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Telkom enables free voter registration.

Telkom announced today that it has zero-rated access to the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) website for mobile users on its network to enable increased voter registration and verification.

This will enable Telkom mobile customers free access to this important platform even if they have run out of data or airtime.

"Telkom remains committed to supporting democracy in South Africa. To this end, free access to digital platforms such as the IEC website is vital to enhancing the electoral process," said Telkom's Group Executive for Communication and Public Relations, Nomalungelo Faku.

As voter registration takes place on 10 and 11 March from 08:00 to 17:00, those on the Telkom network can avoid queuing at these stations by registering on the IEC website.

The website allows voters to verify and update the addresses and outlines the process for registration and re-registration as well as information on the location of the different voter registration locations across the country.

To date the IEC has confirmed a 90% success rate of South African's verifying their addresses on the website. In addition, 28% of new addresses were added to the voters' roll via the website.

The IEC has the important task of empowering South African's to exercise their democratic rights. "We hope that this small contribution will assist South Africans in ensuring that they are registered for the next national elections," concluded Faku.

Data to this website will continue to be free of charge to Telkom Mobile users until April 2018.

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Telkom is a leading information and communications technology services provider in South Africa. We had consolidated operating revenue of R41 billion and normalised profit after tax of R3 907 million for the year ended 31 March 2017. Total assets amounted to R48.0 billion and equity attributable to the owners of Telkom to R27.6 billion as of 31 March 2017.

As of 31 March 2017, we had approximately 3.0 million telephone access lines in service and 1,329,450 ports connected via MSAN access. We offer business, residential and payphone customers a wide range of services and products, including:

- fixed-line retail voice services using PSTN (Public Switched Telephone Network) lines, including ISDN (Integrated Services Digital Network) lines, and the sale of subscription based value-added voice services and calling plans;
- fixed-line customer premises equipment rental and sales services both voice and data needs and these include PABX, Computers, Routers, Modems, Telephone handsets and other ancillary equipment;
- 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;
- mobile communication services, including voice services, data services and handset sales through our mobile brand called Telkom Mobile;
- information technology services including converged communication, IT service solutions, application solutions, IT hardware and software and industrial technology service sales locally, in seven African countries, the UK and Dubai through Business Connexion Group; and other services including directory services, through Trudon (Pty) Ltd, wireless data services, through Swiftnet (Pty) Ltd.
- Convergence is one of our key strategic initiatives in building a sustainable future for Telkom. We will lead the provision of converged services in South Africa in support of our mission statement: Seamlessly connecting people to a better life.