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Mobitel lauded for Engineering Excellence at IESL Awards 2012

For the third consecutive year, Sri Lanka's National Mobile Service Provider, Sri Lanka Telecom Mobitel won the coveted 'Excellence in Engineering' award, under the category 'Infrastructure - Service Sector: Large' at the Annual Engineering Excellence Awards 2012 presented by the Institution of Engineers, Sri Lanka (IESL).

The awards are held to encourage and celebrate the excellence in the science and the practice of engineering by rewarding the best and the finest of its members, individuals, organizations and companies in Sri Lanka for their outstanding accomplishments and achievements related to engineering.

As the National Mobile Service Provider - Mobitel has continued to deliver superior mobile experiences to its customers, via cutting-edge technology. Mobitel has become the country's technology leader and trailblazer, being the first in South Asia for embracing and deploying many state-of-the-art technologies.

In June this year, Mobitel completed its stage VI of its network expansion - involving the total number of 2G and 3G Base Stations by over a mammoth 1,000 sites within record-breaking time. More recently, Mobitel also commenced stage VII of its mobile network expansion, which will see the deployment of

over one thousand and four hundred 2G/3G and 4G LTE [Long Term Evolution] base stations. The additional base stations will mean a noteworthy increase in the network's coverage, capacity and speed.

"Winning this Engineering Excellence award from IESL, for the 3rd consecutive year, stands testament to our drive to adopt and employ the latest technologies in the industry. This accolade is also representative of Mobitel's exceptional achievements encompassing effective capacity utilization, superior planning and execution, unparalleled operational excellence, technological prowess, service, consistent quality, innovative strength and high standards in productivity achieved by following world-class best practices. Our leadership in the industry comes from our consistent efforts to add value to our customers - ranging from quality, coverage, ease of use, affordability, convenience, scalability and futuristic appeal. Our latest stage of expansion will see the deployment of 4G mobile technology in the country. Our Access Network is already enabled with the latest HSPA+ powered by MIMO technology, thus empowering the country's ICT infrastructure with the best speeds current technology can offer, leading it towards an info-com and knowledge-rich society. As our network expands, so does the country's



Mr. Lalith De Silva, CEO, Mobitel receiving the award from Hon. Palitha Fernando PC, - Attorney General of Sri Lanka. Also pictured here is Eng. (Brig.) Dr. Ananda Ranasinghe - President of the Institution of Engineers, Sri Lanka.

ICT landscape. We are at the forefront of the ICT industry, driving its growth with great technological prowess towards fulfilling the dream - to

make Sri Lanka the 'Wonder of Asia'," said Mr. Lalith De Silva, Chief Executive Officer, Sri Lanka Telecom Mobitel.