

### MARKET ANNOUNCEMENT

(For Immediate Release)

### Divik Deo Appointed as CEO for Telecom Vanuatu Limited

With the recent acquisition of Telecom Vanuatu Limited (TVL) marking another significant milestone in ATH's journey of growth and expansion in the Pacific, the Boards of ATH and TVL are pleased to welcome and announce the appointment of Mr Divik Deo as Chief Executive Officer for TVL.

Divik, a senior telecommunications executive with vast organizational experience covering strategy, business planning, corporate finance, commercials negotiations, telecommunications regulation and financial control, will take the reins of the Telecom Vanuatu operation with a view to deliver exciting new services, and drive operations and performance of TVL to the next level.

Most recently, Divik was the Chief Financial Officer at Vodafone Fiji Limited, having worked at VFL for over 13 years and making crucial contributions towards the success of Vodafone Fiji Limited along the way.

Divik is a Certified Practicing Accountant with a degree in Accounting & Financial Management and Information Systems and is currently working towards his post-graduate executive MBA from University of the New South Wales (Australian Graduate School of Management), Australia.

In addition to his formal employment, Divik was previously president of The Fiji Institute of Accountants and is a Board member and Trustee of Vodafone ATH Fiji Foundation.

We welcome Divik on board and look to support his strategies and efforts towards shaping TVL in advancing telecommunications and broadband development in Vanuatu.

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29 March 2017

Director

Chief Executive Officer
Company Secretary

## About ATH:

The ATH Group of Companies comprises ATH, Telecom Fiji Limited, Vodafone Fiji Limited, FINTEL, Fiji Directories Limited, ATH Kiribati 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 and Kiribati market.

The Fiji National Provident Fund is ATH's largest shareholder.

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Good afternoon long yumi everiwan. Mi hapi tumas blong mitim everiwan.

The Directors and executives of Mauritius Telecom- Mr. Rai Basgeet, Mr. Conrad, and Mr. Din Mahamed- Member of the Media, Ladies and Gentlemen.

The acquisition of Telecom Vanuatu Limited by Amalgamated Telecom Holdings Limited marks a new chapter for the future of telecommunications in Vanuatu.

Our key focus will be to bring about improvements in telecommunications services and provide innovative and affordable services to the Government, the business community and, people of Vanuatu.

We intend to improve connectivity which will pave the way for sustainable development by bridging the rural-urban and outer island telecommunications gaps. And by doing so we will be aligning ourselves to the Economy Goals and Policy Objectives of the VANUATU 2030- The Peoples Plan- to increase use of and access to information and communications technologies, including on-line government services.

It is also our intention to build the capacity of our local Ni-Vanuatu people through training, knowledge and know-how transfer, up-skilling and development. The idea is to transfer technical know-how, operations knowledge and expertise to our people so that we empower them.

In the Pacific region, there are many opportunities being created as result of closer strategic relationship between our Pacific Island countries. The region as a whole is looking to its neighbors for partnerships and alliance to leverage off each other's strength. ATH is pleased to offer its expertise and know-how in telecommunication to create a more vibrant, competitive and robust mobile communications network across the region.

In closing, I'd like to thank Mauritius Telecom for their huge effort in laying the foundation for telecommunications services in Vanuatu. I'd also like to thank the

Government and regulatory bodies for their assistance in completion of this transaction between ATH and Mauritius Telecom.

Thank you tumas.