

 Early Warning System

MIGA-4654

SONATEL Mobile Telecom Services



Quick Facts

Countries	Sierra Leone
Financial Institutions	Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA)
Status	Active
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2018-06-19
Borrower	Sonatel
Sectors	Infrastructure
Investment Type(s)	Guarantee
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 97.20 million



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The project consists of the acquisition of and investment in Airtel Sierra Leone Ltd (renamed Orange Sierra Leone), an existing mobile operator and leader in 2G and 3G mobile services in Sierra Leone. SONATEL and its partner Orange S.A., via its Middle East and Africa subsidiary (OMEA), acquired OSL in equal shares in July 2016, to modernize and expand telecom infrastructure and services in the country, notably in underserved and rural areas. This includes: i) Upgrading existing assets; ii) Expanding network coverage by deploying approximately 100 new tower sites by 2024 (from 300 in 2018); iii) Improving network quality and reliability; and iv) Rolling-out new services including mobile banking. From approximately 1.4 million subscribers in 2017, OSL is expected to reach over 3.3 million subscribers in 2020 and 4.6 million in 2024, in line with the Government of Sierra Leone's efforts to increase the nationwide access of mobile telecommunications (from 60% in 2017 to over 90% by 2024).



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Contact Information

No contact information provided at the time of disclosure.

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Bank Documents

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