



## PRESS RELEASE

### TELECOM ITALIA GROUP: OFFER TO VIVENDI TO DEVELOP ICT AND MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT MARKETS

#### THE OFFER PROVIDES FOR

- **THE MERGER OF GVT WITH AND INTO TIM PARTICIPAÇÕES, BASED ON A VALUATION OF 21,020 MILLION REAIS (7 BILLION EUROS)**
- **VIVENDI BECOMING A SHAREHOLDER OF TELECOM ITALIA**

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The Boards of Directors of Telecom Italia S.p.A. (Telecom Italia) and TIM Participações (TIM) yesterday approved the presentation of a global partnership offer to the Vivendi Group (Vivendi); the offer provides for the creation of a new leading player in the ICT and Media & Entertainment sectors through the integration of the respective Brazilian operations and the entry of the French group into the capital of Telecom Italia.

The proposal values Global Village Telecom (GVT, the Brazilian Company wholly owned by Vivendi) at 21,020 million Brazilian Reais, equivalent to Euro 7 billion, and structures the combination to occur in three linked phases:

- the initial acquisition for cash by TIM of a minority stake in GVT;
- the merger of GVT with and into TIM;
- Vivendi becoming a shareholder of Telecom Italia by subscribing to a Telecom Italia reserved capital increase. As consideration for Vivendi's subscription, Vivendi would grant Telecom Italia (1) a portion of its interest in TIM following the combination of TIM and GVT, and (2) cash.

Upon completion of the proposed transaction, Vivendi is expected to hold 15% of the TIM post-merger capital (which Telecom Italia will continue to control as it will retain approximately a 60% holding) and approximately 20% of the ordinary share capital of Telecom Italia (calculated on a fully diluted basis, assuming the conversion into Telecom Italia shares of the Mandatory Convertible Bonds, issued by Telecom Italia Finance S.A. in November 2013 and due November 2016, with the application of the minimum conversion ratio and subscription price of 0.83 Euros per share). The resulting offer is therefore comprised of around 24% of cash and of around 76% of shares, offering to Vivendi a significant value upside potential.

At the TIM and Telecom Italia shareholders' meetings, each of TIM and Telecom Italia will propose that their respective boards of directors be increased by the appointment of Vivendi's two designees, subject to the completion of the entire transaction and Vivendi becoming a shareholder in Telecom Italia. Telecom Italia and Vivendi will enter into an appropriate shareholders agreement with respect to TIM. Vivendi will be bound by a standstill and lock-up.



The transaction does not foresee any rights issue for Telecom Italia or accessing any other ad hoc funding sources. Instead, it is anticipated that a capital increase of TIM will occur, to which Telecom Italia intends to subscribe *pro quota* and the funds from which will be used by TIM in its initial acquisition of a minority stake in GVT (but receipt of such funding is not a condition to the consummation of the transaction).

The offer will be valid until September 20, 2014 and is conditioned upon the approval of the Telecom Italia Shareholders' Meeting of the amount of the capital increase that will be reserved for Vivendi and the obtaining of regulatory and antitrust authorizations from CADE (*Conselho Administrativo de Defesa Econômica*) and Anatel (*Agência Nacional de Telecomunicações*). In the integration of two highly complementary businesses such as TIM and GVT (one mainly active in mobile telephony and the other in fixed cable connections) within a competitive market undergoing strong expansion such as Brazil, Telecom Italia expects that the proposed transaction will be favourably considered by the two Authorities.

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The aim of the partnership is the creation of a new leading player in the ICT and Media & Entertainment sectors, which increasingly converge with each other.

The investments in fixed and mobile broadband and ultra-broadband are creating the conditions for new and alternative models for accessing M&E contents "anywhere, any time, and on any device", which will lead to ever greater integration between the two markets. In this scenario, the Group intends to play a leading role and the partnership proposed to Vivendi is a move in this direction. The merger between TIM and GVT would create a leading integrated operator, benefiting from important synergies and generating significant value for all the shareholders involved.

Telecom Italia brings the knowledge of two markets (Italy and Brazil) in which it already plays a key role, thanks to distinctive assets such as a widespread customer base, advanced connectivity infrastructures and platforms supported by a 2014-2016 Industrial Plan which has clearly identified the development of ultra-broadband as a strategic priority, providing for an investment plan of 14 billion euros, between Italy and Brazil.

Vivendi has the capacity to make the most of these opportunities by contributing its expertise in the media and content world, as well as its customer base and own infrastructural assets in Brazil.

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The Telecom Italia Group, in preparing this offer, has been advised by Citigroup, Mediobanca, BNP Paribas (TIM is supported by Banco Bradesco), and has applied the "Brazil Procedure" approved by the Board of Directors on 6 February 2014.

The Independent Directors of Telecom Italia have been advised by Equita SIM, acting as an independent expert, and have conducted a thorough investigation into the merits and risks involved in the Company's consummation of the transaction and the economic feasibility and substantive fairness of its conditions.

In compliance with the aforementioned procedure, in the event of reaching a definitive agreement with the Vivendi Group an information document will be published in accordance with Consob regulations regarding major transactions with related parties (art. 5 of Consob Regulation no. 17221/2010).

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Vivendi is leader in the contents and media area. Specifically, the Canal+ Group holds an important position in the Pay TV business and through StudioCanal, in the production, acquisition, distribution and sale of international movies and televisions series. Moreover, Universal Music Group is the world leader in the music market.

Global Village Telecom (GVT) is a Brazilian telecommunications company that offers fixed network and broadband services for consumer and business customers, and Pay TV, covering 20 of the 27 states of the Brazilian Federation, for a total of 151 cities at the end of 2013. The company has been operating since 2000, and in 2013 it achieved a turnover of 1,709 million euros and an Ebitda amounting to 707 million euros at the end of December 2013. The customer base is approximately 7.2 million at the end of December 2013.

TIM Brasil is the second mobile operator in Brazil and leader in the prepaid segment. The company has more than 73.4 million customers and a market share of 27.9%, with an annual turnover of around 7 billion euros. It is controlled by the local subholding Tim Brasil S.A. with a share of approximately 66.7% and is listed on the Novo Mercado, the segment of the Brazilian Stock Exchange reserved for companies with the highest standard of corporate governance.

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