

PLAY COMMUNICATIONS S.A.Q1 2018 results

Press release

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CONTINUED EXPANSION OF REVENUES AND SIGNIFICANT INCREASE OF NET INCOME WITH HIGHER GENERATION OF FREE CASH FLOW TO EQUITY¹

In the first quarter of 2018, we generated strong net income amounting to PLN 153m, which represents significant increase versus first quarter of 2017. By continuing to deliver high value for the customers and executing of our strategy, we maintained our subscriber base at the level of 15.2m QoQ. We continued the growth of operating revenue for three months ended on March 31, 2018 to PLN 1,637m (+3.6% vs Q1'17) which was mainly driven by the firm increase of service revenue (+6.4% YoY). Despite the negative impact of Roam-Like-At-Home, which translated into the lower Adjusted EBITDA, the Group generated significantly higher net income and EPS versus Q1'17. The satisfactory operational performance in combination with cash interest, cash taxes and solid cash management translated into high free cash flow to equity¹ generation, at the level of PLN 117m (versus negative amount in Q1'17).

Q1 2018 Highlights:

- I. Continued commercial success:
 - **Subscribers base** amounted to 15.2 million, while share of contract subscribers increased to **63.2%**, from 60.5% as of end of March 31, 2017
 - Contract net adds amounted to 160k in Q1'18
 - Blended ARPU slightly decreased, by 1.4%, to PLN 31.8² versus Q4'17 and increased by 2.6% versus Q1'17
 - Contract churn remained stable at the level of 0.8%³
 - Further roll-out of 4G LTE network increased coverage of population to **93.8%** (+1.5pp YoY) and 4G LTE Ultra network increased coverage of population to **82.6%** (+3.2pp YoY) as of March 31, 2018.

¹post lease payments; FCFE amounted to negative PLN 140m in Q1 2017

² presented for active subscribers on an average monthly basis; for detail definition please refer to the Report

³ presented for reported subscribers on an average monthly basis; for detail definition please refer to the Report



II. Solid Financial Performance:

- Growth of Operating Revenue to the level of PLN 1,637m (+3.6% vs Q1'17) resulted from strong increase in contract subscribers base
- Adjusted EBITDA amounted to PLN 518m (-8.1% vs Q1'17) due to the negative impact of Roam-Like-At-Home and high cost of national roaming
- The negative impact of RLAH, calculated as change of international roaming revenue and international roaming costs amounted to PLN 34.2m YoY. The above translated into the decrease of Adjusted EBITDA margin to 31.7% (-4.0pp vs Q1'17)
- Net income amounted to PLN 153m (significant increase versus Q1'17) and EPS amounted to PLN 0.60 (significant increase versus Q1'17)
- Continuation of nationwide network roll-out Cash Capex⁴ amounted to PLN 181m which is in line with the plan
- Adjusted EBITDA less Cash Capex³ amounted to PLN 337m (-4.7% vs Q1'17) and Cash conversion amounted to 65.0% (increase 2.3pp vs Q1'17)
- FCFE (post lease payments)⁵ increased significantly versus Q1'17 to PLN 117m (in Q1'17 it amounted negative PLN 140m)
- Leverage ratio remained at the level of 3.0x LTM Adjusted EBITDA high cash generation was offset by debt repayment.

⁴ Excluding cash outflows in relation to frequency reservation acquisition

⁵ The measures presented are not comparable to similarly titled measures used by other companies. Free cash flow to equity (post lease payments) does not reflect all past expenses and cash outflows as well as does not reflect the future cash requirements necessary to pay significant interest expense, income taxes, or the future cash requirements necessary to service interest or principal payments, on our debts. We encourage you to review our financial information in its entirety and not rely on a single financial measure. See in Report "Presentation of Financial Information–Non-IFRS Measures" for an explanation of certain limitations to the use of these measures



Chief Executive Officer of P4 Sp. z o.o. comments on Q1 2018 performance:

"Operationally Q1'18 was a satisfactory quarter for Play. We noticed stabilization of ARPU from customers which along with the growth of contract subscribers base resulted in the increase of Service Revenue at the level of 6.4% YoY. Despite the negative impact of RLAH, we generated high net income amounting to PLN 153m (>>100% higher versus Q1'17). We successfully increased the share of contract customers in our base to 63.2% which is in line with our strong focus on value of customers base.

As we were highlighting before, we expect 2018 to be a transition year for Play, due to the: (1) negative impact of Roam-Like-At-Home (especially in 1H 2018) and (2) national network rollout impact. The increase of operating revenue (+3.6% YoY) was partially offset by costs listed above. Hence Adjusted EBITDA amounted to PLN 518m (drop by 8.1% YoY). Our firm results translated into significantly higher free cash flow to equity (post lease payments) versus Q1'17 (last year it amounted to negative PLN 140m), which amounted to PLN 117m. Net income and EPS significant increase versus Q1'17, respectively amounting to PLN 153m and PLN 0.60.

We have filed for sustainability and we received the positive response from UKE on January 15, 2018. In January 2018 we announced some modifications of new offerings which became effective at the beginning of March 2018. Based on the decision of the President of the Office of Electronic Communications PLAY changed the functioning of Roam-Like-At-Home offers for new post-paid, pre-paid and retained customers. We expect to partially offset the negative impact of RLAH in 2018. The negative impact of RLAH, calculated as change of international roaming revenue and international roaming costs amounted to PLN 34.2m in Q1'18.

As an execution of our upselling strategy we launched the insurance platform and we observe a very positive uptake of handsets insurance. Additionally in Q1'18, we launched an innovative prepaid offer with registration only via the Play24 app, which supports our digital strategy."

Jørgen Bang-Jensen



Results of PLAY for Q1 2018:

	Three-mon March		Change	March 31		Change
	2017	2018	(%)	2017	2018	(%)
Reported subscribers (thousands)	14,342.3	15,175.6	5.8%	14,342.3	15,175.6	5.8%
Contract	8,682.1	9,589.9	10.5%	8,682.1	9,589.9	10.5%
Prepaid	5,660.2	5,585.7	(1.3%)	5,660.2	5,585.7	(1.3%)
Share of contract subscribers (%)	60.5%	63.2%	2.7%	60.5%	63.2%	2.7%
Share of prepaid subscribers (%)	39.5%	36.8%	(2.7%)	39.5%	36.8%	(2.7%)
Net additions (thousands)	(72.2)	(44.2)	38.8%	(77.6)	833.2	>>100%
Contract	315.7	159.5	(49.5%)	1,341.5	907.8	(32.3%)
Prepaid	(387.9)	(203.7)	47.5%	(1,419.1)	(74.5)	94.7%
Churn (%) ¹	3.1%	2.1%	(0.9) pp	3.3%	1.9%	(1.4) pp
Contract	0.7%	0.8%	0.1 pp	0.7%	0.8%	0.1 pp
Prepaid	6.7%	4.5%	(2.3) pp	6.6%	3.7%	(2.9) pp
ARPU (PLN) ²	31.0	31.8	2.6%	31.5	32.2	2.1%
Contract	38.2	37.5	(1.8%)	38.9	38.2	(1.8%)
Prepaid	16.3	18.5	13.5%	17.3	18.8	8.2%
Data usage per subscriber (MB) ²	3,602.3	5,059.5	40.5%	3,057.9	4,481.5	46.6%
Contract	4,404.2	6,122.9	39.0%	3,797.3	5,443.3	43.3%
Prepaid	1,958.9	2,560.4	30.7%	1,644.8	2,338.5	42.2%

	Three-month ended March 31,		Change	
mPLN	2017	2018	(%)	
Operating revenue	1,580.8	1,637.3	3.6%	
Contribution margin	756.4	726.6	(3.9%)	
EBITDA ³	503.9	510.2	1.3%	
EBITDA margin	31.9%	31.2%	(0.7) pp	
Adjusted EBITDA ⁴	564.2	518.4	(8.1%)	
Adjusted EBITDA margin	35.7%	31.7%	(4.0) pp	
Net income	18.5	152.9	>>100%	
Cash capex ⁵	210.5	181.3	(13.9%)	
Adjusted EBITDA less cash capex	353.7	337.1	(4.7%)	
Free cash flow to equity (post lease payments) $^{\rm 6}$	(139.8)	117.0	(183.7%)	

¹ presented for reported subscribers on an average monthly basis; for detail definition please refer to the Report; ² presented for active subscribers on average monthly basis over the period Q1 2018; for detail definition please refer to the Report; ³ includes one-off costs related to Initial Public Offering and Refinancing transaction; ⁴ The measures presented are not comparable to similarly titled measures used by other companies. Free cash flow to equity (post lease payments) does not reflect all past expenses and cash outflows as well as does not reflect the future cash requirements necessary to pay significant interest expense, income taxes, or the future cash requirements necessary to service interest or principal payments, on our debts. We encourage you to review our financial information in its entirety and not rely on a single financial measure. See in Report "Presentation of Financial Information—Non-IFRS Measures" for an explanation of certain limitations to the use of these measures

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