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Airtel-Vodafone gains global accreditation in Narrow Band (NB) IoT technology

Airtel-Vodafone has gained Mobile IoT lab status in NB IoT from the GSMA, the industry standards body that represents the interest of mobile telecommunications companies worldwide. It is only one of two mobile network operators in the UK to hold this status, along with its partners, Vodafone.

This program will allow IoT device manufacturers, sim vendors, platform enablers and local and global businesses and organisations to test and rate devices in a live and secure environment on the Airtel-Vodafone NB IoT network in The Channel Islands and in its lab.

Peter Zunino, head of sales and marketing at Airtel-Vodafone, said: 'Internet of Things technology has huge potential for driving efficiency and solving major infrastructure problems in the Islands and we have already seen much interest from local organisations in using this technology. This global industry body certification is another step in our commitment to, and investment in, using standardised, licensed and future proof mobile technology to support local businesses and organisations drive efficiencies for their stakeholders.'

Lucy Ann Kirby, Director at Digital Greenhouse said: 'With such speed of change in technology, it is fantastic to see Guernsey companies innovating and leading both in terms of driving forward in their own expertise and also by providing services which will enable the future economic and social growth of the Island. Advances like these by Airtel-Vodafone are an excellent indicator to the wider world that Guernsey is open for business and ready for the challenges of the future.'

Tony Moretta, CEO, Digital Jersey said: 'This is great news for Airtel-Vodafone and Jersey. It is no secret that we have some of the best telecommunications networks in the world making the island a great place to come and test new products and applications. Gaining Mobile IoT lab status in NB IoT is further recognition of how progressive we are in this space and brings another welcome feature to the Sandbox Jersey proposition.'

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Notes for editors:

What is NB IoT Technology

NB IoT Technology is low power wide area network (LPWAN) technology using wireless technology to support the next generation of IoT devices. It had developed to enable efficient communication, long battery life for mass distributed devices and lower costs for wide geographical footprints or deep within urban infrastructure.

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 16 countries in Africa and Asia. Airtel is rated as the world's 3rd 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.

About GSMA

The GSMA represents the interests of mobile operators worldwide, uniting more than 750 operators with almost 400 companies in the broader mobile ecosystem, including handset and device makers, software companies, equipment providers and internet companies, as well as organisations in adjacent industry sectors. The GSMA also produces the industry-leading MWC events held annually in [Barcelona](#), [Los Angeles](#) and [Shanghai](#), as well as the [Mobile 360 Series](#) of regional conferences.

More about GSMA and NB IoT here <https://www.gsma.com/iot/mobile-iot/>