
Results Presentation

For the period ended 30 June 2020 (H1 2020)



Cell C's Turnaround
Strategy yields results



Cell C Interim Results

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Strategic Update

The big shifts shaping our performance

Focused turnaround strategy

Overall impact of the strategic focus is evident in this set of results as **new management team** continues to drive **positive change**.



1

Liquidity Focus

- Liquidity platform is in place.
- Strict liquidity protocols overseen by independent 3rd party.
- Informal debt standstill, current terms on hold while debt is restructured as part of recapitalisation.
- Continue to operate despite facing significant liquidity constraints.

Ongoing



2

Network strategy

- Actively driving 'The Age of Resource sharing'. Evolution of business from the capex intensive, infrastructure-based network to an aggregator of infrastructure.
- Successfully concluded Phase 2 MTN roaming agreement.
- Commenced implementation 1 May 2020. 36-month transition from Jan 2021

Complete



3

Operational Rationalisation

- Significant cost efficiency programme to optimise and right-size the cost base.
- Nearing completion of restructure process.
- Change in operating model - focused investment, partnering and a buyer of services, instead of build, buy and run everything.
- A shift in KPI's aligned to business model.

Ongoing



4

Recapitalisation

- Complex restructure.
- Multiple stakeholders.
- Good progress.
- Final step will be term sheets.

In Progress



CELL C OF THE FUTURE

Lean

Agile

Flexible

Responsive

Accountable

Resilient

Spectrum auction

An interested party under the right conditions



The initial costs of spectrum through an auction must **not be a barrier to the end game.**



A catalyst for the industry and to **stimulate economic growth.**



As part of Cell C's network strategy it considers **high demand spectrum** a critical resource in addition to other spectrum bands for the provision of bundled data services in the digital era.



Digital technologies can enhance lives, improve education, drive financial inclusion and drive access to trade and public services, **it is a great enabler for South Africa.**

Cell C is an MNO not a super MVNO



MNO	vs	MVNO
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cell C has the choice to change the network quality.	Control over quality of service	<input type="checkbox"/> Adopts same quality as Cell C.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cell C can choose to increase/decrease coverage footprint to deliver on ICASA regulations.	Control over network coverage footprint	<input type="checkbox"/> Adopts same footprint as Cell C.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cell C has control and use of own spectrum license.	Spectrum license holder	Not required
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	Spectrum license obligations	None
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cell C can independently direct network investment.	Control over network investment	<input type="checkbox"/> No

MNO	vs	MVNO
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	Control over core/backhaul transmission services	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cell C pays termination fees if calling an MTN subscriber while roaming on MTN.	Own voice Interconnection agreements to terminate on other operators	<input type="checkbox"/> Does not pay interconnect termination fees if calling the host network's subscriber base



Core Network

MNO	vs	MVNO
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cell C operates on its own IMSI range.	Own IMSI range	<input type="checkbox"/> Uses Cell C's IMSI range.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	Own number range	<input type="checkbox"/> Dependent on Cell C to allocate numbers.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cell C decides on its product and pricing strategy independently.	Control over own retail products and pricing	<input type="checkbox"/> Decides on its product and pricing strategy independently.



Subscribers

The way people live, work and shop is changing

Redesigning our Retail Model

Coupled with new operating model we are **reshaping our retail footprint** and consumer touchpoints.

30%

Lower retail footfall

18.4%

Increase in online activity

- 26.7% increase on app
- 8.41% increase on website



A Hybrid Approach

- Combine digital, physical stores and retail partnerships.



Phased store closures

- Over 18 months as leases expire and/or are taken over by third parties



Operational Update

Market dynamics affecting operational performance



Macro-economic factors impacting consumer spend

- Contraction of GDP
- Unemployment at all time high
- Volatile exchange rate
- Recession



Competitive environment

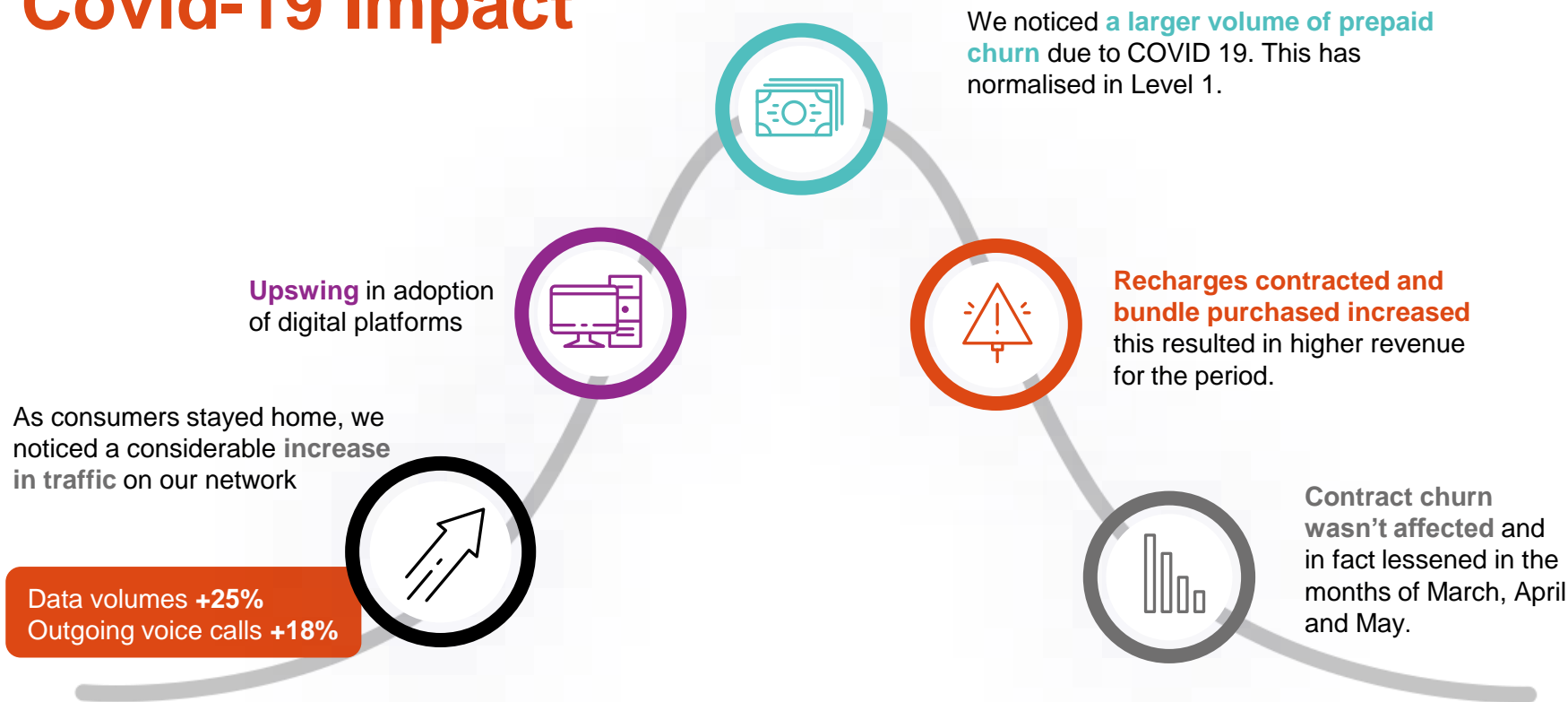
- Evolving telecoms value chain
- Margins eroded due to price strategies
- Spectrum allocation – future auction



Black swan event

- COVID-19 impacts (and opportunities!)
- Need to be resilient, agile and flexible

Covid-19 Impact

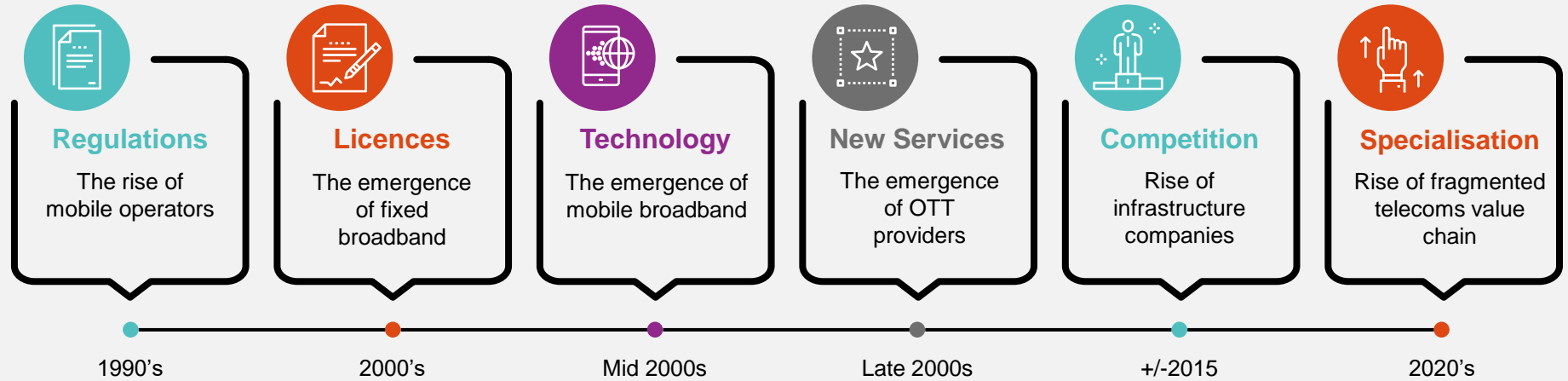




Evolution of the Telecoms Value Chain

Understanding the shifts
in our financial results

A fragmenting telecoms value chain



Challenging the industry measurement paradigms

The Telco of the Past

1

Network focused

A **shift in metrics** and understanding of relevance to new models.

The future must **reflect value**.

2

KPI's have a life cycle

of subscribers vs profitability
Capex vs ROI
Margins

Cell C has a strategy

This set of results reflects the **transition**.

Future results will be measured on the **new model**.





Financial Results

For the period ended
30 June 2020



Rand weakened from R14.04 (June '19) to R17.36 (Jun '20). This has resulted in **Forex loss of R1.3bn** in June 2020 in comparison to a loss of R0.2m as at June 2019.

R1.3bn

**Rand
value**

Items impacting reporting results

**Once
off**

Expenditure once off – R5.5bn

- **Restructuring costs** / retrenchments of R64.2m as at 30 June 2020 (still ongoing)
- **Recapitalisation costs** - R100.9m as at 30 June 2020 (still ongoing)
- **Impairment** – R5.0bn
- **Network Site Restoration** – R247.6m

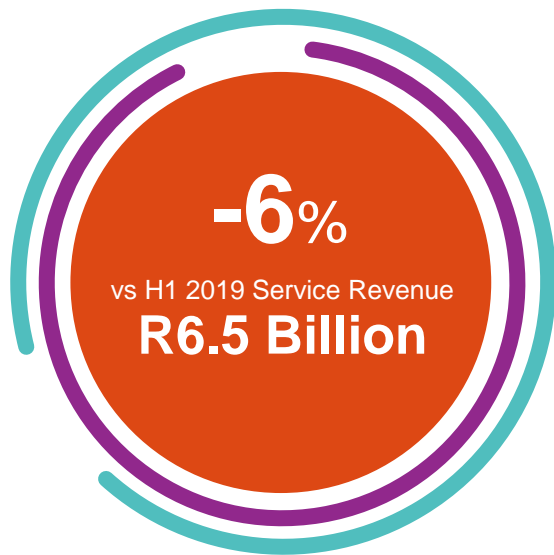
IFRS

Cell C **Implemented IFRS 15 and 16** as at 1 January 2019, therefore these standards are included in both H1 2019 and 2020.



Key performance indicators

H1 2020



Service revenue decreased by 6% due to the change in company strategy to focus on profitable customers.



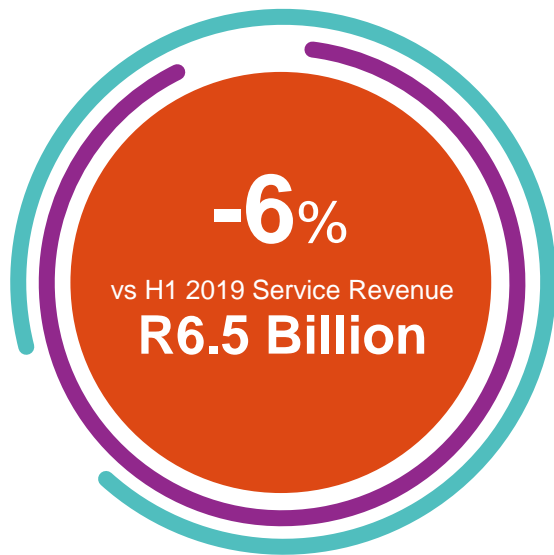
Decreased EBITDA is a result of the once-off restructuring and recapitalisation costs. Operational Rationalisation resulted in a **13% saving in Direct Expenditure** as compared to H1 2019.



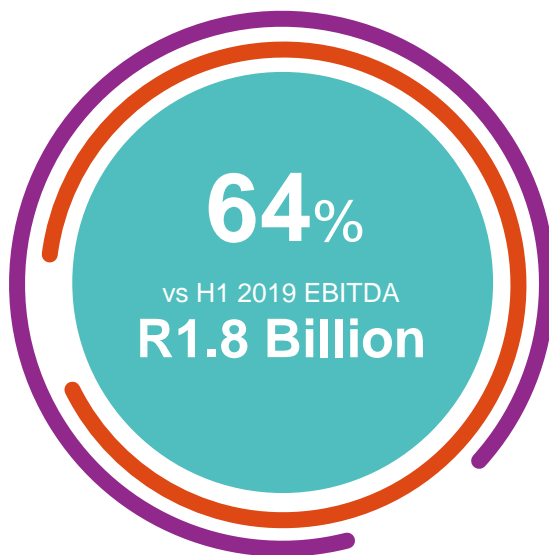
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Key performance indicators - Normalised

H1 2020



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Improvement in normalised earnings, EBITDA adjusted based on once-off restructuring and recapitalisation costs.



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2020 Results Half Year

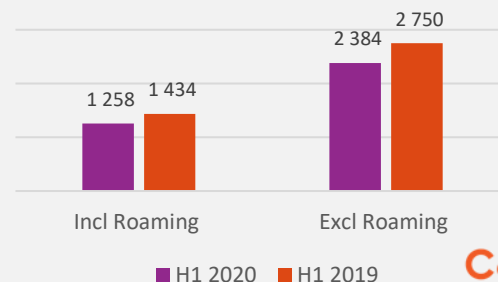
Summary of reported financial information

R'm	H1 2020	H1 2019	% change
Service revenue	6 542	6 972	▼ -6%
Non-Service revenue	378	523	▼ -28%
Total revenue	6 920	7 495	▼ -8%
Gross margin	3 466	3 538	▼ -2%
Gross margin %	50%	47%	▲ 3%
EBITDA	1 258	1 434	▼ -12%
EBITDA margin %	18%	19%	▼ -1%
Cash EBITDA	511	93	▲ 450%
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment	(6 512)	(1 344)	▲ >-100%
Depreciation, Amortisation	1 418	1 249	-14%
Impairment	5 092	94	>-100%
Net loss after tax	(7 598)	(875)	▼ >-100%

Notes & Comments

- Excluding once-off recapitalisation and restructure costs, EBIT for H1 2020 would have been at R162-million, an improvement of 80%.
- Generated R418-million more cash from operations compared to the previous period.
- An annual impairment assessment was performed and this resulted in an impairment of R5.0bn.
- Current year net loss after tax excluding the impact of impairment totals a loss of R2.5bn

Impact of roaming on EBITDA (ZAR mln)



Highlights from H1 2020

Impact of the turnaround strategy



**MVNO Revenue
Increase**

Strong performance
in this segment



Increase in
Overall ARPU
compared to H1
2019



**Direct
Expenditure
decrease**



**Management of
capacity purchase**
due to maintaining
profitable customers



Revenue Story

Maintained revenue
while right-sizing the
customer base

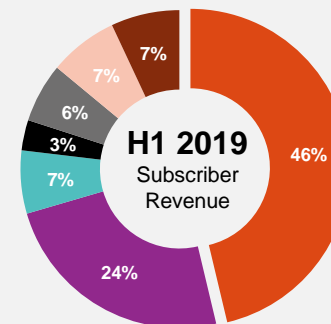
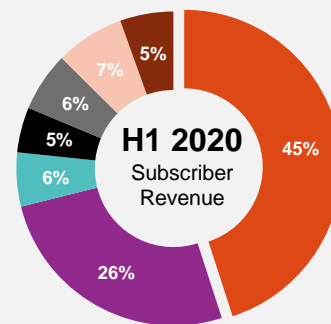
Revenue by subscriber type

Segment (R'm)	H1 2020	H1 2019	% change	
Prepaid*	3 123	3 468	▼	-10%
Contract*	1 805	1 814	▼	-1%
Broadband*	383	481	▼	-20%
Mobile revenue	5 311	5 763	▼	-8%
Other^	321	231	▲	38%
Wholesale	422	452	▼	-7%
MVNO	399	338	▲	18%
BSP	23	114	▼	-80%
Incoming	489	526	▼	-7%
Net Service revenue	6 542	6 972	▼	-6%
Equipment	378	523	▼	-28%
Total Revenue	6 920	7 495	▼	-8%

- Segments of mobile revenue are net of volume discounts.
- ^ Other revenue is made up of FTTH, other bulk SMS, Content, Roaming revenue and Financial services.

Notes & Comments

Increase in other is due to 80mln roaming revenue incurred in the current year from MTN phase 2



- Prepaid
- Contract
- Broadband
- Other
- Wholesale
- Incoming
- Equipment

Unpacking our Subscribers

Other key performance indicators

Thousand	H1 2020	H1 2019	% change
A3 prepaid base	8 350	12 782	▼ -35%
Contract base	968	1 131	▼ -14%
Postpaid Base	255	362	- 30%
Hybrid Base	713	769	-7%
Broadband base	335	412	▼ -19%
Wholesale^	2 066	1 939	▲ 7%
Total Subscribers	11 719	16 265	▼ -28%

YTD ARPU 'R	H1 2020	H1 2019	% change
Prepaid	66	52	▲ 27%
Contract	303	277	▲ 9%
Broadband	178	196	▼ -9%

^ - MVNO and BSP base.

Notes & Comments

- Prepaid base decreased by 35%. However, annualised ARPU increased 27%. Our strategy is focusing on profitable subscribers rather than subscriber base.
- Contract base decreased by 14% whilst ARPU has increased by 9%.
- Broadband decreased 19% whilst ARPU has decreased by 9%.
- Wholesale base increased by 7%. This is mainly due to the focus of reducing prices to remain competitive and attract more customers.

The SIM card washing machine

An analogy for the relentless chasing of subscribers for no value



Prepaid customer base decreased by **34.7% YoY.**



ARPU increased by **45% YoY.**



Gross margin for prepaid increased by **5% YoY.**



Direct costs decreased by **16.3% YoY.**

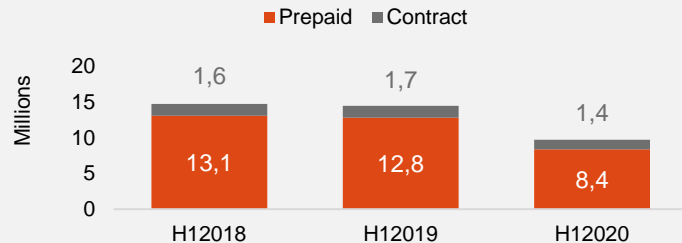


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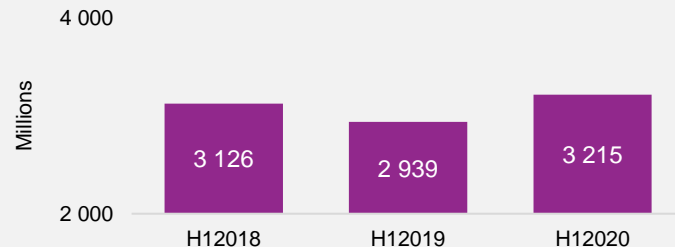
- Cell C's strategy has been to rationalise its subscriber base and retain profitable customers.
- # of SIMs in market is not a true measure of core subscribers.
- A SIM connection is not a sustainable and profitable customer.
- The cost of acquisition is ineffective and drives bad distribution behaviour.

A focus on profitable customers

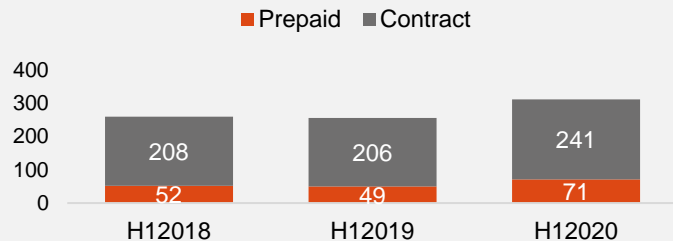
Subscriber Base Growth



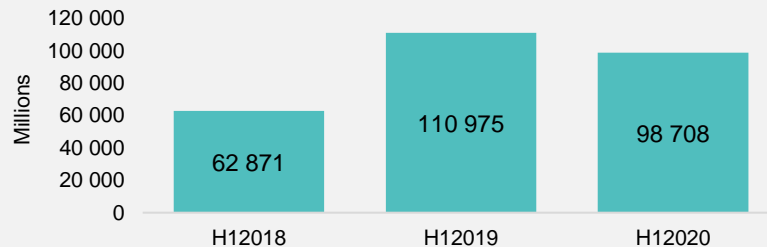
Voice Traffic



ASPU



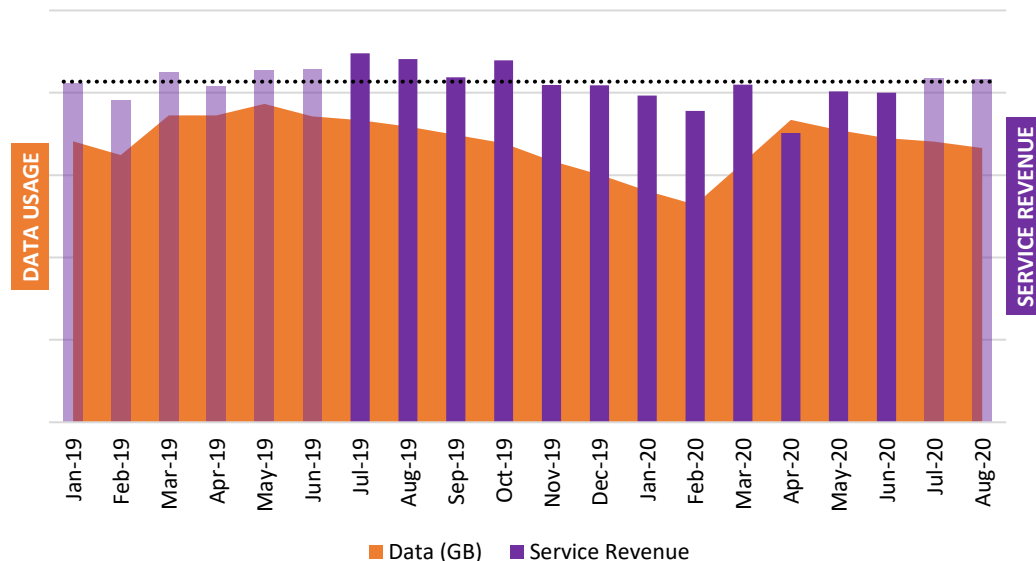
Data Traffic



Note: There was an increase in Data Traffic due to Covid, however when comparing YOY the reduction of 28% in total subscribers must be taken into account.

Optimising network traffic to improve profitability

Service Revenue vs Data Usage

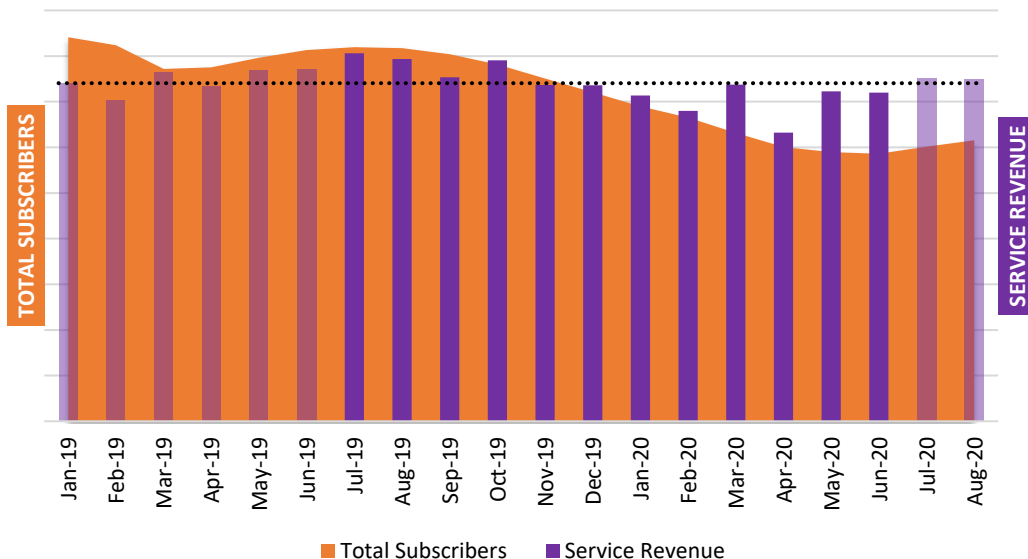


Notes & Comments

- The trend line is flat over period and in line with industry trends.
- Data Traffic reduced during the period. Data usage reduced by 11% YOY as at end June 2020.
- There was an increase in data usage in Q2 2020 as a result of the COVID pandemic.
- The lower revenue in April was specifically due to reduced gross additions as distribution channels were impacted as a result of lockdown restrictions.

Evolution of the customer base in pursuit of profitability

Service Revenue vs Total Subscribers



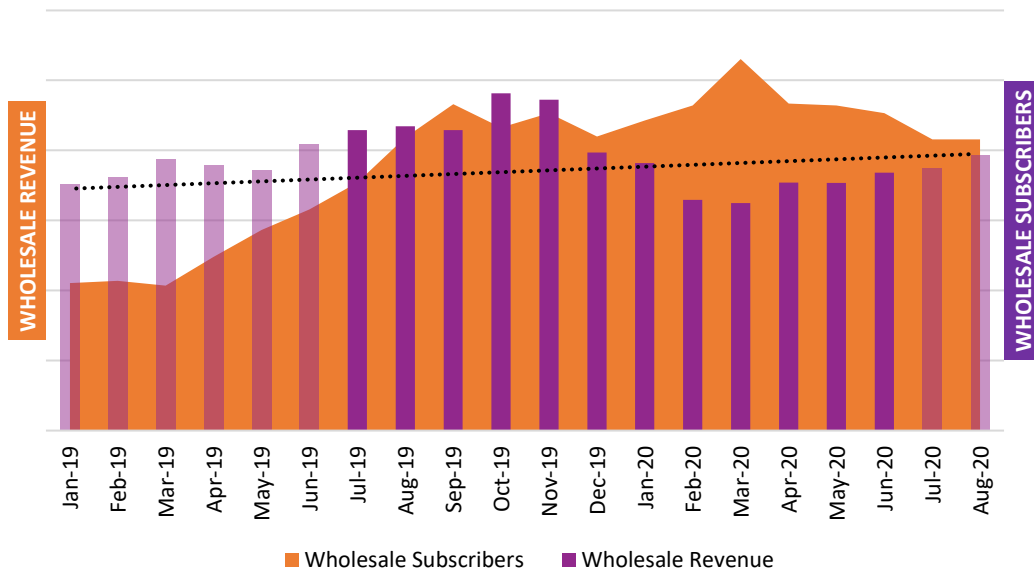
Notes & Comments

- We have been actively pursuing more profitable customers.
- Despite a reduction in the Cell C customer base, we have maintained and seen a slight increase in revenue based on the trend line.
- For the reporting period there was a 28% reduction in the customer base YOY but only 7% impact on revenue.

- Customer base excludes FTTH subscriber bases.

Robust Wholesale Model

Wholesale Revenue vs Wholesale Subscribers



Notes & Comments

- Wholesale revenue contributed **7%** of the total service revenue in H1 2020.
- The value proposition proposed by new MVNOs is creating new demand for subscribers. This has resulted in an increase in subscribers as indicated in the graph.



Expenditure story

Direct expenses were
13% lower when comparing
H1 2020 vs H1 2019,
right sizing the operator
for future growth.

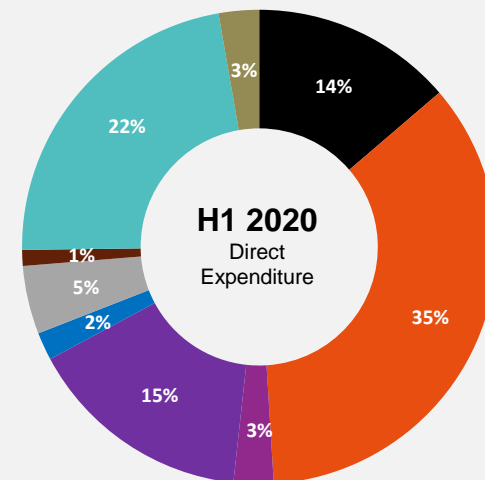
Operational expenditure

R'm	H1 2020	H1 2019	%change
Direct expenditure	(3 454)	(3 957)	▼ 13%
Network Expenses	(730)	(440)	▲ -66%
Commercial Expenses	(317)	(597)	▼ 47%
Administrative Expenses	(1 186)	(1 203)	▼ 1%
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment	(6 512)	(1 344)	▲ >-100%

R'm	H1 2020	H1 2019
Capital expenditure	109	236

Capital expenditure

- Capital expenditure is lower than 2019 due to the prioritisation of the turnaround strategy.
- Expansionary capex ceased due to the MTN roaming agreement and current liquidity pressures..



- Termination Costs
- Purchase of Retail Content
- On-Going Commissions and Discounts
- Bad Debts
- Handset and Sims
- Roaming Costs
- Other Mobile Services Costs
- Prepaid SAC and SRC *
- Other
- Wholesale Cost



Balance sheet story

Balance sheet

R'm	H1 2020	H1 2019	% change	
Fixed Assets	2 055	12 452	▼	-83%
Intangible assets	224	1 202	▼	-81%
Trade receivables and other assets	5 405	4 610	▲	17%
Total assets	7 684	18 264	▼	-58%
Loans and borrowings	9 716	8 754	▼	11%
Other liabilities and provisions	9 199	7 857	▼	17%
Lease obligations	4 321	6 395	▼	-32%
Total Liabilities	23 236	23 006	▲	1%
Net equity	(15 552)	(4 742)	▼	>-100%

Notes & Comments

- Decrease in assets is attributed to the impairment of assets in the current year.
- Weakening of the rand has resulted in higher FX losses that contributed to the increase in borrowings. Rand weakened from R14.04 (June '19) to R17.36 (Jun '20)
- The reduction in lease liabilities is due to implementation of MTN Phase 2.

Analysis of debt and finance cost

Description	Debt		Interest		F-X	
	H1 2020	H1 2019	H1 2020	H1 2019	H1 2020	H1 2019
Short term debt	9 716	8 754	477	458	1 162	-46
Finance leases	4 321	6 395	358	402	-	-
Other finance costs	-	-	172	133	180	46
- Other finance costs	-	-	35	67	-	-
- Discounting future cash flows	-	-	-	39	-	-
- Working capital	-	-	-	-	180	14
- Derivatives	-	-	-	-	-	32
- Other interest	-	-	137	27	-	-
Cash / interest income	-159	-345	-4	-26	-	-
Net debt excl. leases (net of cash)	9 557	8 409	645	566	1 342	-
Net debt incl. leases (net of cash)	13 878	14 804	1 003	967	1 342	-
Handset finance (off balance sheet)	1 666	1 868	77	110	-	-

Notes & Comments

- The cost of funding remains excessively high.
- Debt has not increased from 2019. No additional debt or drawdowns since 2019. The increase in debt is due to interest and FX incurred on the loan.
- Handset financing liability decreased due to not acquiring customers at any cost.

Breakdown of short-term debt

		H1 2020	H1 2019
Description		Principal Debt	
Listed Bonds		3 493	2 611
CDB		2 487	1 897
ICBC	Unchanged in ZAR	1 171	1 047
Nedbank	Unchanged in ZAR	906	798
DBSA	Unchanged in ZAR	217	190
RMB/ABSA	Unchanged in ZAR	902	1 176
Capitalised Finance Costs		-6	-19
ZTE Bridge Vendor		192	147
Subsidy		354	907
	Total	9 716	8 754

USD/ZAR closing exchange rate of R17.36 as at 30 June 2020.



The Way Forward

The Cell C of the Future

From build, own and run everything ourselves to focused investment, partnering and a buyer of services

OUR FOCUS

Network strategy

Scalable and cost efficient

Platform-based solutions

Overlay quality services

Focused product & services offering

Leverage adjacent technologies

Superior customer experience

Embed customer proximity

Redefined positioning on the back of technology convergence

OUR POSITIONING

**A digital solutions provider
that leverages its telco platform**

An innovative Disrupter



Positioning of new, non-traditional digital offerings beyond telco

Differentiate on providing innovative digital solutions on a scalable quality telco platform

HOW WE DIFFERENTIATE OURSELVES

A customer first service provider championing digital inclusion that enhances lives

CELL C OF THE FUTURE

Lean

Agile

Flexible

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Resilient

Ranked 19th
in the 2020
Most Valuable
SA Brands.

Continue to build a strong and relevant brand



Proudly South African company achieved **Level 2 BBBEE status**



Product innovation built on consumer insights and the best value bundles.



Launched the Innovation Challenge in 2019 to partner with SME's. 2020 entries currently being evaluated



Renewed Cell C Sharks sponsorship



The **CellCgirl online portal** is growing and **Take A Girl Child to Work** is in its 18th year.



Supporting **Data Scientists** of the future



Launched our **Summer Campaign** 'Change your Summer, Change your World'

Immediate priorities



Successfully
**conclude the
recapitalisation.**

Leverage the
recapitalisation quickly by
**allocating capital and
liquidity prudently** and
driving change internally.

Manage costs tightly
in the face of tough
economic conditions.

Enable digitisation to
benefit our customers
and employees,
including **reskilling.**

**Finalise
collaborations and
partnerships** and
launch new
propositions.

Questions?

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