

## **Huawei Now Serves More Than One Billion GSM Users Worldwide**

**Shanghai, China, 3 November, 2010:** Huawei, a leader in providing next-generation telecommunications network solutions for operators around the world, today announced that more than one billion people – approximately one quarter of worldwide GSM users – now use Huawei's GSM radio access networks for their mobile communication needs. This key milestone was reached through the GSM network that Huawei successfully constructed for MTN Nigeria.

"I'm excited to be one of the one billion users of Huawei's GSM technology," said Navi Naidoo, CTO of MTN Group. "Huawei's partnership has been integral to MTN's success over the past few years. Due in large part to Huawei's GSM infrastructure, we are able to provide high-quality GSM services to 120 million subscribers across the entire African continent and several countries in the Middle East."

"This milestone was achieved due to the close and mutually beneficial relationships we have with our customers," said Wan Biao, President of Wireless Networks, Huawei. "MTN's subscriber base, among which GSM users are predominant, has grown annually by 25 percent, demonstrating that GSM remains the best choice to satisfy voice service demand for mobile users. We hope that our partnership with forward-looking operators like MTN will lead to another billion users!"

GSM is the most widely-deployed mobile telephony standard in the world. Huawei has invested substantially in its GSM solutions and set the 2G network data rate record of 564Kb/s with its industry-leading EDGE+ technology to bring high-bandwidth 3G experiences to 2G users over GSM networks. As a result, Huawei's GSM solution has been adopted by nearly every mainstream GSM operator around the world. Since the second quarter of 2009, the shipment of Huawei's GSM products has been ranked number one in the world, according to research firm Dell'Oro.

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### **About MTN**

Launched in 1994, the MTN Group Limited (MTN Group) is a multinational telecommunications group offering cellular network access and business solutions. It has mobile licences across 21 countries in Africa and the Middle East and as at the end of December 2009, recorded more than 116 million subscribers.

Visit: [www.mtn.com](http://www.mtn.com) for further information about MTN.

### **About Huawei**

Huawei is a leader in providing next generation telecommunications networks, and now serves 45 of the world's top 50 operators. The company is committed to providing innovative and customized products, services and solutions to create long-term value and growth potential for its customers.

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