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## Full Year and Q4 FY22 Results

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#### **Nic Rudnick** Chief Executive Officer

1. Strategic update



#### **Kate Hennessy** Chief Financial Officer

2. Financial review

Nic Rudnick **1. Strategic update** 



## A leading Pan-African digital infrastructure provider

Overview	<ul> <li>The leading cross-border communica owned proprietary network across mo</li> <li>High-speed, reliable connectivity, host services to mobile carriers and blue-ch</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Extensive metropolitan and last-mile a</li> </ul>

•	The leading cross-border communications solutions provider with largely
	owned proprietary network across more than 20 countries in Africa

- sting and co-location and digital chip enterprise customers
- access networks

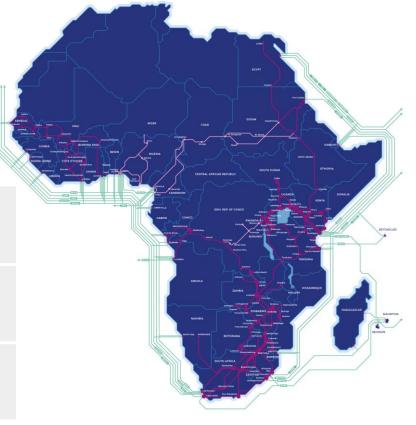
Financial metrics for	Revenue	Adjusted EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	Net Leverage <sup>2</sup>	
FY22	<b>USD 711.7m</b>	USD 299.5m	<b>2.68x</b>	
Key macro and industry metrics	GDP <sup>3</sup>	Urbanisation growth	SSA internet users	
	~USD 600b	~48% (up 208m)	~480m (from 270m)	
Key performance	Total fibre network	Average churn rate	Monthly rec. revenue	
indicators <sup>4</sup>	101,724km	<b>0.69%</b>	<b>90.0%</b>	



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5  $^2$  Gross debt including lease liabilities less unrestricted cash and cash equivalents divided by adjusted EBITDA

<sup>3</sup> Includes South Africa, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Kenya, Zambia and the DRC <sup>4</sup> See slide 14 for definitions



## FY22: Strong performance in the year

Continued strategic execution

#### Strategic highlights

- +100,000km network reinforcing our position as Africa's largest independent fibre network
- Partnership with Meta (Facebook) to build an extensive long-haul and metro fibre network in the DRC
- Launched the shortest East to West fibre route across Africa
- Strong Digital Solutions growth; exclusive launch of Microsoft's One Voice for Operator connect in Africa
- Delivered a good operating and financial
- improvement in South Africa

#### **Financial highlights**

- Revenue up 9.2% YoY to USD 711.7 million, driven by good growth across Network, Digital Solutions and Data Technologies
- Strong Adjusted EBITDA growth of 24.3% YoY to USD 299.5 million, reflecting revenue growth and a 7.2pp increase in the gross profit margin to 74.4%
- Cash generated from operations in the year totalled USD 258.5 million
- Net debt at the end of the year was USD 802.0 million; net debt to adjusted EBITDA ratio of 2.68x

## **Key achievements in FY22**

#### Group

- The network surpassed 100,000 kilometres
- Exciting Partnership with Meta (Facebook) to build an extensive network in the DRC
- Equiano subsea cable investment
- Launched the shortest East to West fibre route across Africa
- Strong Digital Solutions growth; exclusive launch of Microsoft's One Voice for Operator connect in Africa

#### South Africa

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- Good operational improvements in network quality, driving NPS advances
- First 150 sites of Eastern Cape Government roll out, covering 2,700 Govt. buildings
  - Strong Digital Solutions performance; driving new recurring revenues orders

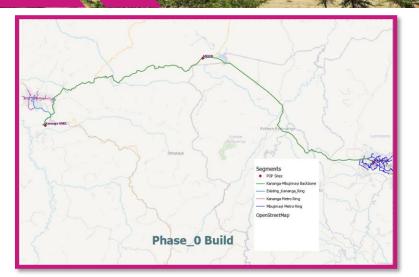
#### **Southern Africa**

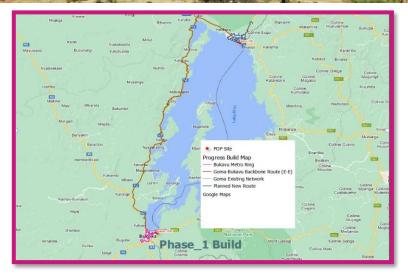
- Increased network footprint, proximity to customers and better customer experiences via metro builds in Kananga, Mbuji-Mayi, Goma and Bukavu in the DRC
- Deployment of 60 LTE sites in Zimbabwe to increase footprint and additional capacity
- Increased IP transmission
   capacity from Zimbabwe into
   South Africa

#### **Eastern Africa**

- In partnership with Google, building a 1TB per second ring in Mombasa between cable landing station and Data centres
- Successful implementation of low-cost fibre access in low income and densely populated areas though the AMN project
- Strategic win with Microsoft that has opened up further growth opportunities in Uganda

## DRC: Partnership with Meta (Facebook) Kananga > Mbuji-Mayi > Bukavu > Goma







. Strategic update

The project's objective is a fully functional backbone network that has the necessary capacity to connect mobile base stations and other enterprise customers along the route.

- Phase\_0: Kananga to Mbuji-Mayi including metro rings, 314km
- Phase\_1: Goma to Bukavu including metro rings, 321km
- Phase\_2: Mbuji-Mayi to Bukavu, 1,000km
- Phase\_3: Kindu spur and metro ring, 295km

## Kinshasa, DRC: FTTX

Project planned to cover 6,000 premises with 18,000 potential connectable units

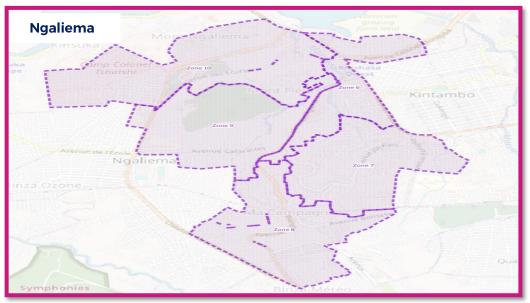
#### Completed

• 2,700 premises with 6,000 connectable units passed in the Gombe suburb in Feb-22



- 3,300 premises with 12,000 connectable units in Ngaliema in progress
- 70% of the project complete, expected completion this summer



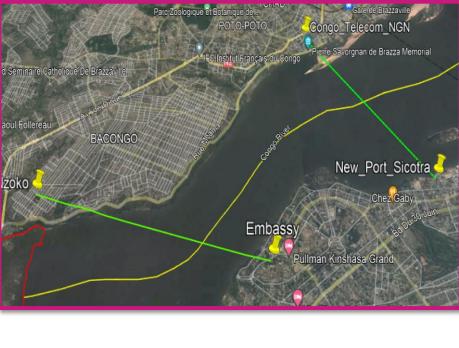


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## Kinshasa, DRC: FSOC link

Kinshasa, DRC > Brazzaville, Republic of the Congo







- Two links installed
- Each with a capacity of 10Gb with the potential to increase to 20Gb
- Provides for the pass through of traffic from the DRC to South Africa via the Republic of the Congo

## **Environmental and Social** Management System - Q4 activity

. Strategic update

	FY23		FY24		FY25	
•	Sustainability Policy (Q1) Regional ESG Plans (Q2) Training and awareness around the systems with each OPCO with regional HSE managers (Q2 - Q3) ISO 14001 readiness and internal assurance (Q2 - Q3) Green House Gas Verification of tool (Q2 - Q3)	• • •	Continued progress and embedding Regional ESG plans (Q1 - Q2) External assurance of selected Environmental KRI's (Q3 - Q4) Conduct ISO 14001 readiness audit (Q3 - Q4) GHG emission verification (Q2 - Q3)	•	ISO 14001 certification across all LIT and ADC OPCO's (Q3 - Q4) Ensure all 5 companies have fully embedded ESMS where applicable (Q3 - Q4) Setting targets based on last 2 years for specific KRIS on a regional basis (Q3 - Q4)	Data collection commencement over the past FY and continued focus on Data validation in this FY
•	Human rights Framework (Q2 - Q3) CSI and SDG tagging mechanism (Q2 - Q3) Tighten controls on IFC Implementation on projects (Q2 - Q3)	•	Implementation and integration of Ethics and Human rights framework (Q2 - Q3) Continued improvement on a monitoring / reporting mechanism for CSI and SDG relevant initiatives (Q2 - Q3) Ensure that all projects are implemented and internally assured in line with IFC PS (Q2 - Q3)		Ensure all projects are externally assured in line with ISO 14001 (Q3 - Q4) Obtain third party opinion on Human Rights framework implementation (Q3 - Q4)	Group Physical security plan in line with IFC standards commencement
•	Process implementation on risk, controls and assurance elements including updating relevant charters and committees (Q1 - Q2) Ensure climate risk matters integration within the existing E & S committees (Q3)	•	Obtain internal assurance on the effectiveness of the ESG related committees (Q3 - Q4) Obtain external opinion on Sustainability Report in line with GRI standards. (Q2 - Q3)	•	Obtain external assurance on certain governance related KRI's (Q3 - Q4)	Group HR policy approval by Board

Commenced with a 3-year ESG roadmap to align with international best practices

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## Kate Hennessy 2. Financial review



## FY22 financial highlights

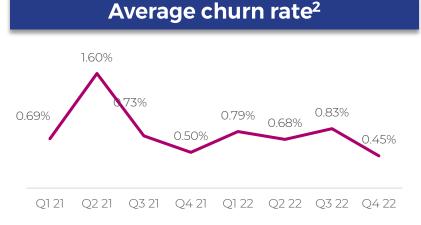
Continued strategic execution and strong financial performance

- Good revenue growth, up 9.2% YoY to USD 711.7 million, driven by good growth across the Network, Digital Solutions and Data
   Technologies segments. Excluding the data centre revenue in the prior year, revenue grew 13.3%
  - Revenue for the fourth quarter was USD 190.7 million (Q4 2020-21: USD 194.6 million) due to the removal of data centre
     revenue and the weaker South African Rand. Excluding data centre revenue in the prior year, revenue grew 1.5%
- Strong Adjusted EBITDA growth of 24.3% for the full year to USD 299.5 million, reflecting a 7.2pp increase in the gross profit margin to 74.4%, driven by an increasing contribution from Zimbabwe
  - Adjusted EBITDA for the fourth quarter was USD 72.5 million (Q4 2020-21: USD 82.4 million) largely reflecting a more stable gross margin and higher administration and staff costs
- Cash generated from operations in the year totalled USD 258.5 million (FY 2020-21: USD 261.9 million) and USD 92.8 million for the final quarter (Q4 2020-21: USD 112.8 million)
- Net debt at the end of the year was USD 802.0 million, resulting in a net debt to adjusted EBITDA ratio of 2.68x compared to the
   4.50x covenant threshold



## FY22 key performance indicators

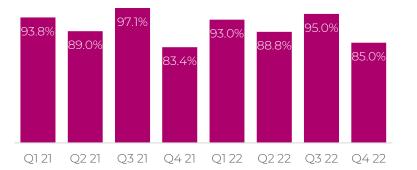
# Total fibre network (kms 000)<sup>1</sup> 100.0 100.4 100.6 101.7 90.9 92.1 96.6 101.7 100.0 100.4 100.6 101.7 90.9 92.1 93.2 96.6 100.0 100.4 100.6 101.7 91.2 92.1 93.2 94.21 Q1.22 Q2.22 Q3.22 Q4.22



#### Subsea capacity (Gbps)<sup>4</sup>



#### Monthly recurring revenue<sup>3</sup>



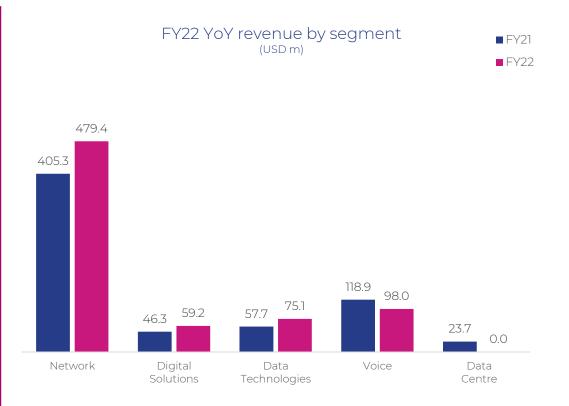
#### Source: Company information

<sup>1</sup> Total fibre network in kilometres (incl. backbone, metro and FTTX) through which fibre is installed. Multiple kilometres of fibre cables or ducts within the same trench/overhead line are counted individually. Includes both owned and leased capacity through partnerships. <sup>2</sup> Average churn rate represents the monthly recurring revenue that was lost during the month following a price reduction or termination of service due to disconnections, downgrades, price reduction and non-renewals, divided by the total revenue for the month. <sup>3</sup> Monthly recurring revenue is the total of all recurring revenue in the period normalised into a monthly amount and expressed as a percentage of total revenue in the same period. <sup>4</sup> Capacity, in gigabits per second, purchased by, activated by, or reserved for, Liquid Intelligent Technologies on subsea cables (incl. IRUs).

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#### FY22 YoY revenue by segment

- Network revenue grew strongly, up 18.3% to USD 479.4 million, driven by South Africa, the DRC and Tanzania, whilst Zimbabwe was boosted by the annualisation of prior year tariff increases.
- Digital Solutions revenue increased 27.9% to USD 59.2 million driven by increased demand for all products across our portfolio
- Data Technologies revenue grew strongly to USD 75.1 million, up 30.2% driven by new connections in South Africa and Rest of World and favourable exchange rates
- Voice revenue declined 17.6% to USD 98.0 million. Due to our focus on better performing markets, absolute margin was stable YoY
- Data Centre revenue is no longer reported within LT Holdings





## Quarterly revenue by geography

- South African revenue was down modestly as a result of the ADC transfer and adverse exchange rates compared to the prior year
- Another quarter of relatively stable exchange rates and CPI helped to deliver good growth in Zimbabwe with growth across all segments
- Rest of Africa revenue declined largely due to a particularly strong prior year which included a benefit from dark fibre connections and ADC revenue
- Rest of World decreased marginally YoY driven by the improvement in Data Technologies

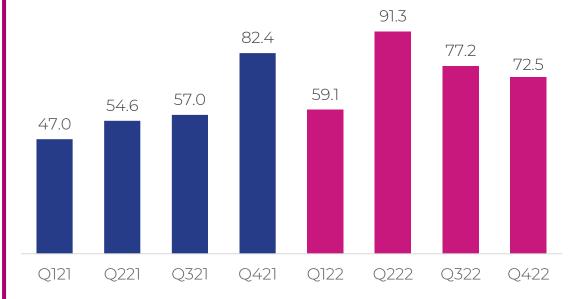
#### Quarterly revenue progression by geography (USD m) Q422 61.0 59.8 33.0 36.8 Q322 53.5 31.2 35.5 51.5 Q222 62.1 58.3 31.2 35.7 Q122 56.1 47.8 28.6 29.5 Q421 63.1 50.8 42.3 38.5 ■ South Africa ■ Zimbabwe ■ RoA ■ RoW



2. Financial review

## **Adjusted EBITDA**

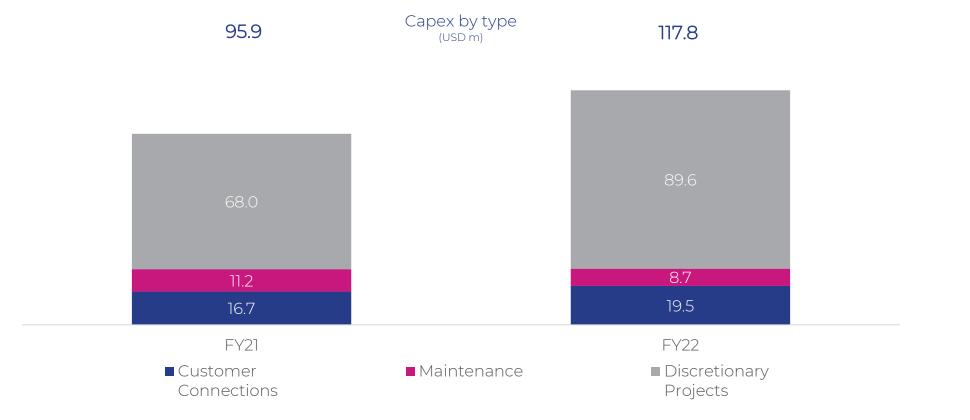
All figures USD m unless stated	FY22	FY21	YoY
Revenue	711.7	651.9	9.2%
Gross profit	529.7	438.1	20.9%
Gross profit margin (%)	74.4%	67.2%	7.2pp
Overheads and other income	(230.2)	(197.1)	16.8%
Adjusted EBITDA	299.5	241.0	24.3%
Adjusted EBITDA margin (%)	42.1%	37.0%	5.1pp



Quarterly adjusted EBITDA<sup>1</sup> trend

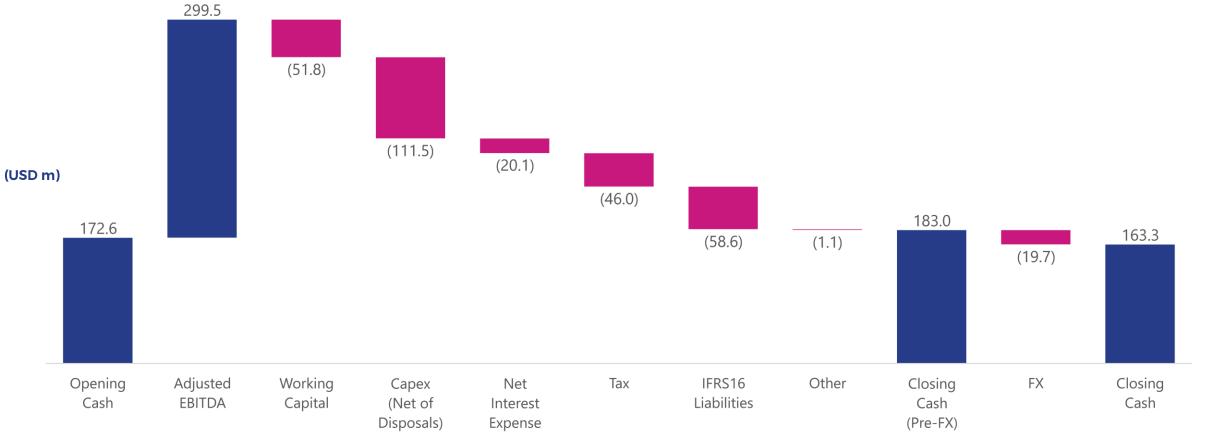
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## **Debt and leverage**

#### Gross and net debt (USD m)



Reported leverage	2.68x
Covenant threshold	4.50x



20 Source: Company information

## **FY23 Outlook considerations**

#### Revenue & Adjusted EBITDA

- Declining contribution from Zimbabwe
- Further exchange rate volatility
- Internal focus on USD revenue





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#### **FY22 Income statement**

All figures USD m unless stated	FY22	FY21	YoY	YoY %
Revenue	711.7	651.9	59.8	9.2%
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	299.5	241.0	58.5	24.3%
Adjusted EBITDA margin %	42.1%	37.0%	510bps	
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment <sup>2</sup>	(135.7)	(123.9)	(11.8)	(9.5)%
Operating profit	163.8	117.1	46.7	39.9%
Finance costs	(72.8)	(99.7)	26.9	27.0%
Net foreign exchange loss	(114.1)	(386.0)	271.9	70.4%
Hyperinflation monetary adjustment	121.5	391.9	(270.4)	(69.0)%
Other <sup>3</sup>	(40.2)	(37.6)	(2.6)	(6.9)%
Profit / (loss) for the year	58.2	(14.3)	72.5	507.0%

Source: Company information

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<sup>2</sup> Includes dividend paid of USD 0.3 million in FY21

<sup>3</sup> Includes dividends received, restructuring costs, acquisition and other investment costs, fair value gain on derivatives and gain on disposal of investments at fair value through other comprehensive income, interest income, share of profit of associate and tax expense

## **Q422 Income statement**

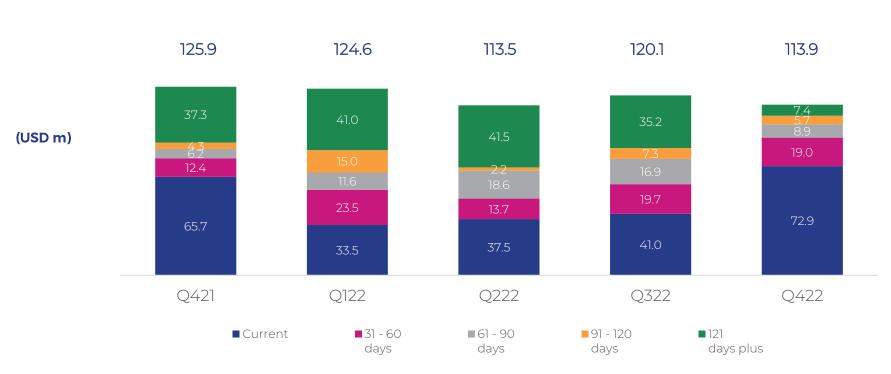
All figures USD m unless stated	Q422	Q421	YoY	YoY %
Revenue	190.7	194.6	(3.9)	(2.0)%
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	72.5	82.4	(9.9)	(12.0)%
Adjusted EBITDA margin %	38.0%	42.3%	(430)Bps	
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	(42.6)	(36.9)	(5.7)	(15.4)%
Operating profit	29.9	45.5	(15.6)	(34.3)%
Finance costs	(21.2)	(40.7)	19.5	47.9%
Net foreign exchange loss	(47.1)	(51.7)	4.6	8.9%
Hyperinflation monetary adjustment	40.9	64.3	(23.4)	(36.4)%
Other <sup>2</sup>	(26.7)	(19.8)	(6.9)	(34.8)%
Profit / (loss) for the year	(24.2)	(2.4)	(21.8)	(908.3)%

Source: Company information

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## Aged debtor analysis



Aged debtor analysis by quarter (USD m)