

#### MARKET ANNOUNCEMENT

(For Immediate Release)

#### **ATH AGM Resolutions**

The following resolutions were passed by unanimous vote by those attending and eligible to vote at the 19<sup>th</sup> ATH Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday, 23 August 2017 at 9.30 am at the Lali Room, Holiday Inn,Suva:

- The Adoption of the Minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> AGM held on Wednesday, 31 August 2016.
- To adopt the financial statements of the company and of the group, comprising
  of the statements of financial position, the statements of profit and loss and
  other comprehensive income, statements of changes in equity and statements
  of cashflows, and the reports of the Directors and Auditors for the financial year
  ended 31 March 2017.
- 3. a) To re-elect Mr Ajith Kodagoda as Director in accordance with Articles 6.4 of the Articles of Association.
  - b) To ratify the appointment of Mr Sanjay Kaba as Director, in accordance with Articles 6.5 of the Articles of Association.
- 4. To fix the total remuneration of the Directors for the ensuing year at \$90,000 in accordance with article 6.7.
- 5. To appoint BDO as Auditors for the financial year ending 31 March 2018 and authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration.
- 6. To declare a final dividend of 4.0 cents per share totalling \$16,884,194.72 in accordance with the recommendations of the Directors.

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Director

Chief Executive Officer /Company Secretary

23 August 2017

#### About ATH:

The ATH Group of Companies comprises ATH, Telecom Fiji Limited, Vodafone Fiji Limited, FINTEL, Fiji Directories Limited, ATH Kiribati Limited, Telecom Vanuatu Limited and Datec (Fiji) Limited and its subsidiary, Datec Australia Pty Limited.

ATH is a public company listed on the South Pacific Stock Exchange and is Fiji's principal telecommunications holding company, through its investments and provision of direct services in a broad range of telecommunications and related services, throughout the Fiji, Kiribati and Tuvalu market.

The Fiji National Provident Fund is the largest shareholder of ATH.

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# Chief Executive Officer's Address ATH AGM on Wednesday, 23 August 2017 at the Lali Room, Holiday Inn, Suva

Thank you, Mr Chairman, welcome and bula vinaka to everyone present today, shareholders, shareholder representatives, members of the SPSE and invited guests.

The ATH Group achieved a good result for the 2016-2017 financial year.

Some key figures for FY 2017 include:

- Group consolidated sales revenue growth of 10.7 per cent from \$356 million to \$394 million.
- A 14.3 per cent improvement in the Group's gross profit from \$224 million to \$256 million.
- An increase in consolidated EBITDA by 13.6 per cent to \$153 million
- Profit attributable to equity holders of \$54 million (tax increase).

Our existing subsidiaries have all performed well and continue to experience strong growth in data and Internet traffic. On behalf of the ATH Board of Directors, I wish to convey their appreciation for another excellent set or results.

While ATH has to date relied on internal consolidation and organic growth to deliver year-on-year improvements in our results, the growth from the regional acquisitions front presents some very exciting opportunities and over the long-term is envisaged to potentially deliver 40% or more of ATH group revenues.

Therefore, since ATH Fiji's foray into regional expansion in Kiribati, we have continued to forge ahead and during the year on 27 March 2017, we acquired Telecom Vanuatu Limited. Together with the Bluesky transaction on foot, our acquisitions, both locally and in the region, are made with the intent of first expanding our footprint, then improving networks and services with the long-term view of improving returns for shareholders.

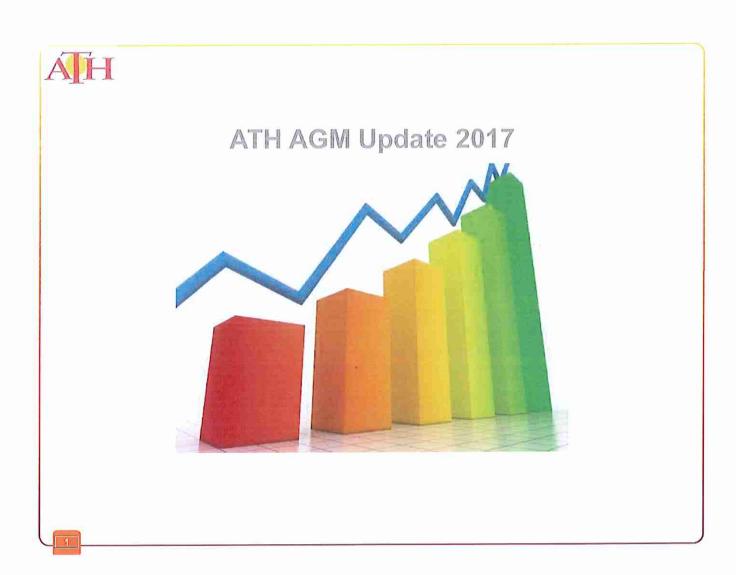
On the Bluesky front, you will be aware that the Samoan Telecommunications Regulator, the Office of the Telecommunications Regulator had approved the change of control for Bluesky Samoa Limited. ATH has also made the regulatory applications in the USA and the Cook Islands and is awaiting similar approvals from the relevant authorities.

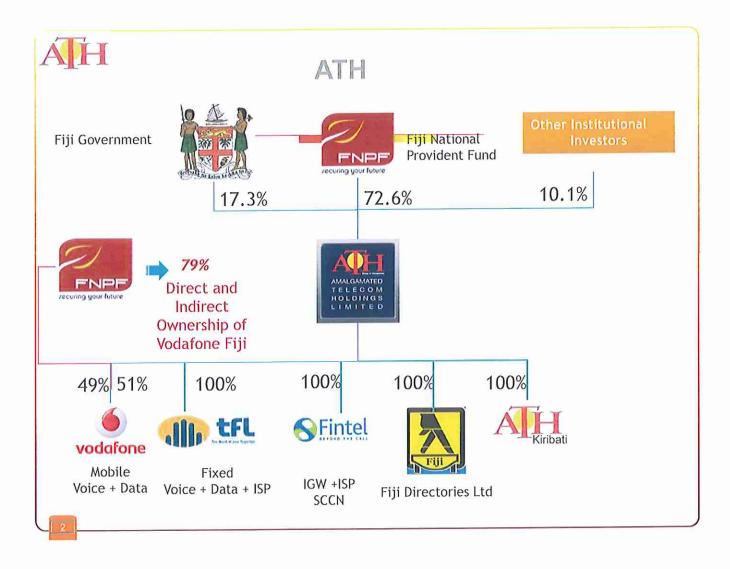
Closer to home, in Fiji, ATH acquired the remaining minority holding of 10% in Fiji Directories Limited, making it a wholly owned subsidiary.

When we close out these transactions on hand, the work cut out for us going forward will be on how to pull them together cohesively as part of a bigger family. A key goal will be looking at how to unlock synergies, further improving efficiencies, services and operations. Recognising that each entity also has unique strengths and advantages, we will look to deploy these advantages through improved collaboration and encouraging resource mobility within the group

Ladies and gentlemen, you will also be well aware that ATH will work hand in hand with key local shareholders such as the Unit Trust of Samoa, the Vanuatu National Provident Fund and others as they bring some strategic advantages within their home markets and have expressed strong interest in exploring co-investments with ATH on a regional basis.

As we reflect on the services we deliver today, we are proud that in all of the markets we are now involved in are continually improving the reliability, quality and speeds off broadband Internet access. Wireless broadband deployment is mostly via 4G and 4G+ technologies. On the fixed line side, more and more optical fiber is being deployed to either connect the wireless base stations or else deliver fiber to node or fiber to the home.







## **ATH Presence**

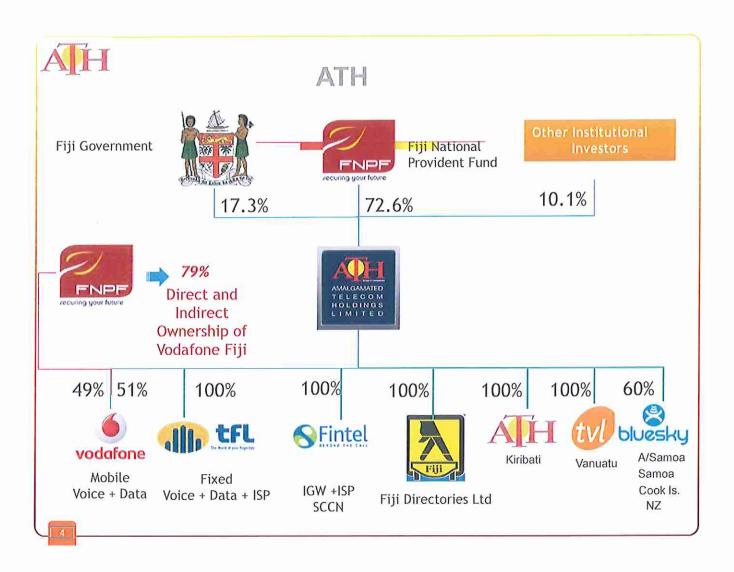
## Markets

Fiji

Kiribati

Vanuatu

Bluesky – in progress – Samoa, Cook Islands, American Samoa





# Regional Opportunities

### Markets

Papua New Guinea

Solomon Islands

Tonga

Tuvalu

Nauru

**Federated States of Micronesia** 

**Timor Leste** 

Palau

Republic of Marshall Islands

Australia

**New Zealand** 

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# Performance Benchmarking







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## **Financial History**



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## Benchmarks

## Telecommunications

#### KCOM Group PLC (LSE:KCOM)

One Communications Ltd. (BER:ONE.BH)

Telia Lietuva, AB (NSEL:TEL1L)

Sri Lanka Telecom PLC (COSE SLTL-N-0000)

TPG Telecom Limited (ASX:TPM)

Verizon Communications Inc. (NYSE:VZ)

Singlel Optus Pty Limited

Telstra Corporation Limited (ASX:TLS)

AT&T Inc. (NYSE:T)

PCCW Limited (SEHK 8)

Singapore Telecommunications Limited (SGX:Z74)

Spark New Zealand Limited (NZSE SPK)

Bharti Airtel Limited (BSE 532454)

Vodafone Group Plc (LSE:VOD)

Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corporation (TSE:9432)

PT Telekomunikasi Indonesia Tbk (JKSE:TEKM)

Telekom Malaysia Berhad (KLSE:TM)

NTT DOCOMO, Inc. (TSE:9437) StarHub Ltd. (SGX:CC3)

Sprint Corporation (NYSE:S)

SoftBank Group Corp. (TSE:9984)

#### Internet

Amazon.com, Inc. (NasdaqGS:AMZN)

Microsoft Corporation (NasdaqGS:MSFT)

Time Warner Inc. (NYSE:TWX)

Apple Inc. (NasdaqGS-AAPL)

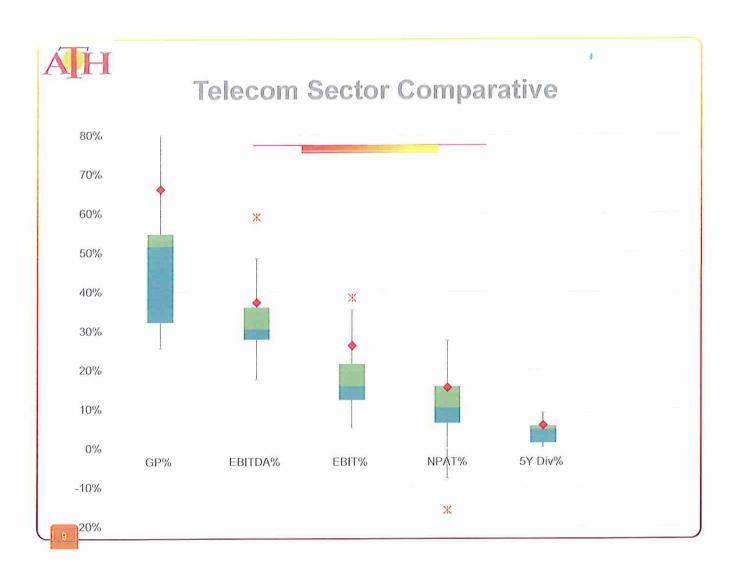
Alphabet Inc. (NasdaqGS:GOOGL)

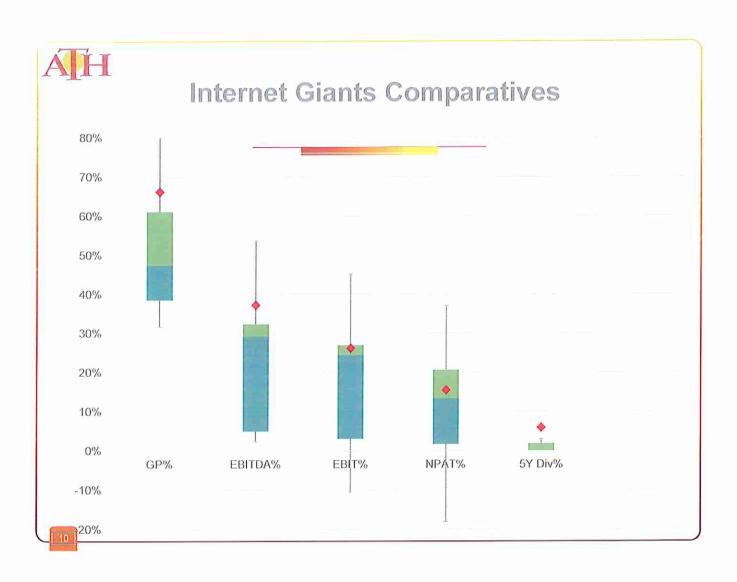
Netflix, Inc. (NasdaqGS:NFLX)

Yahoo! Inc. (NasdaqGS:YHOO)

Facebook, Inc. (NasdaqGS:FB)
Twitter, Inc. (NYSE:TWTR)

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# ATH Pathway to delivering growth and value





# Organic Improvement

#### Revenue

Margins fall even as volumes increase Increasing competition Heavy capex to sustain

#### Consolidation / Cost

Few opportunities left FINTEL/TFL FDL VFL - ATH & FNPF??

Limits to Cost Reduction

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#### Non core Assets

Real Estate and surplus properties and assets can help tidy up balance sheets of Opcos



Opportunities to improve capital efficiency and achieve a mix of debt and equily to support expansionary strategy.

Persistent regulatory risk given the overarching policies for affordability and price control Long-term play as incubation periods and market development may take long time to be profitable

Capital Structure

Regulation

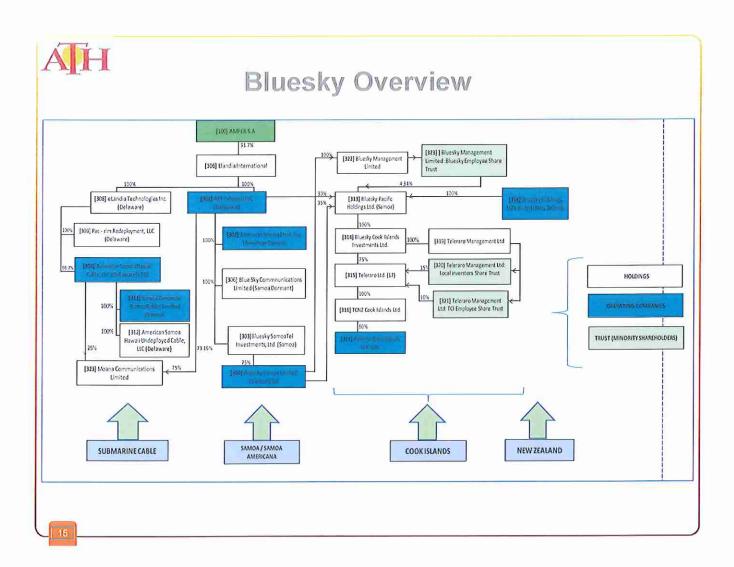
New products / Markets



# Forecast with Regional



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