

# SECOND NATIONAL OPERATOR (SNO) PREBIDDERS' CONFERENCE

Safari Park Hotel NAIROBI - 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2004

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# Communications Commission of Kenya

**SNO Tender Highlights** 



## Agenda

- Introduction the Telecom Sector in Kenya
- Why SNO
- SNO Tender Process
- Basket of Licenses
- Contents of a Bid
- Structure of a Bid
- Evaluation & Post Evaluation Activities
- Regulatory Aspects e.g. Frequency Spectrum, Numbering, Rights of Way, Interconnection Principles etc.



# Introduction -Telecom Sector in Kenya

- Falls under the Ministry of Transport and Communications (MOTC),
- Governed by the Kenya Communications Act, 1998,
- The Kenya Communications Regulations, 2001 &
- The Telecommunications & Postal Sector Policy Guidelines.
- Enforced by Communications Commission of Kenya (CCK) as the Independent Regulator
- National Communications Secretariat Policy Advisory section within MOTC



#### **Telecom Sector in Kenya Cont'**

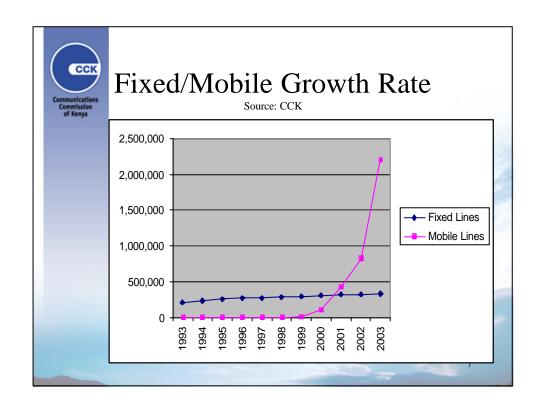
- The Appeals Tribunal
- Operators and Service Providers include:
  - Telkom Kenya Ltd Incumbent fixed network operator
  - Kencell and Safaricom GSM operators
  - Local Loop Operators, Public Data Network Operators, ISPs, s, Vendors/Contractors, VAS providers, private network operators, etc.

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## Telephone Service Penetration

- About 330,000 fixed line connections
  - ► 1 Line Per 100 Persons (National Average)
  - Av. of 0.16 lines Per 100 in Rural Areas
  - Av. of 4 Lines Per 100 in Urban Areas
  - ➤ 4.2% of Households Have Fixed Phones ➤ Varies from 0.1% to 27.7%
- Over 2 Million Mobile Phones





#### WHY SNO?

- Part of fulfilling the Government's Policy objectives for the sector, which includes:
  - Optimizing the sector's contribution to the general development of the Kenyan economy;
  - Ensuring provision of efficient, reliable and affordable communication services countrywide
  - Achieving fixed line penetration of at least 20 lines per 100 persons in the urban and 5 lines per 100 persons in the rural areas by 2015
  - Attracting private sector investments and creating jobs



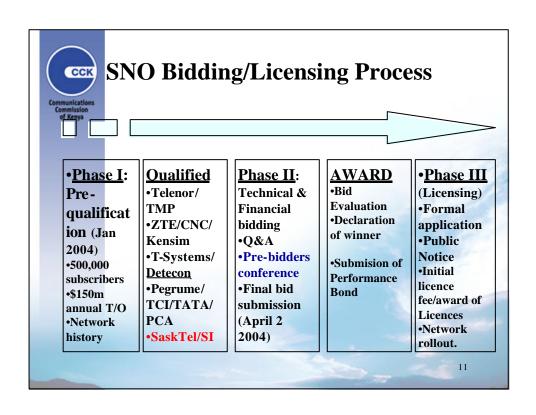
## WHY SNO? Cont'

- Fixed line demand not met despite tremendous growth in GSM Cellular rollout and uptake
- The unmet market demand for telephony in Kenya estimated to be between 4.7 and 9.4 million lines
- Growing demand for Internet & Broadband services
- Shortage of transmission systems for long distant and backhaul services
- Opportunities arising from digitalization & convergence
- The need to introduce competition in all monopoly areas as a means of improving efficiency, affordability as well as responsiveness to customer demand

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#### **SNO TENDER PROCESS**



	TIME	T
Phases	Dates	Day Number
Phase I: Pre-qualification		<del>                                     </del>
Tender Announcement	11th November 2003	i
Tender Document Preparatory	21st October 2003 – 16th January 2004	
Submission of pre-qualification package	19 <sup>th</sup> December 2003	39
Evaluation of pre-qualification package and short-listing	5 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2004	56 - 60
Phase II: Technical and Financial Eva	Instian	
Instructions to short-listed Bidders	9 <sup>th</sup> January 2004	60
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Question period	9th January – 19th March 2004	60 - 130
Collection of Tender Document	From 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2004	84
Pre-bidder's conference	17 <sup>th</sup> March 2004	128
Final bids (closing date)	2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2004	144
Evaluation and selection	2 <sup>nd</sup> April –16 <sup>th</sup> April 2004	144 - 158
Notification of Selection	19th April 2004	161
Phase III: Licensing Activities		
Acknowledgement, finalization of the License, submission of Performance Bond and other administrative	19 <sup>th</sup> April – 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2004	161 – 191
activities	The same	
Gazette notice for licence award	28 <sup>th</sup> May – 26 <sup>th</sup> July 2004	200 – 259
Award of Licence	30 <sup>th</sup> July 2004	263



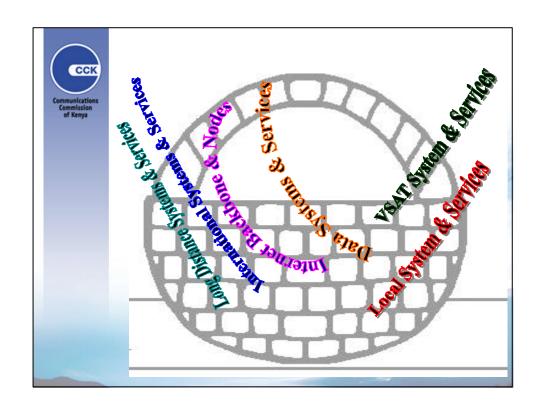
# ACCEPTANCE PROCEDURE FOR A BID

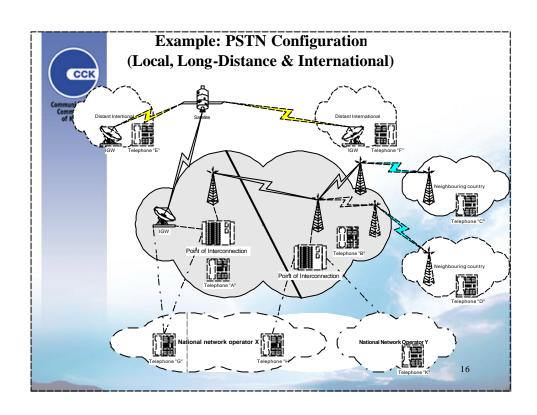
- The bidder has purchased the tender document;
- The bid has been received on or before the closing date;
- The bidder has submitted a Bid Bond of USD **10,000** on or before the closing date; and
- The bidder has paid the evaluation fee of USD **8,000** on or before the closing date.

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# SNO BASKET OF LICENCES







#### **Local Systems and Services**

#### **Existing Licensees**

- Telkom Kenya Ltd Countrywide
- Bell-Western North Eastern Province
- 2 Local Loop Operators (others to be licensed) – provision of last mile services

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# **Long Distance Systems and Services**

#### **Existing Infrastructure**

- Telkom Kenya Ltd Countrywide
- GSM Operators have also built-up systems for their own use due to lack of capacity
- VSAT Operators
- Other organizations such as KPLC, KR etc have private networks



# International Systems and Services

Existing Infrastructure & Services

- Telkom Kenya Ltd
  - PSTN
  - PSDN & Dedicated Leased Line
  - Internet Backbone (Jambonet)
  - VSAT Systems

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# **Data Systems and Services**

- Market open to full competition
- Existing Licensees Countrywide
  - Telkom Kenya Ltd
  - Kenya Data Network
  - Open Systems Limited
  - Simbanet.com Limited
  - Broadband Access Limited



# **VSAT Systems and Services**

#### **Existing Licensees**

- Telkom Kenya Ltd
- Gilat Alldean (Africa) Ltd

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# **Internet Backbone & Nodes**

## **Existing Licensee**

• Telkom Kenya Ltd









# **Financial Proposal**

- Bidders to submit ONLY one signed copy of the Financial Proposal.
- The Financial Proposal should contain a definitive offer in USD payable in one lump sum.
- Financial Proposals on the basis of payment say in installments or with any other condition shall not be entertained.
- The Financial Proposal should be sealed separately in an envelope and clearly marked as shown below.



# **Financial Proposal**

Sealed Envelope

FINANCIAL PROPOSAL FOR SNO LICENCES

DO NOT OPEN

EXCEPT IN THE PRESENCE OF DULY AUTHORIZED COMMISSION OFFICIALS

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## **Financial Proposal**

Front Side of Envelope

SNQ Financial Proposal by XXXXX Consortium



## **BID BOND**

- Value USD 10, 000
- Valid for 12 months
- To be submitted together with the technical proposal
- Please do NOT seal the Bid Bond together with the financial offer in one envelope.

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#### **Evaluation Fee**

- Value USD 8, 000
- Banker's Cheque or
- Money Transfer
- In favour of Communications Commission of Kenya



# General Guidelines Commission on Structure of Technical Bids

- Presentations on Technical and/or Business
   Strategies for inter-related services such as
   Local, Long-distance and International

   Systems and services may be integrated.
- Presentations on Technical and/or Business Strategies for distinct systems and services such as VSAT, Internet Backbone and Data Communication may be done separately



#### **BUSINESS STRATEGY**

- Market projections and assumptions
- Tariffs proposals
- Revenue Projections
- Operating Costs
- Employees and deployment policy
- Capital Costs
- Cash Flow Projections
- Role of Consortium Members

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#### **TECHNICAL STRATEGY**

- Network hierarchy
- Qualitative and quantitative rollout plan
- Switching and transmission systems
- Number and points of interconnection
- Access systems
- Acquisition of equipment sites and/or colocation strategies
- Network management
- Traffic monitoring and compilation of traffic statistics



#### **EVALUATION OF BIDS**

Elements of the evaluation criteria include:

- User benefits
- Service innovation and packaging
- Tariff levels and flexibility
- Quality of service
- National rollout
- Feasibility
- Credibility
- Financial offer

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# ADMISSION TO THE EVALUATION STAGES

- Technical Evaluation;
  - Only bids which conform to the required structure and composition of a Bid as described in the Tender Document will be admitted at this stage.
- Financial Evaluation;
  - Only technically qualified bidder will be evaluated.



# **Summary of the Technical Proposal Scoring Matrix**

Criteria	Maximum Points	
Experience in Managing Telecom Networks and Services	15	
Financial Capacity	15	
Business Strategy	40	
Technical Strategy	30	

Bids scoring 75% and above shall proceed to the Financial Evaluation stage

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# **EVALUATION OF FINANCIAL PROPOSAL**

- Only Bids scoring 75% and above at the technical evaluation stage shall proceed to the Financial Evaluation stage
- The Bid with the highest financial offer and which has qualified to this stage will, subject to reserve price, be declared the winner.
- If there is a tie on the financial offer, the Bidder with the highest technical score among the tie will, subject to reserve price, be declared the winner of the SNO Bid.



# POST EVALUATION ACTIVITIES



- Upon notification of the bid award, the successful Bidder is expected to submit a Performance Bond equivalent to 5% of the financial offer within thirty -(30) days from the date of notification
- Successful bidder shall be expected to formally apply for the basket of licences
- Commission shall subsequently gazette the intention to grant the SNO Licences to the applicant
- If the successful bidder fails to furnish the Commission with a Performance Bond, the Commission may call the Bid Bond



# REGULATORY ASPECTS & FACILITATION

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## 1. Frequency Spectrum Resource

- Application shall be made on prescribed forms
- Frequency Spectrum Resource will be availed subject to availability.
- Frequency assignment is done on a case-by-case basis



## 2. Numbering Resource

- The Commission shall assign numbering resource in the following format;
  - National significant number (National Destination Code + Subscriber Number): 9 digits
  - National Destination Codes: 2 digits (0XX)
- Where 0 is the National Dialing Prefix and XX is the National Destination Code
- Subscriber number: 7 digits
- Country code for Kenya: +254
- Number portability shall be an obligation for all operators.

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# 3. Rights of Way

- The Act and the Regulations cover issues on the Rights of Way.
- Sharing and co-location of facilities is highly encouraged.



## **Interconnection Principles**

- Kenya's Interconnection Policy Aims at:
  - Promoting Competition
  - Promoting Increased and Efficient Use of Telecommunications Facilities
  - Facilitating End-to-End Seamless Connectivity of Networks
  - Promoting Non-discriminatory Access
  - Promoting Common Standards and Practices
  - Facilitating provision of sufficient capacity and service quality

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## **Interconnection Principles**

- Based on the legal requirement that licensees permit the interconnection of each other's networks and provision of interconnect services on a non-discriminatory basis
- A Licensee has the right to choose its interconnect provider to route calls towards customers of another licensee
- The commission is normally not involved in the detail technical and commercial negotiations between parties involved in an interconnect agreement



## 4. Interconnection Principles

- The Commission, through its approval procedure, ensures that parties have fully complied with the principles and procedures of Interconnection with specific emphasis on the following issues
  - Non-discriminatory Access
  - Service Quality
  - Interconnection charges
  - General faith in the negotiations
  - Scope and specifications of Interconnection
  - etc

