

To: The Romanian Financial Supervisory Authority

**Financial Instruments and Investments Sector** 

The Bucharest Stock Exchange

Regulated Spot Market, Category Int'l (Shares)

From DIGI COMMUNICATIONS N.V.

#### **CURRENT REPORT**

pursuant to Law no. 24/2017 on issuers of financial instruments and market operations and to the Romanian Financial Supervisory Authority Regulation no. 5/2018 on issuers and operations with securities, as subsequently amended and supplemented and the provisions of Article 99 of the Bucharest Stock Exchange Code, Title II, Issuers and Financial Instruments

**Report date:** 14 February 2019

Name of the issuing entity: DIGI COMMUNICATIONS N.V. (the "Company")

**Statutory seat:** Amsterdam, The Netherlands

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Registration number with The Netherlands Chamber of Commerce Business Register and Dutch Legal

Entities and Partnerships

**Identification Number (RSIN):** 

Registration number with The Netherlands Chamber of Commerce Business Register: 34132532/29.03.2000

RSIN: 808800322

**Romanian Tax Registration Code:** RO 37449310

**Share Capital:** EUR 6,810,042.52

Number of shares in issue: 100,000,000 (out of which (i) 64,556,028 class A shares

with a nominal value of ten eurocents (€ 0.10) each and (ii) 35,443,972 class B shares, with a nominal value of one

eurocent (€ 0.01) each)

**Number of listed shares:** 35,443,972 class B shares

Regulated market on which the issued Bucharest Stock Exchange, Main Segment, Category Int'l

securities are traded: (Shares)

**Important events to be reported:** Availability of Preliminary Financial Report for the year ended December 31, 2018 for Digi Communications N.V. Group.

Digi Communications N.V. informs the shareholders and investors that the Preliminary Financial Report for the year ended December 31, 2018 is available starting 14<sup>th</sup> of February 2019, 18:20, on the company's website (www.digi-communications.ro) (http://www.digi-communications.ro)), at section Investor Relations.

#### PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL REPORT

## For the year ended

#### **December 31, 2018**

For the year ended December 31, 2018, we had revenues of  $\in 1,038.1$  milion (YoY increase of 13.3%) and Adjusted EBIDTA of  $\in 324.6$  milion (YoY increase of 12.9%).

At the end of the year we achieved total Group RGUs (Revenue Generating Units) of 14.9 milion (YoY increase of 12%), the main increase is due to the Invitel's acquisition, cable tv and internet Romanian RGU's growth and a growth of the Spain's mobile business line's RGU.

For details regarding the Preliminary Financial Report as at December 31, 2018, please visit our site (<a href="https://www.digi-communications.ro">www.digi-communications.ro</a> (http://www.digi-communications.ro) at section Investor Relations.

The Preliminary Financial Report for the year ended December 31, 2018 can also be consulted by accessing the documents from below.

For additional information, please contact us at ipo.relations@digi-communications.ro.

Serghei Bulgac

**Chief Executive Officer** 



# **Preliminary Financial Report**

For the year ended December 31, 2018





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# **INTRODUCTION**

The consolidated financial information included in this Preliminary Financial Report is based on the Digi Communications N.V. ("Digi") Group's Unaudited IFRS Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2018.

Financial and operational data from this Preliminary Financial Report are estimates. The final Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2018 will include the final financial and operational data, which may vary by reference to this Preliminary Financial Report. A final Annual Report will be relessed by Digi to the market as per the Financial Calendar announced on BVB.

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# **DIGI COMMUNICATIONS N.V.**

# **Preliminary Consolidated Statement of profit or loss**

for the year ended as at 31 December 2018

(all amounts are in thousand EUR, unless specified otherwise)

		2017	2018
	Note	Total	Total
Revenues	1	916,551	1,038,121
Gain/(loss) from sale of discontinued operations		-	(1,070)
Other income	2	2,509	8,873
Other expenses	2	(2,820)	(18,917)
Operating expenses	3	(800,841)	(925,032)
Operating profit		115,399	101,975
Finance income	4	19,977	2,257
Finance expenses	4	(55,903)	(61,374)
Net finance costs		(35,926)	(59,117)
Profit / (loss) before taxation		79,473	42,858
Income tax		(17,442)	(21,460)
Net profit / (loss)		62,031	21,398

The preliminary consolidated financial statements as at 31 December 2018 have not been audited.

Serghei Bulgac, CEO



# OTHER FINANCIAL AND OPERATING DATA

The following table shows Selected Financial Data and Ratios based on Digi group's consolidated financial data as at and for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2018, including Invitel's consolidated EBITDA:

# Selected Financial Data and Ratios (3)

	As at and for t	he year ended			
	Decem	December, 31			
	2017	2018			
	(€ millions, unless	(€ millions, unless otherwise stated)			
Adjusted EBITDA	287.5	324.6			
Adjusted EBITDA Margin%	31.4%	31.3%			
Total consolidated debt <sup>(1)</sup>	779.9	920.2			
Cash and cash equivalents	16.1	13.8			
Total consolidated net debt	763.8	906.4			
Net Leverage Ratio <sup>(2)</sup>	2.7x	2.8x			
CAPEX	243.2	279.3			

<sup>(1)</sup> Total debt presented is as per the Senior Notes covenants. It includes interest bearing loans and borrowings (non-current), interest bearing loans and borrowings (current), derivative financial liabilities, other long term liabilities and excludes accrued interest.

The following table shows our RGUs and monthly ARPU by geographic segment and business line as at and for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2018, inclunding Invitel's consolidated RGUs and ARPU:

	As at and for the three months ended December 31,		As at and for the year ended December 31,	
	2017	2018	2017	2018
	(RGUs: thousands; ARPU: €/period)		(RGUs: thousands; ARPU: €/period)	
RGUs/ARPU				
Group				
RGUs	13,273	14,926	13,273	14,926
Romania				
Cable TV				
RGUs	3,030	3,305	3,030	3,305
ARPU	5.2	4.9	5.2	5.0
Fixed internet and data				
RGUs				
Residential	2,144	2,370	2,144	2,370
Business	140	158	140	158
ARPU				
Residential	5.0	4.7	5.0	4.8
Business	29.4	27.0	31.9	28.0
Mobile telecommunication services <sup>(1)</sup>				
RGUs	3,391	3,406	3,391	3,406
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<sup>(2)</sup> Represents the ratio between total net debt and Adjusted EBITDA over a given period, as per the Senior Notes covenants.

<sup>(3)</sup> Unaudited.

	As at and for months ended D		As at and for the year ended December 31,	
	2017	2018	2017	2018
	(RGUs: thousands; ARPU: €/period)		(RGUs: thousands; ARPU: €/period)	
ARPU	4.3	4.7	4.1	4.4
Fixed-line telephony				
RGUs				
Residential	1,128	1,055	1,128	1,055
Business	132	133	132	133
ARPU				
Residential	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
Business	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.3
DTH				
RGUs	593	529	593	529
ARPU	4.9	4.8	4.9	4.8
Hungary <sup>(5)</sup>				
Cable TV				
RGUs	500	689	500	689
ARPU	8.3	8.4	8.2	8.3
Fixed internet and data				
RGUs	467	747	467	747
ARPU	7.5	7.8	7.6	7.6
Mobile telecommunication services <sup>(2) (3)</sup>				
RGUs	12	15	12	15
ARPU	6.9	5.3	7.1	5.9
Fixed-line telephony				
RGUs	379	694	379	694
ARPU	1.2	2.8	1.4	2.4
DTH				
RGUs	291	276	291	276
ARPU	9.2	9.0	9.2	9.1
Spain				
Fixed internet and data				
RGUs	-	8	-	8
ARPU	-	20.8	-	20.8
Mobile telecommunication services <sup>(1)</sup>				
RGUs	896	1,343	896	1,343
ARPU	10.1	9.5	10.5	9.4
Fixed-line telephony				
RGUs	-	3		3
ARPU	-	4.2	-	4.2
Other <sup>(4)</sup>				
Mobile telecommunication services <sup>(1)</sup>				
RGUs	170	195	170	195
ARPU	10.6	9.4	10.6	9.6

Includes mobile telephony and mobile internet and data RGUs
Includes mobile internet and data services offered as a reseller through the Telenor network under our "Digi" brand.

As an MVNO.

<sup>(1)</sup> (2) (3) (4) (5) Includes Italy.

For the period ended December 31, 2018, RGUs and ARPUs for Hungary include the consolidated RGUs and ARPUs for Digi Hungary Invitel. and

## PRELIMINARY MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Main variations are explained below:

#### 1. Revenues

Our revenue (excluding intersegment revenue, other income and gain from sale of discontinued operations) for the year ended December 31, 2018 was €1,038.1 million, compared with €916.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2017, an increase of 13.3%.

Revenue growth was reported by all geographical segments.

Group RGU's increased from 13.3 million as at December 31, 2017 to 14.9 million as at December 31, 2018 (an increase of 12%), the main increase is due to the Invitel's acquisition, cable tv and internet Romanian RGU's growth and a growth of the Spain's mobile business line's RGU.

#### 2. Other income/expenses

We recorded €18.9 million of other expenses in the year ended December 31, 2018, compared to €2.8 million in the year ended December 31, 2017. During 2018, DIGI recorded the accrued expenses for the period related to the share option plans from 2017 and 2018 which are expected to be one-time events, litigation provision and Invitel's acquisition related costs. Other income represents mark to market gain from fair value assessment of the energy trading contracts.

#### 3. Operating expenses

Our total operating expenses (excluding intersegment expenses and other expenses, but including depreciation, amortization and impairment) for the year ended December 31, 2018 were €925.0 million, compared with €800.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2017, an increase of 15.5%.

The main increase is due to the Invitel's acquisition. There were also increases in salaries and depreciation in the year ended December 31, 2018 compared to previous year.

#### 4. Net finance expenses

We recognized net finance expense of €59.1 million in the year ended December 31, 2018, compared with net finance expense of €35.9 million in the year ended December 31, 2017, an increase of 64.6%.

The main difference comes from recognition of a lower fair value gain of embedded derivatives in the year ended December 31, 2018 compared to the year ended December 31, 2017 (a decrease of €18.0 million). There was also increase in interest expenses as a result of additional financing and increase in ROBOR.