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## **Airtel-Vodafone appoints Chief Technical Officer**

Airtel-Vodafone has appointed David Fowler as Chief Technical Officer with responsibility for introducing the Channel Islands' 4G network, as well as maintaining and developing the network in general.

During his 30 years in the industry, David has worked in Europe and the USA, and has been responsible for establishing country-wide 4G and other networks.

Airtel-Vodafone's CEO, Ian Campbell, said: "I am delighted that we have someone of David's calibre in this important role. It is vital to our customers that the network is reliable, and he has huge experience in establishing networks that do just that."

David has worked in the industry for many major firms including British Telecom, in Belgium for Proximus Belgacom and in Poland for Polkomtel. He spent 3 years at Huawei as European Chief Technical Officer. David also worked for Vodafone in Düsseldorf and California, and rose to become Director of Network Service Enablers.

In 2010 he joined Sure and was Chief Operating Officer with responsibility for operations in the Channel Islands and Isle of Man.

David said: "It is great to be working for a global organisation which has technology, experience and support that I can call on. I know the Channel Islands very well, and am looking forward to introducing something that will really transform the way that people access the internet.

David lives in Jersey with his wife, Trish. He has a daughter, Joanne who is currently in full time education in the UK. In his spare time he is a very keen cyclist.

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**Notes for editors:**

For more information and to arrange interviews, please contact Alex Mallinson on 07797744228.

**About Airtel-Vodafone**

Airtel-Vodafone is a partnership between two of the world's leading telecoms companies that have come together to provide the Channel Islands best value network.

Airtel: one of the fastest-growing mobile companies in the world, operating in over 20 countries in Africa and Asia. As at October 2012, Airtel is rated as the world's 4<sup>th</sup> largest mobile operator by subscribers

Vodafone Group: the largest mobile community in the world, operating in more than 60 countries with more than 400 million customers worldwide.

Airtel-Vodafone brings the combined expertise of these two world-class mobile phone companies to the Channel Islands, giving Islanders the opportunity to benefit from great value mobile communications backed up by a truly global network.