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Telkom Digital Gaming League tournament set to take place at rAge Expo 2016

The new Telkom Digital Gaming League (DGL) travels to Cape Town this month for the rAge Expo 18-20 March 2016, where the first event in the Telkom DGL Masters series will be taking place. This tournament is a Counter-Strike: Global Offensive tournament and will feature eight teams representing each of the eight Masters Multi-Gaming Organisations (MGO's) respectively for the R100,000 prize pool.

"Reliable high speed connectivity ensures an uninterrupted gaming experience that is ultimately more enjoyable for the gamer. With Telkom at the pinnacle of gaming performance, we are pleased to be part of growing the industry as well as contribute to professionalising the sport," says Enzo Scarcella, Telkom's Chief Marketing Officer.

The tournament will set the tone for the 2016 gaming season ahead of the Masters main event taking place at rAge Expo, Johannesburg in October, with a prize pool of R1 million. The Masters programme will become the pinnacle of eSports in South Africa where the MGOs will compete for the largest prize pool in South African eSports history.

"We have been involved in gaming for more than 10 years and the decision to back eSports in South Africa from both a financial and technological perspective is because we see the natural potential for the growth of this as a sport. With our superior technology and love of eSports we will continue to grow the gaming community and develop local talent. The developments in our technology prove our commitment to this," says Scarcella.

For 2016, the MGOs competing at Masters level are:

- [Aperture Gaming](#)
- [Bravado Gaming](#)
- [CarboN eSports](#)
- [Damage Control](#)
- [Flipsid3](#)
- [Veneration E-Sports](#)
- [White Rabbit Gaming](#)
- [Xperts@Total.Chaos](#)

Around 6 000 gamers take part in the DGL. Locally, the gaming industry is estimated at over R2 billion, making it a larger sector than both movies and music.

All games will be streamed live on: http://www.twitch.tv/dgl_live.

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- interconnection services, including terminating and transiting traffic from South African mobile operators, as well as from international operators and transiting traffic from mobile to international destinations;
- fixed-line data services, including domestic and international data transmission services, such as point-to-point leased lines, ADSL (Asymmetrical Digital Subscriber Line) services, packet-based services, managed data networking services and internet access and related information technology services;
- Data Centre Operations includes e-commerce, application service provider, hosting, data storage, e-mail and security services;
- W-CDMA (Wideband Code Division Multiple Access), a 3G next generation network, including fixed voice services, data services and nomadic voice services;
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- information and communication services including cloud services, infrastructure services, workspace services, global service integration management and hardware and network equipment sales locally, in seven African countries, the UK and Dubai through Business Connexion Group; and
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