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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (presented for information purposes only) for the nine months ended 30 September 2012

Nine months ended 30 September	2012	2011	Variation
	BD million	BD million	%
Gross revenue	227.6	245.5	(7)
Expenses	181.0	180.6	-
Profit attributable to Batelco shareholders	42.6	56.5	(25)
Return on net worth - Annualised (%)	11.1	15.8	(30)
Weighted average number of shares outstanding during the period	1,440	1,440	-
Basic earnings per share for the period (Fils)	29.6	39.2	(25)

Independent auditors' report on review of the condensed consolidated interim financial statements

The Board of Directors
Bahrain Telecommunications Company BSC
Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain

23 October 2012

Introduction

We have reviewed the accompanying condensed consolidated statement of financial position of Bahrain Telecommunications Company BSC ("the Company") and its subsidiaries (together the "Group") as at 30 September 2012, and the related condensed consolidated statements of comprehensive income, cash flows and changes in equity for the nine months period then ended, and explanatory notes, ("the condensed consolidated interim financial statements"). The Board of Directors of the Company is responsible for the preparation and presentation of these condensed consolidated interim financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standard IAS 34 - *Interim Financial Reporting*. Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on these condensed consolidated interim financial statements based on our review.

Scope of review

We conducted our review in accordance with International Standard on Review Engagements 2410, "Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity". A review of condensed consolidated interim financial statements consists of making inquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the accompanying condensed consolidated interim financial statements are not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with IAS 34 - *Interim Financial Reporting*.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION as at 30 September 2012

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	Note	30 September	31 December
		2012	2011
ASSETS		(reviewed)	(audited)
Non-current assets			
Property and equipment		187,464	185,019
Goodwill		124,800	124,682
Intangible assets		48,855	24,308
Investment in associates		76,045	78,580
Deferred tax assets		2,277	2,018
Available-for-sale investments	3	33,183	16,703
Total non-current assets		472,624	431,310
Current assets			
Investment in associate classified as held-for-sale	4	46,473	46,473
Inventories		3,411	1,869
Available-for-sale investments		3,770	-
Trade and other receivables		70,171	71,762
Cash and bank balances	5	86,721	107,893
Total current assets		210,546	227,997
Total assets		683,170	659,307
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Equity			
Share capital		144,000	144,000
Statutory reserve		76,847	76,719
General reserve		39,444	30,000
Foreign currency translation reserve		932	787
Investment fair value reserve		(860)	(3,397)
Retained earnings		238,345	257,731
Total equity attributable to equity holders of the Company		498,708	505,840
Non-controlling interest		10,969	12,851
Total equity (Page 6-7)		509,677	518,691
Non-current liabilities			
Trade and other payables		2,036	2,555
Loans and borrowings		14,941	-
Deferred tax liability		3,775	4,193
Total non-current liabilities		20,752	6,748
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables		140,866	133,868
Loans and borrowings		11,875	-
Total current liabilities		152,741	133,868
Total liabilities		173,493	140,616
Total equity and liabilities		683,170	659,307

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements which consist of pages 3 to 12 were approved by the Board of Directors on 23 October 2012 and signed on its behalf by:

Sh. Hamad Bin Abdulla Al Khalifa *Chairman*

Murad Ali Murad

Deputy Chairman

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME for the nine months ended 30 September 2012

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	Note	Nine months ended 30 September		Three month	
	14010	2012	2011	2012	2011
		(reviewed)	(reviewed)	(reviewed)	(reviewed)
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REVENUE	6	227,554	245,456	72,296	82,276
EXPENSES					
Network operating expenses		(87,487)	(86,178)	(30,085)	(30,962)
Staff costs		(39,704)	(37,015)	(14,138)	(11,282)
Depreciation and amortisation		(26,830)	(28,125)	(9,540)	(9,411)
Other operating expenses		(26,983)	(29,259)	(10,463)	(11,715)
Total expenses		(181,004)	(180,577)	(64,226)	(63,370)
Results from operating activities		46,550	64,879	8,070	18,906
Finance and other income		1,918	818	560	298
Finance expenses		(439)	(196)	(225)	(64)
Share of (loss)/profit of associates (net)		227	(3,348)	1,126	917
Profit before taxation		48,256	62,153	9,531	20,057
Income tax expense		(2,671)	(2,854)	(372)	(1,233)
Profit for the period		45,585	59,299	9,159	18,824
Other comprehensive income					
Foreign currency translation differences		35	225	(683)	(23)
Investments fair value changes		2,537	(11,607)	(1,544)	(23)
Other comprehensive income for the period		2,537	(11,382)	(2,227)	(23)
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Total comprehensive income for the period		48,157	47,917	6,932	18,801
Profit for the period attributable to:					
Equity holders of the Company		42,586	56,500	8,027	17,747
Non-controlling interest		2,999	2,799	1,132	1,077
J		45,585	59,299	9,159	18,824
Total comprehensive income attributable to:	:				
Equity holders of the Company		45,268	44,960	5,864	17,792
Non-controlling interest		2,889	2,957	1,068	1,009
		48,157	47,917	6,932	18,801
Basic earnings per share (Fils)	7	29.6	39.2	5.6	12.3

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS for the nine months ended 30 September 2012

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	Nine months ended 30 September 2012 (reviewed)	Nine months ended 30 September 2011 (reviewed)
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Cash receipts from customers Net cash paid to suppliers Cash paid to and on behalf of employees	210,131 (96,184) (41,314)	226,627 (97,660) (40,380)
Net cash from operating activities	72,633	88,587
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Acquisition of property, equipment and intangibles Payments in respect of rights share issue Receipts from investee company Receipts from associates Net proceeds from sale and maturity of investments Interest and investment income received	(54,396) (17,713) 2,781 2,762 - 1,984	(21,287) - - - - 4,389 919
Net cash used in investing activities	(64,582)	(15,979)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Dividend paid Interest paid Borrowings (net) Payments to charities	(55,732) (253) 26,937 (448)	(67,969) - - (1,983)
Net cash used in financing activities	(29,496)	(69,952)
(Decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(21,445)	2,656
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	105,095	80,436
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 September	83,650	83,092

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

for the nine months ended 30 September 2012

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	Equity attributable to equity holders of the Company								
	Share	Statutory	General	Foreign currency translation	Investment fair value	Retained		Non- controlling	
2012 (reviewed)	capital	reserve	reserve	reserve	reserve	earnings	Total	interest	Total equity
At 1 January 2012	144,000	76,719	30,000	787	(3,397)	257,731	505,840	12,851	518,691
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	42,586	42,586	2,999	45,585
Other comprehensive income									
Foreign currency translation differences	-	-	-	145	-	-	145	(110)	35
Investments fair value changes	-	-	-	-	2,537	-	2,537	-	2,537
Total other comprehensive income	-	-	-	145	2,537	-	2,682	(110)	2,572
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	145	2,537	42,586	45,268	2,889	48,157
Final dividends declared for 2011	-	-	-	-	-	(28,800)	(28,800)	-	(28,800)
Donations declared for 2011	-	-	-	-	-	(2,000)	(2,000)	-	(2,000)
Transfer to statutory reserve (net)	-	128	-	-	-	(128)	-	-	-
Transfer to general reserve	-	-	9,444	-	-	(9,444)	-	-	-
Interim dividends declared for 2012	-	-	-	-	-	(21,600)	(21,600)	-	(21,600)
Dividends to non-controlling interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(4,771)	(4,771)
	-	128	9,444	-	-	(61,972)	(52,400)	(4,771)	(57,171)
At 30 September 2012	144,000	76,847	39,444	932	(860)	238,345	498,708	10,969	509,677

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

for the nine months ended 30 September 2012

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	Equity attributable to equity holders of the Company								
				Foreign					
				currency	Investment			Non-	
	Share	Statutory	General	translation	fair value	Retained		controlling	
2011 (reviewed)	capital	reserve	reserve	reserve	reserve	earnings	Total	interest	Total equity
At 1 January 2011	144,000	76,428	15,000	1,376	8,210	259,977	504,991	11,824	516,815
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	56,500	56,500	2,799	59,299
Other comprehensive income									
Foreign currency translation differences	-	-	-	67	-	-	67	158	225
Investments fair value changes	-	-	-	-	(11,607)	-	(11,607)	-	(11,607)
Total other comprehensive income	-	-	-	67	(11,607)	-	(11,540)	158	(11,382)
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	67	(11,607)	56,500	44,960	2,957	47,917
Final dividends declared for 2010	-	-	-	-	-	(36,000)	(36,000)	-	(36,000)
Donations declared for 2010	-	-	-	-	-	(2,169)	(2,169)	-	(2,169)
Transfer to statutory reserve (net)	-	289	-	-	-	(289)	-	-	-
Transfer to general reserve	-	-	15,000	-	-	(15,000)	-	-	-
Interim dividends declared for 2011	-	-	-	-	-	(28,800)	(28,800)	-	(28,800)
Dividends to non-controlling interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,235)	(1,235)
	-	289	15,000	-	-	(82,258)	(66,969)	(1,235)	(68,204)
At 30 September 2011	144,000	76,717	30,000	1,443	(3,397)	234,219	482,982	13,546	496,528

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1 BACKGROUND

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements as at and for the nine months period ended 30 September 2012 comprise the condensed consolidated interim financial statements of Bahrain Telecommunications Company BSC ("Batelco" / "the Company") and its subsidiaries (collectively "the Group") and the Group's interests in associate entity. It does not include all the information required for full annual financial statements and should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2011. The Group is principally engaged in the provision of public telecommunications and associated products and services.

2 BASIS OF PREPARATION

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34 *Interim Financial Reporting*, which permits the condensed consolidated interim financial statements to be in summarized form and do not include all of the information required for full annual financial statements.

The accounting policies and risk management framework applied by the Group in the preparation of the condensed consolidated interim financial statements are consistent with those applied in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2011.

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements are not audited but have been reviewed by KPMG Fakhro. The comparatives for the condensed consolidated statement of financial position have been extracted from the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2011 and comparatives for the condensed consolidated statements of comprehensive income, cash flows and changes in equity have been extracted from the reviewed condensed consolidated interim financial statements for the nine months ended 30 September 2011.

Due to the effect of seasonal variations, the results reported in the condensed consolidated interim financial statements may not represent a proportionate share of the overall annual income.

3 AVAILABLE-FOR-SALE INVESTMENTS

Available-for-sale investments include BD 31,934 representing market value of an equity investment in Etihad Atheeb Telecommunication Company ("the investee company"). There is a five year lock in period starting from April 2009.

During the period, the investee company issued right shares of SAR 1,175 million (BD 118.1 million) of which the Group's share is SAR 176.3 million (BD 17.7 million) to fund its ongoing operations.

4 INVESTMENT IN ASSOCIATE CLASSIFIED AS HELD-FOR-SALE

As at 30 September 2012, the Group's investment in STEL Private Limited ("STEL") is classified as asset held-for-sale, following the Board of Directors earlier decision in April 2011 to actively pursue the sale of the investment, whilst identifying other investment opportunities for the Group to remain active in Indian telecom market. The Group has a binding agreement to sell its investment in STEL by guarter ending 31 December 2012 for US\$174.5 (BD 65.8) million. Investment in STEL is

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4 Investment in associate classified as held-for-sale (continued)

measured at lower of its carrying amount and fair value less cost to sell, in accordance with IFRS 5 – *Non-current Assets Held-for-Sale and Discontinued Operations*.

5 CASH AND BANK BALANCES

Cash and bank balances include BD 3,071 (2011: BD 2,798) on account of unclaimed dividends and short-term deposits with maturities exceeding three months. These have been excluded for the purposes of statement of cash flows.

6 REVENUE

Mobile telecommunications services
Fixed line telecommunication services
Internet
Data communication circuits
Wholesale
Others

Nine months ended							
30 Sept	30 September						
2012 2011							
(reviewed)	(reviewed)						
96,768	114,990						
18,603	21,578						
27,099	27,670						
41,557	41,725						
26,587	27,174						
16,940	12,319						
227,554	245,456						

Three months ended 30 September						
2012 2011						
(reviewed)	(reviewed)					
30,277 5,710 8,827 13,054 8,562 5,866	38,198 6,778 9,026 13,677 9,372 5,225					
72,296	82,276					

7 EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of earnings per share ("EPS") is based on the profit attributable to owners of the Company for the nine months ended 30 September 2012 of BD 42.6 million (30 September 2011: BD 56.5 million), attributable to the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the period totaling 1,440 million (2011: 1,440 million) ordinary shares.

8 COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

a) Guarantees

- (i) The Group has furnished a guarantee for BD 7.3 million (2011: BD 27.1 million) to a bank for extending credit facilities to an investee company in Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
- (ii) The Group has furnished guarantees amounting to BD 1.6 million (2011: BD 1.6 million) to suppliers on behalf of an investee company in Kingdom of Saudi Arabia relating to the equipment supply contracts.
- (iii) As at 30 September 2012, the Group's banks have issued guarantees, amounting to BD 4.0 million (2011: BD 7.8 million) and letters of credit amounting to BD 0.09 million (2011: BD 0.31 million).
- (iv) The Group has furnished a comfort letter for BD 1.9 million (2011: BD 1.9 million) to Telecommunications Regulatory Commission, Jordan for providing a financial guarantee for the subsidiary companies operating in Jordan.

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8 Commitments and contingencies (continued)

b) Commitments

The Group has capital commitments at 30 September 2012 amounting to BD 9.6 million (2011: BD 17.0 million).

c) Contingent liabilities

The Group is involved in certain matters relating to notifications from regulatory authorities and government tax departments of claims and other notices amounting to BD 5.5 (2011: BD 5.5) million. The Group is of the view that there are no legitimate legal grounds for such claims and notices, and all necessary legal steps to respond to and defend its position are being taken.

d) Claims against STEL

The Supreme Court of India handed down a judgement in February 2012 against a number of Indian telecom operators holding certain 2G licences that were issued in 2008. The judgement provided that such operators, including STEL, were ineligible to have been granted such 2G licenses under prevailing Indian Law and that such licences are revoked, on terms. The judgement is not appealable.

9 RELATED PARTIES

a) Transactions with related parties

The Company qualifies as a government related entity under the definitions provided in the Revised IAS 24. The Group provides telecommunication services to various Government and semi government organisation and companies in the Kingdom of Bahrain. The Group also avails various services from Government and semi government organisation and companies in the Kingdom of Bahrain. Such transactions are in the normal course of business and are not considered to be material.

b) Transactions with key management personnel

Key management personnel comprise the Board of Directors and key members of management having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Group. During the period, the Group paid the following compensation to the key management personnel.

Short-term employee benefits Post-employment benefits

Total key management personnel compensation

Directors remuneration (including sitting fees)

Nine mon	ths ended			
30 Sep	tember			
2012 2011				
(reviewed)	(reviewed)			
1,930	1,635			
64	60			
1,994	1,695			
432	415			

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10 APPROPRIATIONS

- a) The shareholders of the Company in their meeting held on 22 February 2012 approved final dividend of BD 28,800, donations of BD 2,000 and transfer to general reserve of BD 8,000.
- **b)** The shareholders of Umniah Mobile Company PSC in their meeting held on 15 February 2012 approved transfer to general reserve of BD 1,504.
- c) The Board of Directors in their meeting held on 26 July 2012 approved interim cash dividend of 15 fils per share (2011: 20 fils per share) amounting to BD 21,600 (2011: BD 28,800).

11 COMPARATIVES

The comparative figures for the previous period have been regrouped, where necessary, in order to conform to the current period's presentation. Such regrouping does not affect the previously reported profit, comprehensive income or equity.

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12 **SEGMENT INFORMATION**

Operating segments

The Group's operations are segregated between Bahrain, Jordan and Other countries. Other countries include Kuwait, Yemen, Egypt and India. Segment information disclosed for the nine months ended 30 September 2012 is as follows:

Segment revenue and profit

Revenue (external customers) Inter-segment revenues

Profit

Nine months ended 30 September 2012 (reviewed)								
Bahrain	Jordan	Other countries	Inter- segment elimination	Total				
134,804 5,402	67,400 15,936	25,350 972	- (22,310)	227,554				
33,352	7,211	5,022	(22,310)	45,585				

	Nine months ended 30 September 2011 (reviewed)								
ĺ				Inter-					
			Other	segment					
	Bahrain	Jordan	countries	elimination	Total				
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	152,407	66,928	26,121	-	245,456				
	6,739	12,529	945	(20,213)	-				
	48,527	10,119	653	-	59,299				

Segment	assets	and	liabilities

Non-current assets Current assets

Total assets

Current liabilities
Non-current liabilities

Total liabilities

As at 30 September 2012 (reviewed)							
Bahrain	Jordan	Other countries	Inter- segment elimination	Total			
150,505	235,553	86,566	-	472,624			
129,909	18,088	77,451	(14,902)	210,546			
280,414	253,641	164,017	(14,902)	683,170			
90,473	48,240	26,538	(12,510)	152,741			
18,454	5,811	-	(3,513)	20,752			
108,927	54,051	26,538	(16,023)	173,493			

As at 31 December 2011 (audited)						
Bahrain	Jordan	Other countries	Inter- segment elimination	Total		
138,672 154,517	199,231 12,405	93,407 73,003	(11,928)	431,310 227,997		
293,189	211,636	166,410	(11,928)	659,307		
82,695 3,513	35,736 6,748	24,177 -	(8,740) (3,513)	133,868 6,748		
86,208	42,484	24,177	(12,253)	140,616		