lawsuit on 28 December 2007 for the cancellation of accrued interest amounting to nominal amount of TRY 16,863 (equivalent to \$13,780 as at 30 June 2008) with respect to Local Court decision dated 28 September 2007. The Court rejected the cancellation of accrued interest payment. The Company objected to the decision, however, objection

request was not accepted.

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**30. Contingencies (continued)**

**Legal Proceedings (continued)**

***Dispute on Special Communication Taxation Regarding Prepaid Card Sales (continued)***

The Company recorded provision for accrued interest amounting to TRY 16,863 (equivalent to \$13,780 as at 30 June 2008) in its consolidated interim financial statements as at and for the six months ended 30 June 2008.

The Company filed a lawsuit on 28 January 2008 for the cancellation of Tax Office decision with respect to the Company's aforementioned payment not to be deemed as special communication tax and tax penalty. The case is still pending.

The Company filed a lawsuit on 12 February 2008 against the Tax Office for the cancellation of the payment orders issued by the Tax Office for the above mentioned tax payments and requested preliminary injunction. The case is still pending.

The Law on the Settlement Procedure and Collection of Certain Public Receivables numbered 5736 was put into force on 27 February 2008 following its approval by the Grand National Assembly General Committee. The law provides a new settlement opportunity and easy payment conditions for the tax debts of taxpayers. It has been stipulated that tax receivables assessed additionally, arbitrarily or by the administration, yet whose period allowed for settlement or initiating litigation has not ended as of the effective date of the Code, or for which settlement has been requested, and the settlement meeting has not been held yet or has been held but the period allowed for accepting the final offer has not ended, and receivables that have been subject to a litigation and not yet final; shall be subject to a new settlement and the settled amount shall be divided into installments under convenient conditions. On 26 March 2008, the Company submitted a written application to the Tax Offices for the dispute on special communication taxation regarding prepaid card sales.

***Disputes on annulment of fixed odds betting tender related to establishment and operation of risk management center head agency***

The tender on fixed odds betting tender related to establishment and operation of risk management center head agency held by GSGM and the Fixed Odds Betting Contract dated 2 October 2003 signed as a result of the said tender between GSGM and Inteltek were challenged by Reklam Departmani Basın Yayın Üretim ve Yayıncılık Danışmanlık ve Ticaret Limited Şirketi ( Reklam Departmanı ) and Gtech Avrasya Teknik Hizmet ve Müşavirlik AS ( Gtech ) with the claim of suspension of execution and annulment.

For the lawsuit initiated by Gtech, Council of State decided for the suspension of the tender. Following this decision, the Fixed Odds Betting Contract dated 2 October 2003 between GSGM and Inteltek was terminated by GSGM based on the said decision of Council of State and the Code numbered 5583 came into effect which allowed Spor Toto to hold a new tender and sign a new contract which would be valid until 1 March 2008. On 15 March 2007, GSGM held a new tender, at which Inteltek became the preferred bidder and reacquired the right to operate until 1 March 2008. On the other hand, Inteltek initiated two lawsuits against GSGM on the ground that the termination of the Fixed Odds Betting Contract dated 2 October 2003 was unjustified and to determine that the aforementioned contract is valid under law and is in force. The court decided to reject Inteltek's claim on 10 July 2007. Inteltek appealed the court's decision. Inteltek's appeal was rejected by the Court on 5 February 2008 and Inteltek applied for correction of decision. The Court's examination on correction of decision request is still pending.



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**30. Contingencies (continued)**

**Legal Proceedings (continued)**

***Disputes on annulment of fixed odds betting tender related to establishment and operation of risk management center head agency (continued)***

On 27 February 2008, the Turkish parliament passed a new law that allowed Spor Toto to sign a new Fixed Odds Betting contract with Inteltek, having the same terms and conditions with the latest contracts signed with Spor Toto and to be valid for up to one year, until operations start under the new tender which Spor Toto is allowed to hold in accordance with the same law. Inteltek signed a new Fixed Odds Betting contract with Spor Toto, which took effect on 1 March 2008. Spor Toto declared the conditions of the new tender on 8 July 2008 and scheduled new tender date as 12 August 2008. Inteltek is going to participate in the tender.

Based on its management and legal counsel's opinion, the Company has not recorded any accruals with respect to these matters in its consolidated interim financial statements as at and for the six months ended 30 June 2008.

***Dispute with Spor Toto Teskilat Mudurlugu I***

On 9 November 2005, Spor Toto sent a notification letter to Inteltek claiming that Inteltek is obliged to pay nominal amount of TRY 3,292 (equivalent to \$2,690 as at 30 June 2008) due to the difference in the reconciliation methods. Spor Toto claims that the reconciliation periods should be six-month independent periods whereas Inteltek management believes that those periods should be cumulative as stated in the agreement. Inteltek did not pay the requested amount.

A lawsuit for determination of evidence has been initiated against Inteltek by Spor Toto on behalf of GSGM. In this lawsuit, Spor Toto has requested from the Court to determine that Inteltek was responsible for the revenue which was not transferred to the Spor Toto's accounts in due time, and collection risk was belonging to Inteltek, Inteltek was responsible for the revenue in the amount of TRY 1,527 (equivalent to \$1,248 as at 30 June 2008) which was not paid and not collected until the date of the lawsuit and final accounts should be resolved after every period of six-months for settlement, by accepting the periods of six-months for settlement as periods independent from each other. On 22 February 2007, the Court rejected the case and decided that the collection risk is with GSGM and Inteltek is not responsible for the uncollected amount of TRY 1,527 (equivalent to \$1,248 as at 30 June 2008) and also rejected the demand of GSGM that reconciliation period should be six-month independent periods. GSGM appealed the Court's decision. Supreme Court rejected the appeal request of GSGM. Following the Supreme Court's decision, GSGM applied for the correction of the decision. GSGM's correction of decision request was rejected by the Court and the decision was finalized.

Based on the decision of Supreme Court, Inteltek reversed the previously accrued amount of TRY 3,292 (equivalent to \$2,690 as at 30 June 2008) and its overdue interest accrual amount of total TRY 1,894 (equivalent to \$1,548 as at 30 June 2008). Furthermore, Inteltek reclaimed TRY 2,344 (equivalent to \$1,916 as at 30 June 2008) principal and TRY 977 (equivalent to \$798 as at 30 June 2008) accrued interest which was paid in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reconciliation periods. Inteltek has initiated a lawsuit at 21 February 2008 to collect this amount. The case is still pending. The Company has not recorded any income accruals with respect to latter lawsuit in its consolidated interim financial statements as at and for the six months ended 30 June 2008.



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**30. Contingencies (continued)**

**Legal Proceedings (continued)**

***Dispute with Spor Toto Teskilat Mudurlugu II***

On 29 January 2007, Spor Toto sent a letter to Inteltek claiming that duplicate payments have been made to Inteltek under the two separate agreements that Inteltek operates under and it would keep these duplicate payments in an escrow account until settlement of this issue. Following this letter, on 27 February 2007, Inteltek initiated a lawsuit against Spor Toto stating that all payments made with respect to the contracts between Inteltek and Spor Toto are valid under law. Supreme Court's investigation report has resulted in favor of Inteltek and whereon as at 30 June 2008 Spor Toto released the deducted amount of TRY 2,494 (equivalent to \$2,038 as at 30 June 2008) for the period between 26 December 2006 and 26 March 2007. Therefore, on 29 April 2008 the Court decided that there is no need to render a verdict on this case.

***Dispute on call termination fee***

Telsim has initiated a lawsuit claiming that the Company has not applied the reference interconnection rates determined by the Telecommunications Authority, and has charged interconnection fees exceeding the ceiling rates approved by Telecommunications Authority and requested an injunction to be applicable starting from 1 August 2005, to cease this practice and requested a payment of its damages totalling to nominal amount of TRY 26,109 (equivalent to \$21,336 as at 30 June 2008) including principal, interest and penalty on late payment. On 6 April 2006, the case was rejected. Telsim appealed this decision. On 11 December 2007, Supreme Court approved the local court decision. Telsim applied for the correction of the decision.

There has been a disagreement between the Company and Avea with respect to interconnection rates applied between March 2005 and July 2006. Avea raised an objection on the invoices the Company had issued during the said period claiming that the Company had not applied the reference interconnection rates determined by the Telecommunications Authority, and had charged interconnection fees exceeding the ceiling rates approved by Telecommunications Authority. Between March 2005 and July 2006, Avea issued return invoices amounting to TRY 78,030 (equivalent to \$63,766 as at 30 June 2008) which represents the amount exceeding the ceiling rates approved by Telecommunications Authority and the Company booked such invoices as a reduction of revenue. The Company management and legal counsel believe that the Interconnection Agreement signed between the Company and Avea on 9 March 2001 should be binding with respect to tariffing instead of the reference interconnection rates determined by the Telecommunications Authority. A similar case with Telsim, at which Telsim was claiming that the Company should have applied the reference interconnection rates determined by the Telecommunications Authority was rejected on 6 April 2007 and approved by Supreme Court on 11 December 2007. Therefore, in November 2007, the Company issued return invoices including taxes amounting to TRY 78,030 (equivalent to \$63,766 as at 30 June 2008) and recognized revenue amounting to TRY 54,566 (equivalent to \$44,591 as at 30 June 2008) in its consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007.

***Dispute with Iranian Ministry in connection with the GSM tender process***

The Company believes the Iranian Ministry has not properly implemented the laws and regulations passed by the Iranian Parliament in connection with the GSM tender process, which was won by the Consortium. As a result, the Company has brought a claim in Iranian courts seeking to compel the Ministry to implement the laws and regulations passed by the Iranian Parliament in connection with the GSM tender process. Such injunction order was rejected in April 2006. The Company has initiated an arbitration process against Islamic Republic of Iran for

not abiding by the provisions of the Agreement on Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments.

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**30. Contingencies (continued)**

**Legal Proceedings (continued)**

*Dispute with the Telecommunications Authority with respect to temporary set call termination fees*

The interconnection agreement with Turk Telekom provided for a renegotiation of pricing terms on call termination fees after 31 December 2004, and in the event that the parties could not agree on new terms by 28 February 2005, for referral to the Telecommunications Authority for resolution. As the parties were unable to agree on new terms, Turk Telekom referred the matter to the Telecommunications Authority, which has set temporary call termination fees for calls terminating on each operator's network starting from 10 August 2005.

On 7 October 2005, the Company filed a lawsuit against Telecommunications Authority for the injunction and cancellation of this decision, which has set temporary call termination fees for calls terminating on each operator's network starting from 10 August 2005 and the Court rejected the Company's preliminary injunction request. The Company has appealed this decision. The appeal request has been rejected. On 4 July 2007, the Court decided that the lawsuit is not under its jurisdiction. Danistay rejected injunction request of the Company and the Company objected to the decision. Besides, on 1 June 2006, Telecommunications Authority issued reference call termination fees for the Company and Turk Telekom. In addition, on 26 July 2006, Telecommunications Authority issued final call termination fees for the Company and Turk Telekom.

On 10 July 2006 and 14 August 2006, the Company filed two lawsuits before Ankara Administrative Court for the injunction and cancellation of reference call termination fees together with the final termination fees set as full TRY 0.140/minute (equivalent to full \$0.114/minute as at 30 June 2008) for calls terminating on Turk Telekom and the Company's network through the decisions of Telecommunications Authority dated 1 June 2006 and 26 July 2006. On 9 October 2006, the Administrative Court rejected injunction request of the Company dated 10 July 2006. The Company objected to this decision. On 22 November 2006, Administrative Court has rejected the objection request. The Court decided that the lawsuit is not under its jurisdiction and transferred the file to Danistay. On 21 September 2007, Danistay rejected the injunction request of the Company dated 14 August 2006. The Company objected to the decision.

On 12 September 2007, the Company filed another lawsuit on Danistay for the injunction and cancellation of call termination fees between the Company and Turk Telekom which have been set as TRY 0.140/minute (equivalent to full \$0.114/minute as at 30 June 2008) between 1 January 2007 and 28 February 2007 and full TRY 0.136/minute (equivalent to full \$0.111/minute as at 30 June 2008) starting from 1 March 2007. The Court rejected the injunction request of the Company. The Company objected to the decision and the objection was rejected by the Court.

In addition, call termination fees between the Company and Vodafone and the Company and Avea are set through Reconciliation procedure and Call termination fees issued on 1 June 2006 by Telecommunications Authority. These call termination fees are effective from March 2006, May 2006 and July 2006 for Telsim, Vodafone and Avea, respectively. On 14 August 2006, the Company filed a lawsuit on Ankara Administrative Court for the injunction and cancellation of call termination fees between the Company and Avea which have been set as full TRY 0.140/minute (equivalent to full \$0.114/minute as at 30 June 2008) for calls terminating on the Company's network. On 19 December 2006, Ankara Administrative Court dismissed the case, deciding that it does not have jurisdiction over the case. The case has been transferred to Danistay. On 21 September 2007, the Court rejected the injunction request of the Company. The Company objected to this decision. On 26 September 2007, the Company filed a lawsuit on Danistay for the injunction and cancellation of call termination fees between the Company and Avea which have been set as full TRY 0.136/minute (equivalent to full \$0.111/minute as at 30 June 2008) for calls terminating on the Company's network.



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**30. Contingencies (continued)**

**Legal Proceedings (continued)**

*Dispute with the Telecommunications Authority with respect to temporary set call termination fees (continued)*

The court rejected the Company's injunction request and the Company objected to this decision. The case is still pending.

Additionally, on 23 August 2006, the Company also filed a lawsuit on Ankara Administrative Court for the injunction and cancellation of call and SMS termination fees between Turkcell and Vodafone (Telsim for the period between 1 March-24 May 2006) which have been set as full TRY 0.140/minute (equivalent to full \$0.114/minute as at 30 June 2008) for calls terminating and full TRY 0.0297/unit (equivalent to full \$0.0243/unit as at 30 June 2008) for SMS terminating on the Company's network. The Ankara Administrative Court dismissed the case on 29 August 2006, deciding that it does not have jurisdiction over the case. The case has been transferred to Danistay. On 1 May 2007, the Court rejected the injunction request of the Company. The Company objected to this decision. The Court rejected this objection of the Company. The case is still pending.

*Dispute with the Turk Telekom with respect to call termination fees*

As mentioned above, Telecommunications Authority has set temporary call termination fees for calls terminating on each operator's network starting from 10 August 2005. However, Turk Telekom did not apply these termination fees for the international calls.

Therefore, on 22 December 2005, the Company filed a lawsuit against Turk Telekom to cease this practice and requested collection of its damages totaling to nominal amount of TRY 11,970 (equivalent to \$9,782 as at 30 June 2008) including principal, interest and penalty on late payment covering the period from August 2005 until October 2005. The file is under expert examination. The case is still pending.

On 19 December 2006, the Company initiated another lawsuit against Turk Telekom claiming that Turk Telekom has not applied call termination tariffs for international calls set by Telecommunications Authority for the period between November 2005 and October 2006 amounting to nominal amount of TRY 23,726 (equivalent to \$19,389 as at 30 June 2008) including principal, interest and penalty on late payment. The file is under expert examination. The case is still pending. The Court decided to consolidate this lawsuit and the lawsuit explained in the foregoing paragraph.

On 2 November 2007, the Company initiated another lawsuit against Turk Telekom claiming that Turk Telekom has not applied call termination tariffs for international calls set by Telecommunications Authority for the period between November 2006 and 1 March 2007 amounting to nominal amount of TRY 6,836 (equivalent to \$5,586 as at 30 June 2008) including principal, interest and penalty on late payment. The case is still pending.



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**30. Contingencies (continued)**

**Legal Proceedings (continued)**

*Dispute with Avea on SMS interconnection termination fees*

On 28 February 2006, Avea has initiated a lawsuit against the Company claiming that although there is an agreement between the Company and Avea stating that both parties would not charge any SMS interconnection termination fees, the Company has charged SMS interconnection fees for the messages terminating on its own network and also assumed liabilities for the messages terminating on Avea's network and made interconnection payments to Avea after deducting the net balance of those SMS charges and accruals. Avea requested provisions of Interconnection Agreement regarding SMS pricing to be applied and requested collection of its losses amounting to nominal amount of TRY 12,275 (equivalent to \$10,031 as at 30 June 2008) for the period between February 2005 and December 2005 with its accrued interest till payment. On 10 October 2006, the Court decided that charging SMS interconnection termination fees violates the agreement between the Company and Avea, and the Company should pay Avea's losses amounting to nominal amount of TRY 12,275 (equivalent to \$10,031 as at 30 June 2008) for the period between February 2005 and December 2005 with its accrued interest till payment. The Company appealed the decision. Supreme Court rejected the Company's request and the Company applied for the correction of the decision.

The Company made the principal and interest payment for the period between February 2005 and December 2005 on 6 November 2006 in order not to be under legal action for collection and additional interest charge.

On 22 December 2006, Avea requested provisions of Interconnection Agreement regarding SMS pricing to be applied and requested collection of its losses amounting to nominal amount of TRY 6,480 (equivalent to \$5,295 as at 30 June 2008) for the period between January 2006 and August 2006 with its accrued interest till payment. The case is still pending.

In line with the court decision stating that charging SMS interconnection termination fees violates the agreement between the Company and Avea, neither SMS interconnection revenue nor SMS interconnection expense has been recognized from February 2005 to August 2006 for Avea's losses in the Company's consolidated financial statements as at and for the year ended 31 December 2006. Moreover, neither SMS interconnection revenue nor SMS interconnection expense has been recognized till 23 March 2007. Also, interest has been accrued till 30 June 2008 amounting to nominal amount of TRY 3,687 (equivalent to \$3,013 as at 30 June 2008) for Avea's losses for the period between January 2006 and August 2006.

The Company has also applied to the Telecommunications Authority to set SMS interconnection prices between the Company and Avea. On 7 March 2007, the Telecommunications Authority determined the SMS termination fees between the Company and Avea effective from 23 March 2007.

*Dispute on value added taxation with respect to roaming services*

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Tax Office claimed that the Company should have paid VAT on the invoices issued by foreign GSM operators for the international calls originated by the Company's subscribers and terminating on those foreign GSM operators' networks during the year 2000. It has been notified that, based on the calculation made by the Tax Office, the Company should pay nominal amount of TRY 19,791 (equivalent to \$16,173 as at 30 June 2008) for VAT and penalty fee. Moreover, Tax Office also claimed that the Company should have paid VAT on the invoices issued by foreign GSM operators for the international calls originated by the Company's subscribers and terminating on those foreign GSM operators' networks during the years 2001 and 2002 amounting to nominal amount of TRY 15,972 (equivalent to \$13,052 as at 30 June 2008) and TRY 23,863 (equivalent to \$19,501 as at 30 June 2008) for VAT and penalty fee, respectively.

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**30. Contingencies (continued)**

**Legal Proceedings (continued)**

*Dispute on value added taxation with respect to roaming services (continued)*

Management decided not to pay such amounts and initiated judicial processes on 6 April 2006 for VAT and penalty fee for the year 2000 and on 13 July 2006 for VAT and penalty fees for the years 2001 and 2002. On 28 June 2007, the Court rejected the case. The Company appealed this decision. Danistay accepted the Company's injunction request on 17 January 2008. Appeal process is still pending.

On the same subject, Tax Office issued the Company tax assessment notes; and the Company initiated lawsuits for cancellation of such notes. On 22 November 2007, the Court rejected such lawsuits and the Company appealed these decisions. Danistay rejected the Company's injunction request. Appeal process is still pending.

On 4 October 2007, the Company initiated a lawsuit requesting injunction and cancellation of payment requests for aforementioned VAT tax and tax penalty amounts. The injunction request of the Company has been rejected. The Company objected to the decision. Administrative Court rejected the Company's objection. On 2 April 2008, the Court accepted the injunction request of cancellation of payment notices. Appeal request of the Tax office to the above mentioned decision was rejected by the Istanbul Administrative Court. Management and legal counsel believe that the Company will prevail in this matter. Accordingly, the Company has not recorded any accruals with respect to this matter in its consolidated interim financial statements as at and for the six months ended 30 June 2008.

The Law on the Settlement Procedure and Collection of Certain Public Receivables numbered 5736 was put into force on 27 February 2008 following its approval by the Grand National Assembly General Committee. The law provides a new settlement opportunity and easy payment conditions for the tax debts of taxpayers. It has been stipulated that tax receivables assessed additionally, arbitrarily or by the administration, yet whose period allowed for settlement or initiating litigation has not ended as of the effective date of the Code, or for which settlement has been requested, and the settlement meeting has not been held yet or has been held but the period allowed for accepting the final offer has not ended, and receivables that have been subject to a litigation and not yet final; shall be subject to a new settlement and the settled amount shall be divided into installments under convenient conditions. On 26 March 2008, the Company submitted a written application to the Tax Offices for the dispute on value added taxation with respect to roaming services.

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**30. Contingencies (continued)**

**Legal Proceedings (continued)**

***Dispute on ongoing license fee based on the amended license agreement***

Based on the law enacted on 3 July 2005 with respect to the regulation of privatization, gross revenue description used for the calculation of ongoing license fee has been changed. According to this new regulation, accrued interest charges for the late payments, taxes such as indirect taxes, and accrued revenues are excluded from the description of gross revenue. Calculation method of gross revenue for ongoing license fee stipulated in the law according to the new regulation shall be valid as of the application date of the Company with the claim of amendment of its license agreement in compliance with the said Law. In the meanwhile, the Company realized the payments including above-mentioned items between 21 July 2005 and 10 March 2006, when the amendment in license agreement was effective. On 21 April 2006, following the license agreement amended pursuant to the Law, the Company initiated a lawsuit against Turkish Treasury for the difference between the payments that were realized starting from 21 July 2005 until 10 March 2006 and the amount which will accrue in compliance with the Law totalling TRY 111,316 (equivalent to \$90,967 as at 30 June 2008) including interest of TRY 8,667 (equivalent to \$7,083 as at 30 June 2008). On 9 May 2007, the Court decided that the case is not under its jurisdiction and the Company appealed for this decision. The file was sent to Supreme Court due to our appeal request. On 13 March 2008, Supreme Court decided in line with the Local Court decision and the Company applied for the correction of the decision. Also, on 9 June 2008, the Company filed a lawsuit before Administrative Court for the difference between the aforementioned period amounting to TRY 102,649 (equivalent to \$83,884 as at 30 June 2008) and interest amounting to TRY 68,279 (equivalent to \$55,797 as at 30 June 2008) till the date the case is filed. Administrative Court rejected the case. The Company will appeal the decision.

The above-mentioned enacted law dated 3 July 2005 also assigned Telecommunications Authority for the revision of license agreement according to new regulation. However, Telecommunications Authority did not finalize such revision in a timely manner. Therefore, on 5 May 2006, the Company has also initiated a lawsuit against the Telecommunications Authority before Administrative Court for the delay of the revision in license agreement preventing the new regulation to become effective until 10 March 2006. By this lawsuit, the Company has requested payment totalling TRY 102,649 (equivalent to \$83,884 as at 30 June 2008). On 22 March 2007, the Court decided that the case is not under its jurisdiction. On 12 March 2008, the Company decided to withdraw from its appeal against the Telecommunications Authority regarding principal amounting to TRY 102,649 (equivalent to \$83,884 as at 30 June 2008). On 21 March 2008, the Court decided to dismiss the case as a result of the Company's withdrawal.

***Dispute on Telecommunications Authority fee payment based on the amended license agreement***

Based on the 9<sup>th</sup> article of the new license agreement dated 10 March 2006, the Company has been obliged to pay 0.35% of its yearly gross revenue once in a year as Telecommunications Authority Fee. However, in the previous license agreement, the Company was obliged to pay 0.35% of its yearly gross revenue after deducting ongoing license fee, universal service fund and other indirect taxes from the calculation base whereas in the new agreement, these aforementioned payments are not deducted from the base of the calculation. Therefore, on 12 April 2006, the Company has initiated a lawsuit for the cancellation of the 9<sup>th</sup> article of the new license agreement.

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However, the Court rejected the Company's injunction request. The Company objected to the Court's decision. The Court rejected the Company's objection request.

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**30. Contingencies (continued)**

**Legal Proceedings (continued)**

***Dispute on Telecommunications Authority fee payment based on the amended license agreement (continued)***

On 21 June 2006, Telecommunications Authority notified the Company that the Telecommunications Authority Fee for the year 2005 which had been already paid in April 2006 should have been calculated according to the new license agreement dated 10 March 2006 instead of the previous license agreement which was effective in the year 2005. Therefore, Telecommunications Authority requested the Company to pay additional TRY 4,011 (equivalent to \$3,278 as at 30 June 2008). The Company made the payment and initiated a lawsuit for the injunction and cancellation of the aforesaid decision of Telecommunications Authority. On 30 May 2007, the Court rejected the Company's injunction request. The Company objected to the decision. Ankara Regional Administrative Court rejected the objection request of the Company.

On 2 October 2007, the Company filed a lawsuit claiming that Telecommunications Authority fee for the year 2006 which had been already paid in April 2007 should have been calculated according to the previous license agreement which was valid between 1 January 2006 and 9 March 2006. The Court rejected the Company's injunction request. The Company objected to the decision. Administrative Court rejected the Company's objection request.

***Dispute on receivables from Avea regarding call termination fees***

Based on the 21<sup>st</sup> article of the Access and Interconnection Regulation, the operators may retrospectively apply the final call termination fees determined by Telecommunications Authority under the reconciliation procedure. Therefore, on 29 August 2006, the Company has initiated a lawsuit against Avea for the collection of its damages totaling to nominal amount of TRY 32,334 (equivalent to \$26,423 as at 30 June 2008) including principal, interest and penalty on late payment covering the period from 30 June 2004 until 7 July 2006 which is the announcement date of the reference call termination fees issued by Telecommunications Authority on June 2006. On 20 February 2007, the court has dismissed the case. The Company appealed the said decision.

***Dispute on validity of the General Assembly Meeting***

On 21 August 2006, Sonera Hoding BV filed a lawsuit with an injunction request for the purpose of determination of the invalidity of the Company's General Assembly Meeting with an ordinary agenda including dividend distribution and appointment of members of the Board of Directors, held on 22 May 2006 and the invalidity of all resolutions taken in this meeting.

***Dispute on Turk Telekom Transmission Tariffs***

On 19 January 2007, the Company initiated a lawsuit against Turk Telekom claiming that Turk Telekom charged transmission on erroneous tariffs between 1 June 2004 and 1 July 2005. The Company requested nominal amount of TRY 8,136 (equivalent to \$6,649 as at 30 June 2008) including interest. The case is still pending.

***Dispute on Turk Telekom Interconnect Costs***

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On 26 April 2007, Turk Telekom initiated a lawsuit against the Company claiming that interconnect costs declared by the Telecommunications Authority for the determination of Standard Reference Interconnection Tariffs do not reflect the actual costs. On 19 December 2007, the Court rejected the case. Turk Telekom appealed the decision. Appeal process is pending.

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**30. Contingencies (continued)**

**Legal Proceedings (continued)**

***Dispute on the Audit Committee Member***

On 21 July 2006, Alexey Khudyakov was appointed to the audit committee as an observer member. On 26 January 2007 the CMB informed the Company that Alexey Khudyakov's current status, as an observer member on the audit committee does not satisfy the requirements under Article 25 Committees Responsible for Auditing of the CMB. The CMB has stated that steps must be taken urgently in order to comply with Article 25. In March 2007, the Company commenced a lawsuit to suspend the execution and to annul the decision of the CMB. The court rejected the Company's suspension of execution request. The Company objected to the decision. On 15 August 2007, Local Ankara Administrative Court accepted the Company's objection request and suspend the said decision of CMB. However, on 18 January 2008, Ankara 1<sup>st</sup> Administrative Court rejected the case. The Company appealed the decision. On 9 April 2008, Danistay rejected the appeal request of the Company.

***Dispute on Mobile Number Portability***

On 29 March 2007, the Company initiated a lawsuit against the Telecommunications Authority claiming stay of order for and the annulment of the Regulation on Mobile Number Portability issued by the Telecommunications Authority on 1 February 2007 on the ground that vested rights of the Company arising out the concession agreement were violated by the said regulation. The Court rejected the Company's injunction request and the Company objected to the decision. Avea and Vodafone requested to participate in the case as interveners. The case is still pending.

***Inquiry of Telecommunications Authority on Campaigns***

According to the decision of Telecommunications Board dated 15 March 2007, a pre-inquiry has been decided to start regarding the campaigns in which free minutes or counters are given to the new subscribers in the introduction sets in order to determine their conformity with telecommunications legislation. Telecommunications Authority decided to make an investigation on this issue. Investigation report has been notified to the Company and legal arguments of the Company have been requested. The Company submitted its legal arguments to the Telecommunications Authority on 20 October 2007.

On 21 May 2008, Telecommunications Authority decided that the Company damaged the subscribers' financial interests related to the campaigns in which free minutes or counters are given and requested TRY 32,088 (equivalent to \$26,222 as at 30 June 2008). The Company recorded a provision of TRY 24,066 (equivalent to \$19,667 as at 30 June 2008) as at and for the six months ended 30 June 2008. The Company has benefited from the early payment option and deserved a 25% discount and paid TRY 24,066 (equivalent to \$19,667 as at 30 June 2008) on 1 August 2008. On 10 July 2008, the Company filed a lawsuit for the cancellation of the Telecommunications Authority's decision. The case is still pending.



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**30. Contingencies (continued)**

**Legal Proceedings (continued)**

***Dispute on Payment Request of Savings Deposits Insurance Fund***

On 26 July 2007, SDIF requested TRY 15,149 (equivalent to \$12,380 as at 30 June 2008) to be paid in one month period on the ground that the stated amount is recorded as receivable from the Company in the accounting records of Telsim, which is taken over by SDIF. On 20 September 2007, the Company filed a lawsuit for the injunction and cancellation of the SDIF's request. Danistay accepted the injunction request of the Company. SDIF objected to injunction decision of Danistay. The case is still pending. SDIF issued payment orders for the above mentioned amount and, on 19 October 2007, the Company initiated a lawsuit for the cancellation of the payment request of SDIF. The Court accepted the injunction request of the Company. SDIF objected the decision. On 6 February 2008, the Court accepted the Company's suspension of execution request. SDIF objected to this decision and such objection request was also rejected by the Court.

Based on its management and legal counsel's opinion, the Company has not recorded any accruals with respect to this matter in its consolidated interim financial statements as at and for the six months ended 30 June 2008.

***Letter from Turkish Treasury Regarding Ongoing License Fee Deduction for 2006 Sales Discounts***

At the end of 2006, Tax Auditors of the Company claimed that gross revenue in the statutory accounts should include discounts given to distributors although the Company recorded these discounts in a separate line item as sales discounts.

Starting from 2007, the Company started to deduct discounts given to distributors from gross revenue and present them on a net basis. Accordingly, the Company decided that, it has paid excess ongoing license fee and universal service fund for the year 2006 totalling TRY 51,254 (equivalent to \$41,884 as at 30 June 2008). In a letter dated 23 February 2007, the Company requested ongoing license fee amounting to TRY 46,129 (equivalent to \$37,696 as at 30 June 2008) and interest accrued amounting to TRY 5,020 (equivalent to \$4,102 as at 30 June 2008) from Turkish Treasury and universal service fund amounting to TRY 5,125 (equivalent to \$4,188 as at 30 June 2008) and interest accrued amounting to TRY 558 (equivalent to \$456 as at 30 June 2008) from Turkish Ministry to be paid in 10 days. Since Turkish Treasury and Turkish Ministry have not made any payment, the Company started to deduct these amounts from existing ongoing monthly payments. As at 31 December 2007, the Company deducted TRY 51,254 (equivalent to \$41,884 as at 30 June 2008) from existing monthly ongoing license fee and universal service fund payments.

Turkish Treasury send a letter to the Company dated 17 July 2007 and rejected deducting ongoing licensee fees that relates to 2006 from current year payments. Accordingly, TRY 2,960 (equivalent to \$2,419 as at 30 June 2008) that is deducted from ongoing license fee payment for May 2007 has been requested from the Company. The Company has not made the related payment and continued to deduct ongoing license fee and universal service fee amount related to discounts given to distributors for the year 2006.

Besides, the Company filed a lawsuit on ICC in order to determine that the Company is not obliged to pay ongoing license fee and Telecommunications Authority Fee in accordance with the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Articles of the License, respectively, on discounts given to distributors.

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Management and legal counsel believe that the Company has the legal right to make deductions with respect to this issue. Accordingly, the Company has not recorded any provisions with respect to this matter in its consolidated interim financial statements.

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**30. Contingencies (continued)**

**Legal Proceedings (continued)**

***Dispute with Telecommunications Authority on Tariffs***

Between October 2007 and February 2008, Telecommunications Authority made announcements about its decision to control retail pricing for mobile operators, setting a lower ceiling for off-net calling prices for all operators and asking the Company to set its on-net prices to be not lower than its lowest interconnect rate. The Company filed lawsuits before Danistay requesting an injunction and annulment of the aforementioned decision on the ground that said decision is violating Telecommunications Law, Competition Law and License Agreement between the Company and Telecommunications Authority. On 26 May 2008, Danistay accepted the injunction request of the Company with respect to set its on-net prices to be not lower than its lowest interconnect rate and rejected the injunction request of the Company about Telecommunications Authority's decision to control retail pricing for mobile operators, setting a lower ceiling for off-net calling prices for all operators. Telecommunications Authority objected to the decision.

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**31. Related parties***Transactions with key management personnel:*

Key management personnel comprise of the Group's directors and key management executive officers.

As at 30 June 2008 and 31 December 2007, none of the Group's directors and executive officers has outstanding personnel loans from the Company.

In addition to their salaries, the Group also provides non-cash benefits to directors and executive officers and contributes to a post-employment defined plan on their behalf. The Group is required to contribute a specified percentage of payroll costs to the retirement benefit scheme to fund the benefits.

Total compensation provided to key management personnel is \$3,689, \$2,407, \$852 and \$666 for the six and three months ended 30 June 2008 and 2007, respectively.

The Company has agreements or protocols with several of its shareholders, consolidated subsidiaries and affiliates of the shareholders. The Company's management believes that all such agreements or protocols are on terms that are at least as advantageous to the Company as would be available in transactions with third parties and the transactions are consummated at their fair values. None of these balances is secured.

*Other related party transactions:*

	<b>30 June 2008</b>	<b>31 December 2007</b>
<b>Due from related parties – long term</b>		
Digital Platform	52,660	64,220
Other	5,156	4,651
	<b>57,816</b>	<b>68,871</b>
	<b>30 June 2008</b>	<b>31 December 2007</b>
<b>Due from related parties – short term</b>		
KVK Teknoloji Urunleri AS ( KVK Teknoloji )	30,756	5,612
Digital Platform	14,328	6,960
Superonline Uluslararası Elektronik Bilgilendirme		
Telekomunikasyon ve Haberleşme Hiz. AS ( Superonline )	12,394	7,078
A-Tel	7,038	27,470
OJSC VimpelCom ( Vimpelcom )	5,148	-
Millenicom Telekomunikasyon AS ( Millenicom )	1,691	-
Other	8,517	5,362
	<b>79,872</b>	<b>52,482</b>

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	<b>30 June 2008</b>	<b>31 December 2007</b>
<b>Due to related parties - short term</b>		
ADD Production Medya AS ( ADD )	10,507	7,224
Hobim Bilgi Islem Hizmetleri AS ( Hobim )	6,165	5,876
Genel Sigorta AS ( Genel Sigorta )	3,588	370
Estore Elektronik Tic. ve Sanal Mag. Hiz. AS ( Estore )	1,744	2,389
Other	1,622	2,119
	<b>23,626</b>	<b>17,978</b>

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**31. Related parties (continued)**

*Other related party transactions: (continued)*

Substantially, all of the significant due from related party balances is from Cukurova Group companies.

Due from Digital Platform, a company whose majority shares are owned by Cukurova Group, mainly resulted from receivables from call center revenues, financial support for borrowing repayments and advances given for current and planned sponsorships. On 23 December 2005, a Restructuring Framework Agreement was signed between Digital Platform and the Company. The agreement includes the restructuring of the Group's receivables from Digital Platform amounting to \$66,988 as at 30 June 2008 in exchange for sponsorship and the advertisement services that the Company will receive on Digital Platform's infrastructure. Under the agreement, Digital Platform commits to pay amounts due to the Group through 15 July 2011 along with the interest in cash and advertisement services. \$66,988 represents present value of future cash flows and services discounted using imputed interest rate. As at 30 June 2008, \$52,660 of the balance is classified as long term due from related parties in accordance with the revised repayment schedule. Besides, the Company paid \$4,425 to Digital Platform within the scope of the agreement during the six months ended 30 June 2008.

Due from KVK Teknoloji, a company whose majority shares are owned by Cukurova Group, mainly resulted from simcard and scratch card sales to this company and payables in relation to activation fees and subsidies for sales.

Due from Superonline, a company whose majority shares are owned by Cukurova Group, mainly resulted from interconnection and call center services provided by the Group.

Due from A-Tel, a 50-50 joint venture of the Company and SDIF, resulted from simcard and scratch card sales to this company and payables in relation to activation fees and subsidies for sales.

Due from Vimpelcom, a company whose minority shares are owned by Alfa Group, resulted from roaming transactions.

Due from Millenicom, a company whose majority shares are owned by Cukurova Group, mainly resulted from call termination and international traffic carriage services.

Due from ADD, a company whose shares are owned by Cukurova Group, resulted from advances given for advertisement and sponsorship services rendered by this company.

Due to Hobim, a company whose majority shares are owned by Cukurova Group, resulted from the invoice printing services rendered by this company.

Due to Genel Sigorta, a company whose majority shares are owned by Cukurova Group, resulted from the insurance services rendered by this company.

Due to Estore, a company whose majority shares are owned by Cukurova Group, resulted from handset purchases regarding campaigns.

The Group's exposure to currency and liquidity risk related to due from/ (due to) related parties is disclosed in Note 27.

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## 31. Related parties (continued)

*Transactions with related parties*

Intragroup transactions that have been eliminated are not recognized as related party transaction in the following table.

	Six months ended		Three months ended	
	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June
<b>Revenues from related parties</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
<u>Sales to KVK Teknoloji</u>				
Simcard and prepaid card sales	406,282	252,516	240,977	143,710
<u>Sales to A-Tel</u>				
Simcard and prepaid card sales	73,024	51,297	36,566	29,040
<u>Sales to Kyivstar GSM JSC ( Kyivstar )</u>				
Telecommunications services	27,000	13,262	15,015	9,742
<u>Sales to Digital Platform</u>				
Call center revenues and interest charges	10,383	7,410	5,019	3,510
<u>Sales to Millenicom</u>				
Telecommunications services	6,513	5,798	3,968	2,836

	Six months ended		Three months ended	
	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June
<b>Related party expenses</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
<u>Charges from ADD</u>				
Advertisement and sponsorship services	85,743	77,010	50,495	40,487
<u>Charges from KVK Teknoloji</u>				
Dealer activation fees and others	39,015	40,109	26,672	27,466
<u>Charges from Kyivstar</u>				
Telecommunications services	26,547	14,882	15,007	10,142
<u>Charges from A-Tel (*)</u>				
Dealer activation fees and others	23,082	19,361	12,034	10,491

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Charges from Hobim

Invoicing and archieving services	10,541	8,320	5,644	4,333
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Charges from Betting SA

Consultancy services	5,262	4,297	2,369	2,341
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Charges from Millenicom

Telecommunications services	4,090	4,175	2,024	2,193
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\* Charges from A-Tel have been eliminated to the extent of the Company s interest in A-Tel for the six and three months ended 30 June 2008 and 2007 amounting to \$23,082, \$19,361, \$12,034 and \$10,491, respectively.

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**31. Related parties (continued)**

The significant agreements are as follows:

***Agreements with KVK Teknoloji:***

KVK Teknoloji, incorporated on 23 October 2002, one of the Company's principal simcard distributors, is a Turkish company, which is affiliated with some of the Company's shareholders. In addition to sales of simcards and scratch cards, the Company has entered into several agreements with KVK Teknoloji, in the form of advertisement support protocols, each lasting for different periods pursuant to which KVK Teknoloji must place advertisements for the Company's services in newspapers. The objective of these agreements is to promote and increase handset sales with the Company's prepaid and postpaid brand simcards, thereby supporting the protection of the Company's market share in the prevailing market conditions. The prices of the contracts were determined according to the cost of advertising for KVK Teknoloji and the total advertisement benefit received, reflected in the Company's market share in new subscriber acquisitions. Distributors' campaign projects and market share also contributed to the budget allocation.

***Agreements with A-Tel:***

A-Tel is involved in the marketing, selling and distributing the Company's prepaid systems. A-Tel is a 50-50 joint venture of the Company and SDIF. A-Tel acts as the only dealer of the Company for Muhabbet Kart (a prepaid card), and receives dealer activation fees and simcard subsidies for the sale of Muhabbet Kart. In addition to the sales of simcards and scratch cards through an extensive network of newspaper kiosks located throughout Turkey, the Company has entered into several agreements with A-Tel for sales campaigns and subscriber activations.

***Agreements with Kyivstar:***

Alfa Group, a minor shareholder of the Company, holds the majority shares of Kyivstar. Astelit is receiving call termination and international traffic carriage services from Kyivstar.

***Agreements with Digital Platform:***

Digital Platform, a direct-to-home digital television service company under the Digiturk brand name, is a subsidiary of one of the Company's principal shareholders, the Cukurova Group. Digital Platform acquired the broadcasting rights for Turkish Super Football League by the tender held on 15 July 2004, until 31 May 2008 and the broadcasting rights were extended until 31 May 2010 with a new agreement dated 5 May 2005. On 23 December 2005, Restructuring Framework Agreement was signed between Digital Platform and the Company. The Company also has an agreement related to the corporate group SMS services that the Company offers to Digital Platform, and an agreement for call center services provided by the Company's subsidiary Global.

***Agreements with Millenicom:***

European Telecommunications Holding AG (ETH), a subsidiary of Cukurova Group, holds the majority shares of Millenicom. Millenicom is rendering and receiving call termination and international traffic carriage services to and from the Company.



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**31. Related parties (continued)**

*Agreements with ADD:*

ADD, a media planning and marketing company, is a Turkish company owned by one of the Company's principal shareholders, Cukurova Group. The Company entered into a media purchasing agreement with ADD on 23 January 2002, which expired on 31 December 2002 and further extended to 31 December 2003. In 2004 and 2005, the agreement was revised again with similar terms. On 1 September 2006, a revised agreement has been signed with ADD and the validity period of the agreement has been extended to 31 August 2008. The purpose of this agreement is to benefit from the expertise and bargaining power of ADD against third parties, regarding the formation of media purchasing strategies for both postpaid and prepaid brands. Additionally, ADD is a party of the sponsorship and advertisement agreements which are integral part of Restructuring Framework Agreement signed between the Company and Digital Platform.

*Agreements with Betting SA:*

Betting SA is incorporated under the laws of Greece, owned by one of the major shareholders of Inteltek. Inteltek signed a service agreement with Betting SA on 11 March 2004 to get consultancy services including monitoring operations, providing continuous evaluation of betting, maximizing game revenues of fixed odds betting, operating fixed odds betting games in the most efficient manner, with integrity and securely.

*Agreements with Hobim:*

Hobim, one of the leading data processing and application service provider companies in Turkey, is owned by Cukurova Group. The Company has entered into invoice printing and archiving agreements with Hobim under which Hobim provides the Company with scratch card printing services, monthly invoice printing services, manages archiving of invoices and subscription documents for an indefinite period of time. Prices of the agreements are determined as per unit cost plus profit margin.

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**32. Group entities**

The Group's ultimate parent company is Turkcell. Subsidiaries of the Company as at 30 June 2008 and 31 December 2007 are as follows:

**Subsidiaries**

Name	Country of Incorporation	Ownership Interest	
		30 June 2008%	31 December 2007%
Kibris Telekom	Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus	100	100
Global	Turkey	100	100
Turktell Bilisim Servisleri AS ("Turktell")	Turkey	100	100
Tellcom	Turkey	100	100
Turktell Uluslararası Yatırım Holding AS	Turkey	100	100
Turkcell Kurumsal Satış ve Dağıtım Hizmetleri AS	Turkey	100	100
Eastasia	Netherlands	100	100
Turkcell Teknoloji	Turkey	100	100
TurkKule	Turkey	100	100
Sans Oyunları Yatırım Holding AS	Turkey	100	100
Financell	Netherlands	100	—
Rehberlik Hizmetleri AS	Turkey	100	—
Beltur BV	Netherlands	100	—
Surtur BV	Netherlands	100	—
Beltel Telekomünikasyon Hizmetleri AS	Turkey	100	—
Turkcell Gayrimenkul	Turkey	100	—
Corbuss Kurumsal Telekom Servis Hizmetleri AS	Turkey	99	99
Inteltek	Turkey	55	55
Bilyoner	Turkey	55	55
Euroasia	Netherlands	55	55
Astelit	Ukraine	55	55

Through its wholly owned subsidiary Turktell, the Company has signed Share Purchase and Sale Agreements in order to sell its 55% stake in Bilyoner to Demir Toprak AS and purchase all of Superonline shares. The completion of the sale process will be dependent upon the receipt of the necessary permissions from the Competition Board.

**33. Subsequent events**

On 29 July 2008, the Company signed a Share Purchase Agreement to acquire a 80% stake in Belarusian Telecommunications Network. The stake will be acquired from the State Committee on Property of the Republic of Belarus for a consideration of US\$500 million. An additional payment of US\$100 million shall be made when Belarusian Telecommunications Network records a full-year positive net income for the first time.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Turkcell Iletisim Hizmetleri A.S. has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

**TURKCELL ILETISIM HIZMETLERI A.S.**

Date: August 12, 2008

By: /s/ Koray Ozturkler  
Name: Koray Ozturkler  
Title: Chief Corporate Affairs Officer

**TURKCELL ILETISIM HIZMETLERI A.S.**

Date: August 12, 2008

By: /s/ Ferda Atabek  
Name: Ferda Atabek  
Title: Investor Relations Officer