



## **Airtel Africa plc**

(‘Airtel Africa’, or the ‘Company’)

### **Leadership changes at Airtel Nigeria**

**Lagos, 9 October 2024:** Airtel Africa, a leading provider of telecommunications and mobile money services, with a presence in 14 countries across Africa, announces the appointment of Awuneba Ajumogobia FCA as Chairperson of the Airtel Networks Limited (‘Airtel Nigeria’) Board, following the retirement of Justice Alfa Belgore JSC (Retired) CON, GCON after his ten-year term. The Company wishes to express its sincere appreciation for Justice Belgore’s years of service and contribution to Airtel Nigeria’s strategic role in the Nigerian telecommunications industry. Mrs Ajumogobia brings considerable experience in assurance, taxation, finance and advisory services across a range of industries in Nigeria and is currently serving as a non-executive director of the Airtel Africa plc Board. Furthermore, Mrs Ajumogobia’s experience as an independent non-executive director and Board Chair will bring an impartial judgement to issues of strategy, performance and resources.

In addition, Airtel Nigeria has appointed Dinesh Balsingh as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer following the resignation of Carl Cruz who is returning to the Philippines. Mr Balsingh has extensive experience across the telecommunications industry and returns to Nigeria following his appointment as Managing Director and CEO of Airtel Tanzania in 2022. Prior to his move to Tanzania, he served as the Chief Commercial Officer at Airtel Nigeria and therefore brings with him considerable experience of the Nigerian telecommunications market.

Mr Balsingh’s career in the telecommunications industry spans over 24 years having begun his career in 2000 with Hutchison Essar, before moving to Airtel India as a Marketing Director in 2006 and then Tata Docomo in 2011. Mr Balsingh joined Airtel Nigeria as Marketing Director in 2013, before taking over as Chief Commercial Officer in 2018.

Mr Balsingh holds a Master of Business Administration from Thiagarajar School of Management in India.

Speaking of the leadership changes, Sunil Taldar, Airtel Africa’s Chief Executive Officer, said, “Mrs Ajumogobia’s experience and contribution to the Airtel Africa plc Board will be extremely beneficial for Airtel Nigeria, and the Board looks forward to working with her. In addition, Mr. Balsingh’s deep telecommunications experience and strong operational execution, combined with his knowledge of the Nigerian market, will be instrumental in further supporting our corporate purpose of transforming lives across Nigeria.”

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#### **About Airtel Africa**

Airtel Africa is a leading provider of telecommunications and mobile money services, with a presence in 14 countries in Africa, primarily in East Africa and Central and West Africa.

Airtel Africa offers an integrated suite of telecommunications solutions to its subscribers, including mobile voice and data services as well as mobile money services both nationally and internationally.

The Group aims to continue providing a simple and intuitive customer experience through streamlined customer journeys.

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