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Telkom awards R1 million in prize money at the Telkom Digital Gaming League Master's Final

After an intense weekend of Dota 2 and Counter Strike: Global Offensive (CS:GO) two teams came out tops. Bravado Gaming, consistently the best team throughout the year, took the CS:GO title after beating CarboN eSports 2:0. The Dota 2 title went to White Rabbit Gaming after a tense standoff against Bravado Gaming. First placed teams for both CS:GO and Dota 2 took home R200, 000 in prize money. Second place took home R90, 000.

The finals of the Telkom Digital Gaming League Masters tournament took place at the rAge Expo in Johannesburg on 7, 8 and 9 October. Eight Multi Gaming Organisations (MGOs) took part, fielding different teams for the two games, competing for South Africa's largest Esports cash prize pool in history – R1 million.

"Telkom is thrilled to be involved Esports – this weekend's tournament has proven how its popularity is growing in South Africa. We are hoping this will only continue and the R1 million prize pool for the finals only shows our commitment to the industry and the sport," says Jacqui O'Sullivan, Group Executive Communication & Brand Marketing for Telkom.

The prize pool breakdown is as follows:

CS:GO

- First place: Bravado Gaming R200, 000
- Second place: CarboN eSports R90, 000
- Third Place: Damage Control R50, 000
- Fourth Place: Flipsid3 Tactics R40, 000
- Fifth and sixth: Aperture Gaming and White Rabbit Gaming R35,000
- Seventh and eighth: Veneration E-Sports and Xperts@Total.Chaos R25,000

Dota 2

- First place: White Rabbit Gaming R200, 000
- Second place: Bravado Gaming R90, 000
- Third Place: Aperture Gaming R50, 000
- Fourth Place: CarboN eSports R40, 000
- Fifth and sixth: Flipsid3 Tactics and White Damage Control R35,000
- Seventh and eighth: Veneration E-Sports and Xperts@Total.Chaos R25,000

The Digital Gaming Championship (DGC) also took place over the weekend, where 500 of the best competitors from the seven leagues have been invited to take part. The following teams and individuals secured titles during the DGC

- Counter Strike: Global Offensive: eN.Heat
- Dota 2: EXDEE Dota 2
- League of Legends: Ventus Gaming
- Battlefield 4: Pulse.Evolve
- Call of Duty Black Ops 3 (PC): cbN-Carbon-COD
- Call of Duty Black Ops 3 (PS4): eN. eN F34R

Hearthstone: Alan "gas" Gaskon

"We have been involved with gaming for over 10 years and we are committed to seeing the industry grow and develop. This is just the beginning of Telkom's involvement in this space. The DGL will continue to evolve to offer more opportunities and packages for all gamers from casual to competitive," concludes O'Sullivan.

For more information on the MGOs competing at Masters level for 2016:

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- Aperture Gaming
- Bravado Gaming
- CarboN eSports
- Damage Control
- FlipSid3 Tactics South Africa
- Veneration E-Sports
- White Rabbit Gaming
- Xperts@Total.Chaos

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