Telecom Egypt's Regional Data Hub 2 Awarded Tier III Design Certification

18 November 2024: Telecom Egypt, Egypt's market-leading telecom operator, has been awarded the Tier III Design Certification for its Regional Data Hub 2 (RDH 2) data center. This prestigious certification was granted after a comprehensive assessment and evaluation by expert teams from Uptime Institute, a world leader in the standardization of digital infrastructure performance.

Building on the success of RDH 1, which reached full utilization in just one year and earned multiple Tier III Uptime Institute certifications, the certification of RDH 2 reaffirms Telecom Egypt's commitment to maintaining high data center standards. The design certificate ensures that RDH 2, like RDH 1, meets the rigorous mechanical, electrical, structural, and site criteria, confirming that the facility's capacity and functionality align with its engineering and architectural plans.

With an estimated IT load of 4.6MW for RDH 2-compared to 2.5MW for RDH 1- RDH 2 represents a significant expansion to meet the growing market demand for secure and resilient Tier III data center services. This expansion also enhances Telecom Egypt's IT infrastructure, offering greater scalability and ensuring business continuity, particularly for businesses transitioning to the cloud.

It is worth noting that Telecom Egypt is also registered for the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program for RDH 2, reinforcing its commitment to energy-efficient and sustainable data center development. LEED, a globally recognized standard, evaluates buildings across key areas such as energy, water, waste, transportation, and user experience. This initiative highlights Telecom Egypt's dedication to reducing its environmental footprint through resource optimization and carbon emission reduction.

By integrating sustainable design and resource-efficient practices, Telecom Egypt is not only advancing its sustainability goals but also ensuring operational excellence. These efforts reflect the company's broader commitment to environmental responsibility and long-term growth, aimed at minimizing the impact of development on local, regional, and global ecosystems.

The execution of RDH 2 is expected to be completed by the end of 2025. Once operational, RDH 2 will further strengthen Telecom Egypt's leadership in the region's data center market by leveraging the 13 submarine cable systems currently landing on Egypt's eastern coast, with plans to expand this number to 18 by 2025. This expansion will also reinforce Egypt's strategic role as a global connectivity hub, providing cutting-edge infrastructure and unmatched industry reliability.

Mohamed Nasr, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer at Telecom Egypt, commented:

"We are pleased to have achieved the Tier III Design Certification for RDH 2 and remain committed to pursuing all three Uptime Institute certifications for this new facility. This achievement reflects our unwavering focus on delivering world-class data center services that meet the evolving demands of the digital economy. This expansion aligns with Telecom Egypt's strategy to drive global digital transformation and connectivity on a broader scale. By empowering businesses and communities with cutting-edge technology, we are advancing Egypt's digital economy while contributing to a more connected and inclusive world. Our focus on sustainability, innovation, and inclusivity remains central to our mission of transforming lives and enabling a prosperous, sustainable future for Egypt, the region, and beyond."

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About Telecom Egypt

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Telecom Egypt is a total telecom services provider in Egypt that provides a wide array of services to a diverse customer base. Serving individuals, communities, SOHOs, SMEs and large enterprises, Telecom Egypt offers a comprehensive, innovative, and diversified portfolio of services, ranging from fixed and mobile voice to essential data solutions crucial in today's digital landscape. These services also include high-speed internet, smart solutions, data center facilities, and cloud computing solutions tailored for businesses.

With a rich heritage of about 170 years, Telecom Egypt continues to lead the Egyptian telecom market by providing cutting-edge technology, robust infrastructure, and an extensive network of subsea cables to meet the needs of its enterprise and consumer clientele. The company's pivotal role in Egypt's telecommunications landscape is underscored by its expansive network coverage, broad service range, and dedication to fostering innovation. Aside from its mobile operation "WE", Telecom Egypt holds a significant 45% ownership stake in Vodafone Egypt. Telecom Egypt's shares and GDRs (Ticker: ETEL.CA; TEEG.LN) are traded on the Egyptian Exchange and the London Stock Exchange.

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