

# VEON Ltd. announces Telenor share sale

**Amsterdam (20 September 2017)** - VEON Ltd. (NASDAQ: VEON, Euronext Amsterdam: VEON) - VEON Ltd. ("VEON" or the "Company") today announced that Telenor East Holding II AS ("Telenor") is offering for sale an aggregate of 90,000,000 common shares in the form of American Depositary Shares<sup>1</sup> ("ADSs") listed on the NASDAQ Global Select Market and common shares ("common shares") listed on Euronext Amsterdam. This offering, which represents 5.1 per cent of VEON's total outstanding equity, follows prior offerings by Telenor in September 2016 and April 2017. Telenor currently owns approximately 346.7 million ADSs, which represent 19.7 per cent of VEON's total outstanding equity. Following the completion of the offering, Telenor is expected to hold 14.6 per cent of VEON's total outstanding equity.

Telenor has indicated that today's transaction will be the final divestment of Telenor's VEON ADSs, as Telenor expects to use the balance of its remaining ADSs to exchange and/or redeem the exchangeable bond. The public offering price for the offering has not yet been determined.

VEON is not offering any ADSs or common shares in today's transaction and will not receive any proceeds from the sale of ADSs or common shares by Telenor. Telenor's sale of ADSs and common shares in today's transaction will not result in any dilution of the Company's issued and outstanding common shares.

Citigroup and Morgan Stanley will act as joint global coordinators and joint bookrunners for the offering.

The offering will be made pursuant to the Company's shelf registration statement on Form F-3 initially filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on 23 May 2014, as amended and most recently declared effective on 20 April 2016 (the "Registration Statement"). The ADSs and common shares will be offered only by means of a prospectus and an accompanying prospectus supplement forming a part of the effective Registration Statement. Prospective investors should read the prospectus included in the Registration Statement, the preliminary prospectus supplement and other documents that the Company has filed with the SEC for more complete information about the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Each ADS represents one common share of the Company.



Company and the offering. The Registration Statement, the preliminary prospectus supplement and the documents incorporated by reference therein are available on the SEC's website at: http://www.sec.gov.

When available, copies of the preliminary prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus may be obtained from Citigroup Global Markets Inc., c/o Broadridge Financial Solutions, 1155 Long Island Avenue, Edgewood, NY 11717, toll-free: (800) 831-9146; or Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, 180 Varick Street, 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10014, Attention: Prospectus Department.

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