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Qatar Telecom gets smartphone friendly as it prepares for LTE

Operator selects Nokia Siemens Networks to modernize and upgrade its 3G network

Qatar Telecom (Qtel) is offering its subscribers an improved smartphone experience, including faster broadband speeds, while paving the way for next-generation Long Term Evolution (LTE) networks. To make this happen, the operator has chosen Nokia Siemens Networks to modernize its network and enhance capacity.

“Qtel prides itself in offering unmatched service quality for its subscribers, and it’s important that we continue to improve the experience for them,” said Khalil Ibrahim Al-Emadi, executive director for networks at Qtel. “With Nokia Siemens Networks, we are not only able to deliver the most smartphone friendly network that delivers a faster, better broadband experience, but also able to take the first step towards the future of mobile broadband and LTE.”

Under the contract, Nokia Siemens Networks has supplied its unique Single RAN* offering, including its Flexi Multiradio Base Stations and all-IP backhaul technology, increasing Qtel’s 3G network capacity and enabling a smooth transition to higher-speed HSPA+ and LTE networks. The company has also deployed its NetAct network management system to monitor, manage and optimize the network. Additionally, Nokia Siemens Networks continues to operate Qtel’s network under an existing managed services contract.

“As competition in Qatar’s telecom market intensifies, Qtel is focused on ensuring that it maintains its market and technological leadership,” said Shady Makhoul, head of the Qtel customer team at Nokia Siemens Networks. “Our solution and services are ensuring that Qtel’s network is ready to offer end users a differentiated, next-generation mobile broadband experience.”

About Qatar Telecom

Qatar Telecom (Qtel) is the telecommunications service provider licensed by the Supreme Council of Information and Communication Technology (ictQATAR) to provide both fixed and mobile telecommunications services in the state of Qatar. We have a presence in 16 countries and we are committed to expansion both in the MENA region and South East Asia. Our vision is to be among the top 20 telecommunications companies in

the world by 2020.

About Nokia Siemens Networks

Nokia Siemens Networks is a leading global enabler of telecommunications services. With its focus on innovation and sustainability, the company provides a complete portfolio of mobile, fixed and converged network technology, as well as professional services including consultancy and systems integration, deployment, maintenance and managed services. It is one of the largest telecommunications hardware, software and professional services companies in the world. Operating in 150 countries, its headquarters are in Espoo, Finland.

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