

# Results Presentation Monday, March 23, 2020

For the year ending 31 December 2019

**Cell C's Turnaround Strategy takes shape** 

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# The Cell C Journey



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#### **Focus**

- Operational efficiencies
- · A new network strategy
- · A new capital structure



### **Turnaround strategy**

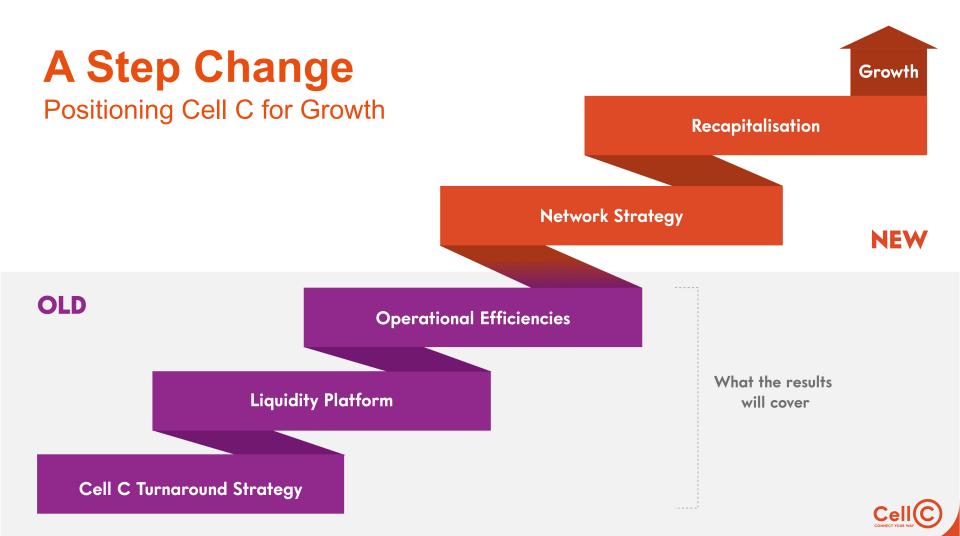
Turnaround strategy has delivered **improved operational efficiencies** with the positive impact of these changes flowing through in the latter half of the reporting period.



## **Improved Performance**

Improved business
performance allows for a
successful recapitalisation with a
sustainable debt stack.





# Cell C's Strategy



# Recap of turnaround strategy to focus on sustainable growth

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#### **Liquidity Focus**

Liquidity platform is in place.

Informal debt standstill, current terms on hold while debt is restructured as part of recapitalisation.

Complete 🚫

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#### **Network strategy**

Network strategy is an evolution of the capex intensive, infrastructure-based network.

This is a capex for opex substitution.

Expanded roaming agreement with MTN concluded.

Complete



### **Operational Rationalisation**

A cost efficiency programme.

Review of product portfolio & rebalancing traffic.

Shift to revenue generating activities.

Ongoing



#### Recapitalisation

Complex restructure.

Multiple stakeholders.

Structures are being discussed.

All parties remain vested in the process.

In Progress





# **Financial Results**

For the annual period ended 31 December 2019



# **Annual highlights for 2019... 1/2**

## **Key performance indicators**



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R14.2 Billion



vs 2018 EBITDA

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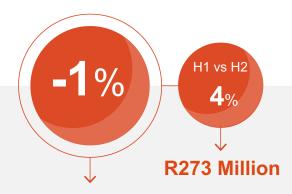
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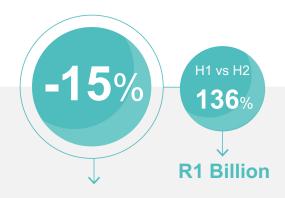


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## Annual highlights for 2019... 2/2

## **Key performance indicators**







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# 2019 Results Full year

## Summary of reported financial information

R'm	2019	2018	% change	
Service revenue	14 218	14 385	-1%	
Non-Service revenue	937	1 282	-27%	
Total revenue	15 155	15 667	-3%	
Gross margin	7 412	8 090	-8%	
Gross margin %	49%	52%	-3%	
EBITDA	2 467	2 897	-15%	
EBITDA margin %	16%	18%	-2%	
Net loss after tax	(3 936)	(7 337)	46%	

### **Notes & Comments**

- In 2019, the net loss after tax includes non-cash impairments to the value of R 3 283 million.
- In 2019, net loss after tax without the non-cash impairment totals a loss of R 697 million.

# Impact of roaming on EBITDA (ZAR mln)

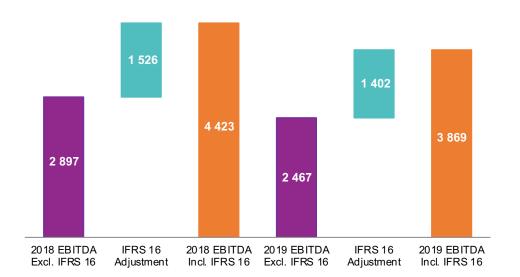






## Impact of IFRS 16 on the financial results

## Impact of IFRS 16 on the income statement



#### **Notes & Comments**

- Increase in EBITDA as operating leases are recognized as finance expenses.
- Increase in the debt portfolio due to an increase in the lease liability. There is an increase in the right-of-use lease asset which is depreciated over the period of the lease term.

# Impact of IFRS 16 on the Balance Sheet





## H1 vs H2 2019

### **Summary of reported financial information**

Rand Million	H1 2019 Excl. IFRS 16	H2 2019 Excl. IFRS 16	%
Revenue	7 464,8	7 690,6	3%
Mobile	6 972,4	7 246,0	4%
Prepaid	3 468,2	3 536,2	2%
Direct Expenditure	(3 927,0)	(3 816,9)	-3%
Gross Margin	3 537,8	3 873,7	9%
Operating Expenses	(2 938,6)	(2 415,8)	-18%
EBITDA	734,6	1 732,3	136%

### **EBITDA H1 vs H2 2019**

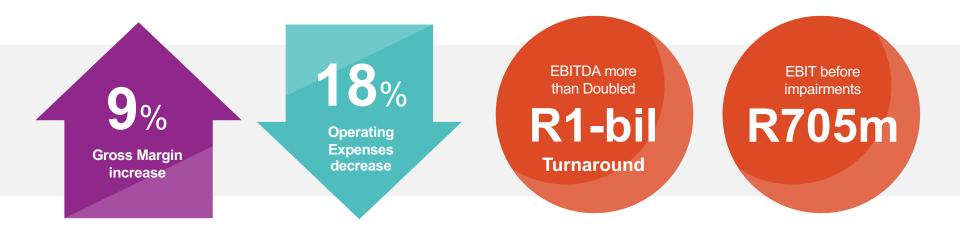






# **Highlights from H2 2019**

# Impact of the turnaround strategy





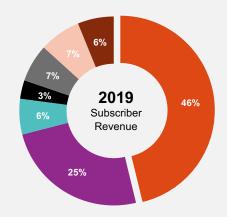
# Annual revenue story

Maintained revenue while right-sizing the customer base



# Revenue by subscriber type

Segment (R'm)	2019	2018	% change		
Prepaid*	7 004	7 359	-5%		
Contract*	3 753	3 769	0%		
Broadband*	924	910	2%		
Mobile revenue	11 681	12 038	-3%		
Other^	482	394	22%		
Wholesale	981	875	12%		
Incoming	1 074	1 078	0%		
Net Service revenue	14 218	14 385	-1%		
Equipment	937	1 282	-27%		
Total Revenue	15 155	15 667	-3%		





■Equipment



<sup>\*</sup> Segments of mobile revenue are net of volume discounts. ^ Other revenue is made up of FTTH, other bulk SMS and content.

## **Unpacking our Subscribers**

Other key performance indicators

Thousand	2019	2018	% change
A3 prepaid base	10 886	13 845	- 21%
Contract base*  Postpaid Base Hybrid Base	1 103 303 800	<b>1 156</b> 421 735	- 5% - 28% 9%
Broadband base*	383	409	- 6%
MVNO^	2 035	1 828	<b>1</b> 1%
Total Subscribers	14 407	17 238	- 16%
ASPU 'R	2019	2018	% change
Prepaid	50	49	<b>2</b> %
Contract	275	251	<b>A</b> 9%
Broadband	189	162	<b>17</b> %

### **Notes & Comments**

Prepaid base down 21%. Annualised ARPU -2%, however ARPU up 7.5% on an annual Dec vs Dec basis. Total cost of acquisition down 43% annually. We are connecting better customers and focusing on profitable subscribers. We are not chasing subscriber growth as a cosmetic indicator.

**Contract base -5%** with dramatically lower subsidies. ARPU has increased by 9%.

**Broadband -6%** with ARPU up 17% with base down 6% as we were more selective in deal value.

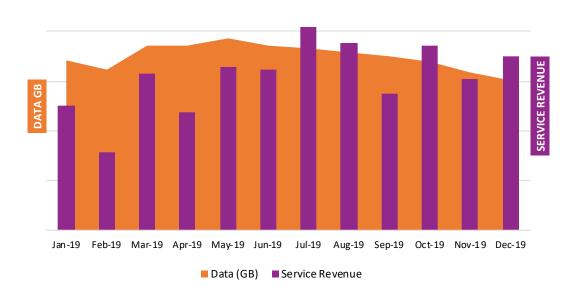
Fibre to the home revenue up 36%. Although off a smaller base it is growing quickly.

Wholesale MVNO base up 11%. We still managed to grow as we reduced prices that our MVNOs paid and growth was severally curtailed as our financial uncertainty slowed down the rollout of new MVNOS. This includes the BSP business.



## **Optimising network traffic to improve profitability**

## Service Revenue vs Data usage



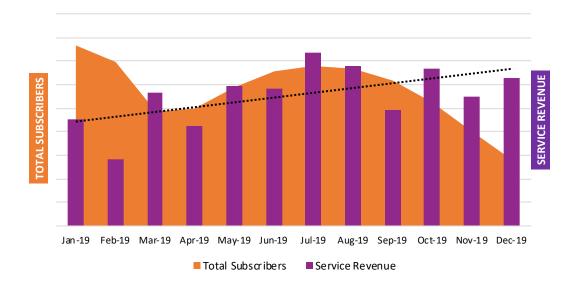
### **Notes & Comments**

- Data Traffic reduced during the period.
- H2 service revenue outperforms H1 with less data traffic.



# **Evolution of the customer base in pursuit of profitability**

### **Service Revenue vs Total Subscribers**



#### **Notes & Comments**

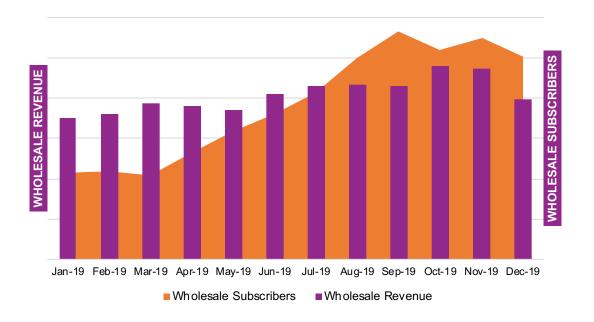
- We have been actively managing our customers by pursuing more profitable customers.
- This has caused a reduction in the Cell C customer base.
- Cell C removed non-profitable products and increased its focus on retail product pricing.
- An example of this of this was the cancellation of Wholesale Fixed LTE services that were no longer feasible.



<sup>-</sup> Customer base excludes FTTH and CST subscriber bases.

### **Robust Wholesale Model**

## Wholesale Revenue vs Wholesale Subscribers



### **Notes & Comments**

Wholesale revenue contributes 7% of the total service revenue.

The value proposition proposed by new MVNOs creating new demand for subscribers.



# Operational expenditure story

Operating expenses was 18% lower when comparing H1 vs H2, right sizing the operator for future growth.



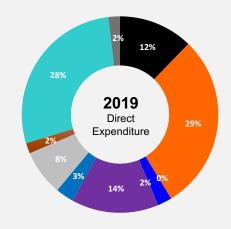
# **Operational expenditure**

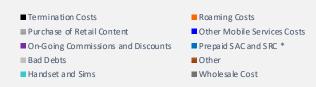
R'm	H1 2019 Excl. IFRS 16	H2 2019 Excl. IFRS 16	H1 vs H2 %	
Direct expenditure	(3 927.0)	(3 816.9)		3%
Network Expenses	(1 037.0)	(1 031.0)		1%
Commercial Expenses	(644.5)	(412.5)		36%
Administrative Expenses	(1 256.9)	(972.3)		23%
Depreciation, Amortisatio & Impairment	n (767.5)	(4 268.1)		>100%

R'm	2019	2018
Capital expenditure	273	2 112

#### Capital expenditure

- Capital expenditure is lower than 2019 due to the prioritisation of the turnaround strategy.
- Furthermore, the expansionary capex ceased due to the current liquidity pressures.





#### Depreciation, amortisation and impairments

An annual impairment assessment of fixed and intangible assets was concluded which resulted in an impairment of R3.2 billion. In accordance with IFRS, we could not consider the benefits from the recapitalization and the extended roaming agreement.



# **Balance sheet story**



## **Balance sheet**

R'm	2019	2018	% change
Network Assets	5 096	8 401	-39%
Intangible assets	951	1 113	-14%
Trade receivables and other assets	2 822	4 620	-39%
Total assets	8 869	14 134	-37%
Loans and borrowings	8 706	8 970	-3%
Other liabilities and provisions	6 187	7 264	-15%
Lease obligations	1 824	1 768	3%
Total Liabilities	16 717	18 002	-7%
Net equity	(7 848)	(3 868)	<b>&gt;-100</b> %

### **Notes & Comments**

Trade receivable have decreased due to early settlements by customers to support the liquidity platform.

Other liabilities and provisions decreased due to the cost and network optimization which focused on incurring costs for profitable growth.



# **Analysis of debt and finance cost**

Description	Debt		Interest		F-X	
	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018
Long term debt	-	-	-	-	-	-
Short term debt*	8 706	8 970	905	819	-209	405
	8 706	8970				
Finance leases	1 824	1 768	267	256	-	-
Other finance costs	-	-	412	275	28	280
- Other finance costs	-	-	185	93	-	-
- Discounting future cash flows	-	-	53	92	-	-
- Working capital	-	-	-	-	28	280
- Derivatives	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Other interest	-	-	174	90	-	-
Cash / interest income	-262	-493	-33	-61	-	-
Net debt excl. leases (net of cash)	8 444	8 477	1 284	1 033	-233	685
Net debt incl. leases (net of cash)	10 268	10 245	1 551	1 289	-181	685
Handset finance (off balance sheet)	1 749	1 825	254	189	-	-

#### **Notes & Comments**

Cost of funding remains excessively high.

Debt has not increased in 2019. Instead, a decline through settlement of short-term debt.

Handset financing liability decreasing due to not acquiring customer at any cost.

Results excluding the adoption of IFRS 16.



# Breakdown of long- and short-term debt

2019 2018 **Principal Debt Description** Listed Bonds 2 705 2 666 CDB 1 935 1 940 ICBC Unchanged in ZAR 1 105 1 046 Nedbank Unchanged in ZAR 847 797 DBSA Unchanged in ZAR 230 190 RMB/ABSA Unchanged in ZAR 1 081 1 400 Capitalised Finance Costs -11 -36 ZTE Bridge Vendor 151 107 Subsidy Reduced 686 865 Total 8 706 8 970

**R264m reduction** of financial debt.

In a foreign currency static situation the total Pro-forma financial **debt reduced by R352m** in the comparative period.\*

Debt reduction in trying times.

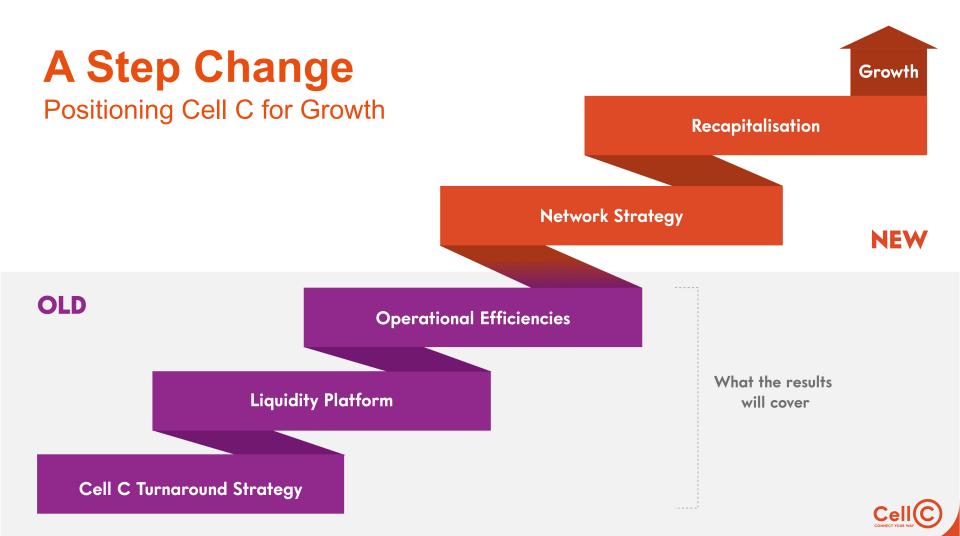


**Notes & Comments** 

<sup>\* -</sup> At a USD/ZAR closing exchange rate of R14.39 as at 31 December 2018.

# **The Way Forward**





# **Looking forward**



- Operationally sound business
- · Financially viable and competitive
- Business performance allows for a successful recapitalisation and sustainable debt profile
- Continue to be a customer champion offering innovative products and services



# **Questions?**

