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### Key highlights

**Operational highlights** 

**Financials updates** 

**Guidance and outlook** 

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#### Work, Play, WiFi together-gether. DiGi Broadband with MobiFi.

The mobile WiFi hotspot with consistent Internet for up to 10 devices. Now on DiGi's all-new network, from just RM25/month.



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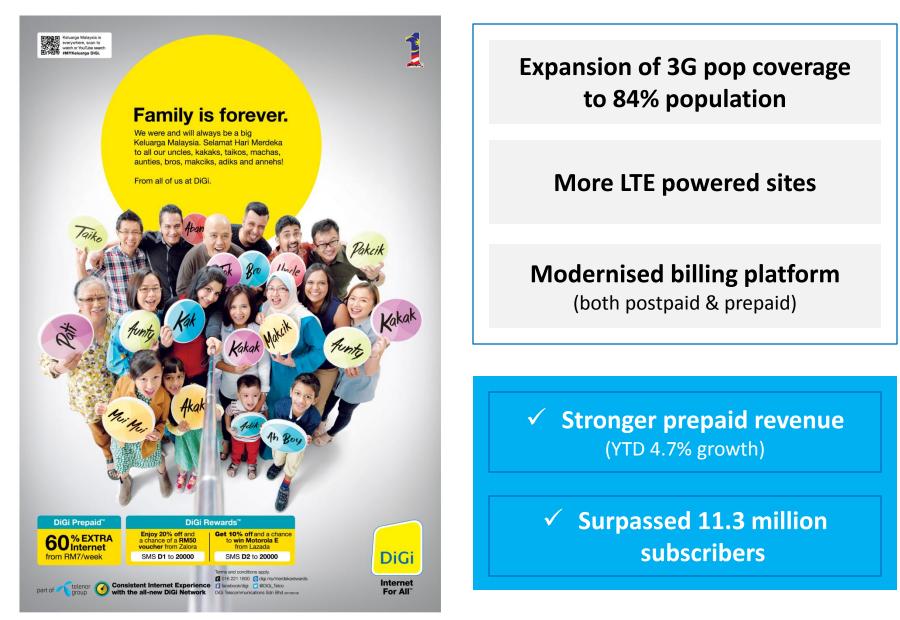


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### Achieved another set of important milestone



### Delivered positive growth amidst challenging environment

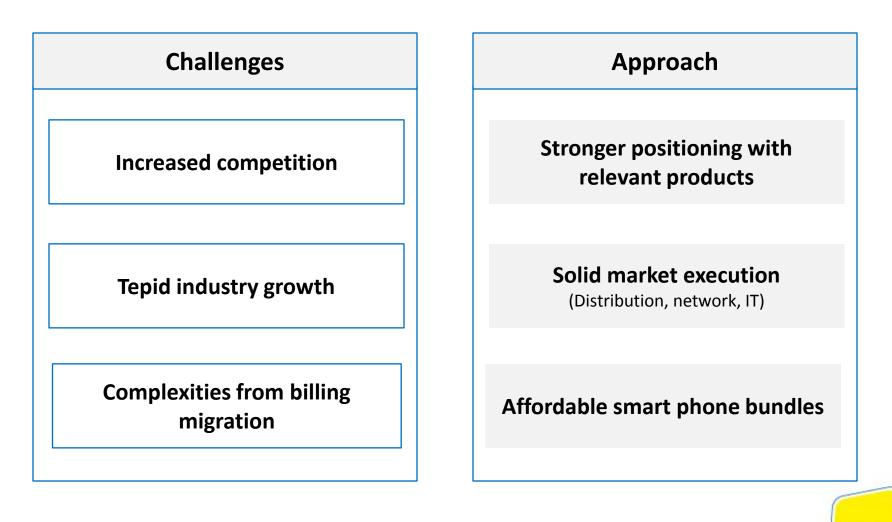
#### Experience iPhone 5s with the most complete Internet plan at only **RM999.**

Exclusively with the NEW iDiGi 148.



### Revenue RM1,756 million 3.3% Y-o-Y **Service Revenue** RM1,584 million 2.0% Y-o-Y **45% EBITDA Margin RM789** million 3.0% Y-o-Y 29% Ops Cash-Flow Margin RM513 million -3.6% Y-o-Y 28% PAT Margin RM487 million 8.5% Y-o-Y

# Strong demand for internet but growth opportunities challenged



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### **3Q 2014** Modernised billing platform for postpaid and prepaid



- Successfully completed migration although not without challenges
- The convergent billing platform for both postpaid and prepaid customers is now in operation within stabilisation phase
- Further strengthens DiGi's capabilities to
  - Deliver more flexible and innovative products and services;
  - Improve lead time to support go-tomarket launches;
  - Support dynamic charging functionalities;
  - Enable better customer insights with real time intelligence; and
  - Optimise cost structure to support future growth

### **Targeted internet focused initiatives**

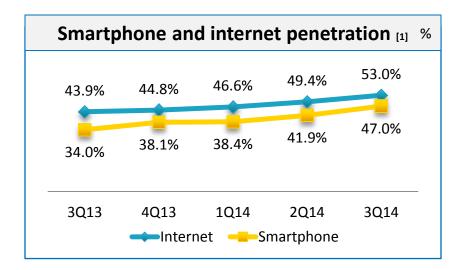


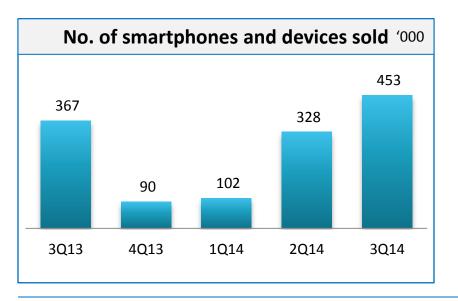
Continued focus on Internet For All

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- Affordable prepaid smart phone bundles with internet package
- Initiatives to promote modernised network
  - Trial promotions and nationwide customer engagements;
  - Entry level bite-sized internet packages; and
  - Airtime rewards
- Strengthened position on prepaid
  - Competitive offers to drive internet adoption, data revenue and acquisition

### Robust development on smartphone and internet penetration

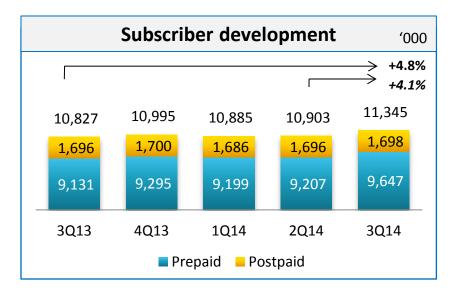


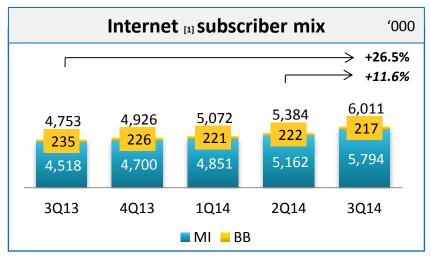


- Both smartphone and internet penetration continued to rise
  - Sharp increase contributed by prepaid smartphone bundles
- Continued to capitalise on distribution strengths and affordable bundles to encourage smartphone adoption
- Leveraged on
  - Relevant new smartphone ranges (mid and affordable)
  - Bite-sized internet packages to stimulate internet adoption and demand
- Solid demands led to higher volumes of smartphones, enabling increased internet penetration and service revenue growth

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### Actively acquired subscribers to build momentum into 4Q14

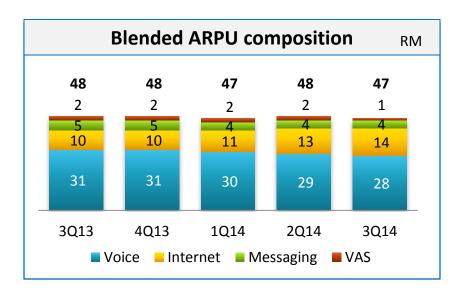


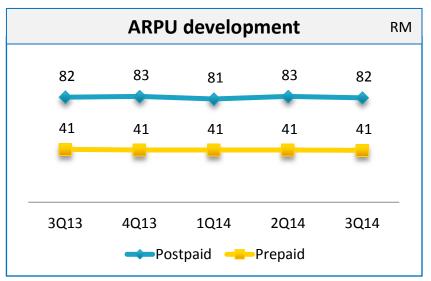


- Stronger subscribers base led by positive momentum from prepaid smartphone bundles and network trial campaigns
- +440K prepaid subscribers for the quarter
  - Favourable trajectory into 4Q14 service revenue
- Postpaid subscriber base continued to remain flattish
  - Modest demand in anticipation for new smartphone launches
- Internet focused initiatives continued to spur positive growth for internet subscribers
  - +627K new active internet users, bringing a step closer to the *Internet For All* aspiration

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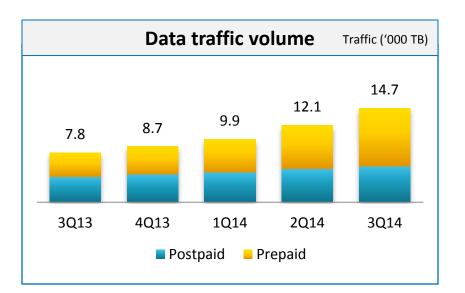
### **ARPU remained stable over a larger subscriber base**

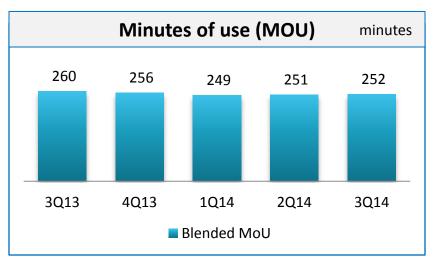




- Blended ARPU stayed resilient at RM47-48 range
- Internet focused initiatives successfully lifted Internet ARPU 40% y-o-y to RM14
  - Cushioned ARPU dilution from traditional services; and
  - Enabled relatively stable ARPU over a larger subscriber base
- Additional pressure on voice ARPU due to price competition
  - Marginally mitigated by increased voice usage during the Raya festive
- Sustained both prepaid and postpaid ARPU levels steadily

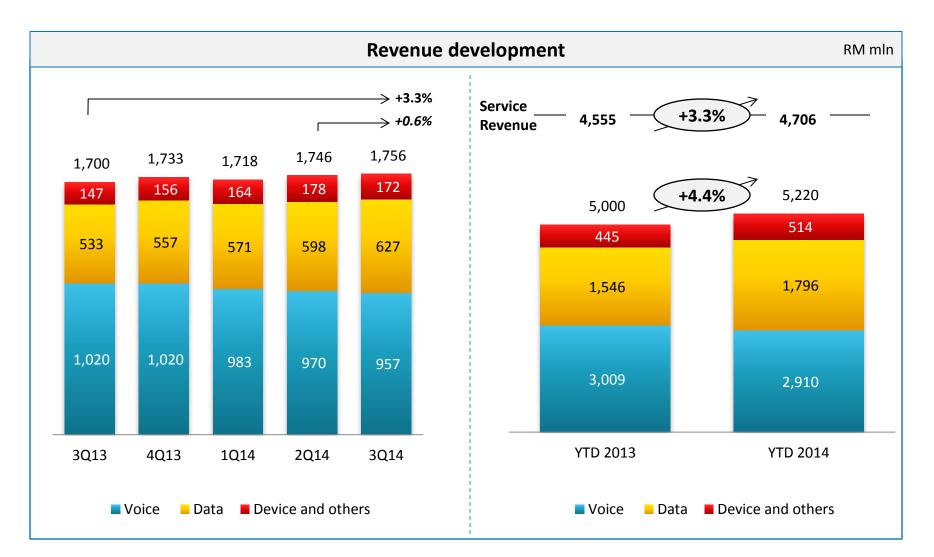
### Rise in data traffic fueled by stronger internet usage



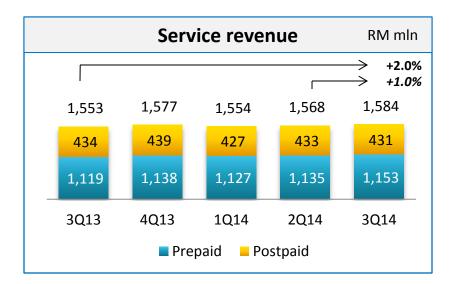


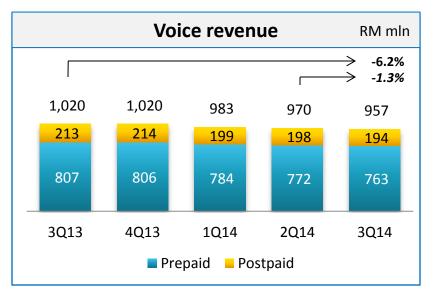
- Solid data demand continued to fuel traffic development 90% y-o-y and 22% qo-q
- The uplift has also been stimulated by:
  - Higher subscriptions on affordable prepaid smartphone bundles;
  - Data network coverage expansion and stability; and
  - Encouraging bite-sized entry level packages
- Slight increase in MOU aided by incremental usage during the festive season

### **3Q 2014** Solid execution paved the growth story



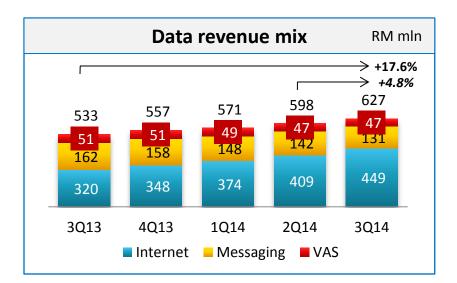
### Service revenue growth driven by robust prepaid development

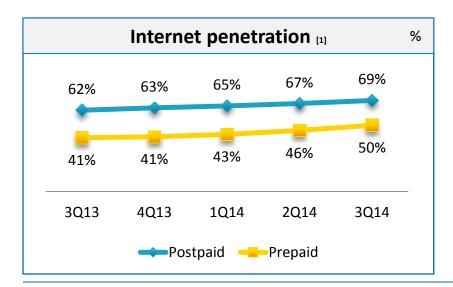




- Increased usage from internet and Raya festive alongside with larger subscriber base resulted in stronger sequential growth in service revenue
- Relative to 3Q13, which benefited from exponential data coverage expansion and more benign competition, y-o-y service revenue growth moderated
- Prepaid service revenue increased 3.0% y-oy and 1.6% q-o-q, weighed down by levelling voice revenue which declined 5.5% y-o-y and 1.2% q-o-q.
- Flattish postpaid revenue development on the back of tepid subscribers development
  - Continuing efforts to build stronger momentum for postpaid

### Steadily unlocking data monetisation opportunities

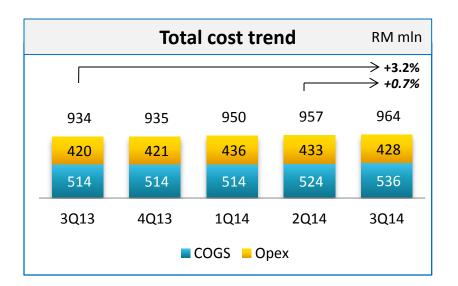




- Strong uptake on prepaid smartphone bundles boosted incremental data usage and revenue
  - Unlocking data monetisation opportunities
- Data and internet revenue as % of service revenue continued to surge
  - Data: +5.3pp y-o-y to 39.6%
  - Internet: +7.7pp y-o-y to 28.3%
  - More than compensated shortfall in messaging revenue
- Internet penetration for both prepaid and postpaid continued to rise steadily q-o-q, aided by a combination of affordable smartphones and internet packages

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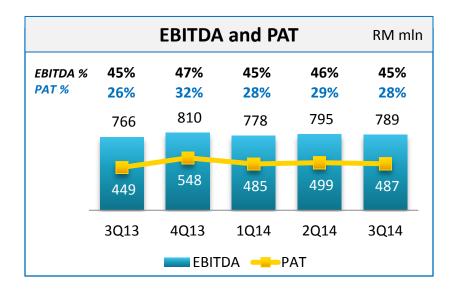
### Persistent pursuance for efficient operations

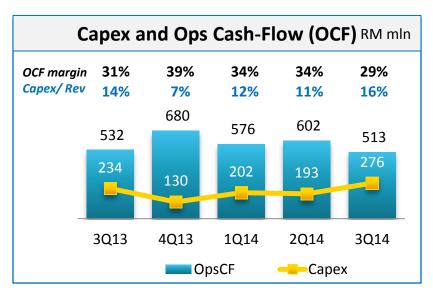


|                                      | Opex (% of revenue) %                |                                      |                                      |                                      |                                      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Net<br>Opex [1]<br><mark>Opex</mark> | 24.7%<br>24.7%                       | 23.6%<br>24.3%                       | 24.8%<br>25.4%                       | 24.5%<br>24.8%                       | 24.5%<br>24.4%                       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| _                                    | 7.6%<br>3.4%<br>4.9%<br>6.1%<br>2.7% | 7.7%<br>3.2%<br>4.4%<br>6.0%<br>3.0% | 7.5%<br>3.5%<br>4.9%<br>6.1%<br>3.4% | 7.7%<br>3.3%<br>4.6%<br>6.1%<br>3.0% | 7.6%<br>3.3%<br>4.3%<br>6.1%<br>3.1% |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                                      | 3Q13                                 | 4Q13                                 | 1Q14                                 | 2Q14                                 | 3Q14                                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                                      | Others                               | USO C                                | 0&M ■Staf                            | f Cost 🔳 Sa                          | les & Mktg                           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

- Efficient cost development to sustain cost to revenue ratio and EBITDA margin
  - although challenged by increased competition
- Well-managed COGS to support revenue generating activities
- Stepped up operational efficiencies efforts to maintain net opex ratio

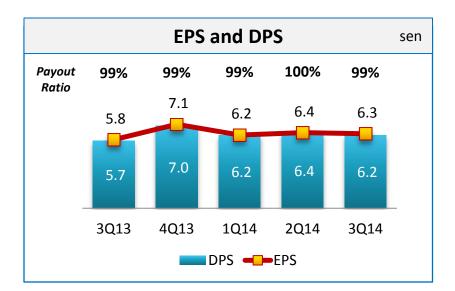
### Maintained healthy margins within capex guidance





- Sustained EBITDA margin at 45%
- EBITDA gained 3.0% y-o-y although marginally lower sequentially
- PAT rose 8.5% y-o-y
  - weighed down by progressively higher
    DD&A charges
- Capex driven by completion milestone achieved on billing migration and acceleration of LTE sites roll-out
- On track within RM900 million capex guidance
  - Continue to optimise network coverage and capacity to support internet growth demand

### **Continued to deliver healthy returns**



| Balance sheet              |       |       |       |       |       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
|                            | 3Q13  | 4Q13  | 1Q14  | 2Q14  | 3Q14  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Assets               | 3,788 | 3,752 | 3,667 | 3,759 | 3,785 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Equity               | 556   | 661   | 602   | 619   | 608   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Interest-<br>bearing debts | 951   | 749   | 853   | 848   | 598   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cash & cash<br>equivalents | 550   | 411   | 372   | 403   | 259   |  |  |  |  |  |  |

- 8.6% EPS growth y-o-y contributing to YTD EPS growth of 26.8%
- Declared 3<sup>rd</sup> interim dividend of 6.2 sen/per share (net), payable on 5 Dec 2014
  - 8.8% higher dividend y-o-y
  - Equivalent payout of RM482 million or 99%
- Maintained solid balance sheet with low gearing and healthy cash balance
- RM250 million debt repayment trimmed debt and cash balances
  - Further improved net debt/EBITDA ratio

### A tough quarter but embracing challenges with stride



- Continuously drive performance through:
  - Stronger capabilities to compete and defend;
  - Excellent execution of planned strategies and segmented approach
  - Relentless focus on operational efficiency
- Key priorities anchored on:
  - Strengthening brand position and Customer First approach
  - Driving Internet For All initiatives with relevant devices, digital services and new capabilities from modernised network, billing and distribution





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### Appendix



### **3Q 2014** Key operating performance KPIs

| (RM mln)                       | 3Q14   | 2Q14   | 1Q14   | 4Q13   | 3Q13   | 2Q13   | 1Q13   | 4Q12   | 3Q12   | Q-o-Q  | Y-o-1  |
|--------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|                                |        |        |        |        |        |        | 1015   | 7012   |        |        |        |
| Subscribers ('000)             | 11,345 | 10,903 | 10,885 | 10,995 | 10,827 | 10,548 | 10,372 | 10,494 | 10,304 | 4%     | 5%     |
| Internet subscribers<br>('000) | 6,011  | 5,384  | 5,072  | 4,926  | 4,753  | 4,349  | 3,917  | N/A    | N/A    | 12%    | 27%    |
| Revenue                        | 1,756  | 1,746  | 1,718  | 1,733  | 1,700  | 1,653  | 1,647  | 1,629  | 1,583  | 1%     | 3%     |
| EBITDA                         | 789    | 795    | 778    | 810    | 766    | 747    | 720    | 725    | 715    | -1%    | 3%     |
| EBITDA margins                 | 45%    | 46%    | 45%    | 47%    | 45%    | 45%    | 44%    | 44%    | 45%    | -0.6pp | -0.1pp |
| Depreciation & Amortisation    | (127)  | (115)  | (118)  | (122)  | (221)  | (247)  | (288)  | (361)  | (307)  | 10%    | -43%   |
| EBIT                           | 662    | 680    | 660    | 688    | 545    | 500    | 432    | 364    | 408    | -3%    | 21%    |
| Net finance<br>(costs)/income  | (5)    | (6)    | (6)    | (5)    | (6)    | (6)    | (8)    | (4)    | (2)    | -17%   | -17%   |
| Profit Before Tax              | 657    | 674    | 654    | 683    | 539    | 494    | 424    | 360    | 406    | -3%    | 22%    |
| Taxation                       | 170    | 175    | 169    | 135    | 90     | 114    | 95     | 114    | 91     | -3%    | 89%    |
| Profit After Tax               | 487    | 499    | 485    | 548    | 449    | 380    | 329    | 246    | 315    | -2%    | 8%     |
| EPS (sen)                      | 6.3    | 6.4    | 6.2    | 7.1    | 5.8    | 4.9    | 4.2    | 3.2    | 4.1    | -2%    | 9%     |
| Prepaid ARPU (RM)              | 41     | 41     | 41     | 41     | 41     | 42     | 40     | 41     | 41     | 0%     | 0%     |
| Postpaid ARPU<br>(RM)          | 82     | 83     | 81     | 83     | 82     | 83     | 82     | 83     | 82     | -1%    | 0%     |
| Blended ARPU (RM)              | 47     | 48     | 47     | 48     | 48     | 48     | 47     | 47     | 48     | -2%    | -2%    |

### **Revenue composition**

| (RM mln)                 | 3Q14  | 2Q14  | 1Q14  | 4Q13  | 3Q13  | 2Q13  | 1Q13  | 4Q12  | 3Q12  | Q-o-Q | Y-o-Y |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| REVENUE                  | 1,756 | 1,746 | 1,718 | 1,733 | 1,700 | 1,653 | 1,647 | 1,629 | 1,583 | 1%    | 3%    |
| Service Revenue          | 1,584 | 1,568 | 1,554 | 1,577 | 1,553 | 1,526 | 1,476 | 1,492 | 1,470 | 1%    | 2%    |
| Voice revenue            | 957   | 970   | 983   | 1,020 | 1,020 | 1,011 | 978   | 1,004 | 1,010 | -1%   | -6%   |
| Data revenue             | 627   | 598   | 571   | 557   | 533   | 515   | 498   | 488   | 460   | 5%    | 18%   |
| Internet                 | 449   | 409   | 374   | 348   | 320   | 293   | 265   | 242   | 210   | 10%   | 40%   |
| Messaging                | 131   | 142   | 148   | 158   | 162   | 172   | 183   | 193   | 194   | -8%   | -19%  |
| VAS                      | 47    | 47    | 49    | 51    | 51    | 50    | 50    | 53    | 56    | 0%    | -8%   |
| Device and other revenue | 172   | 178   | 164   | 156   | 147   | 127   | 171   | 137   | 113   | -3%   | 17%   |
| Prepaid Revenue          | 1,153 | 1,135 | 1,127 | 1,138 | 1,119 | 1,093 | 1,050 | 1,067 | 1,050 | 2%    | 3%    |
| Voice revenue            | 763   | 772   | 784   | 806   | 807   | 796   | 768   | 785   | 792   | -1%   | -5%   |
| Data revenue             | 390   | 363   | 343   | 332   | 312   | 297   | 282   | 282   | 258   | 7%    | 25%   |
| Postpaid Revenue         | 431   | 433   | 427   | 439   | 434   | 433   | 426   | 425   | 420   | 0%    | -1%   |
| Voice revenue            | 194   | 198   | 199   | 214   | 213   | 215   | 210   | 219   | 218   | -2%   | -9%   |
| Data revenue             | 237   | 235   | 228   | 225   | 221   | 218   | 216   | 206   | 202   | 1%    | 7%    |

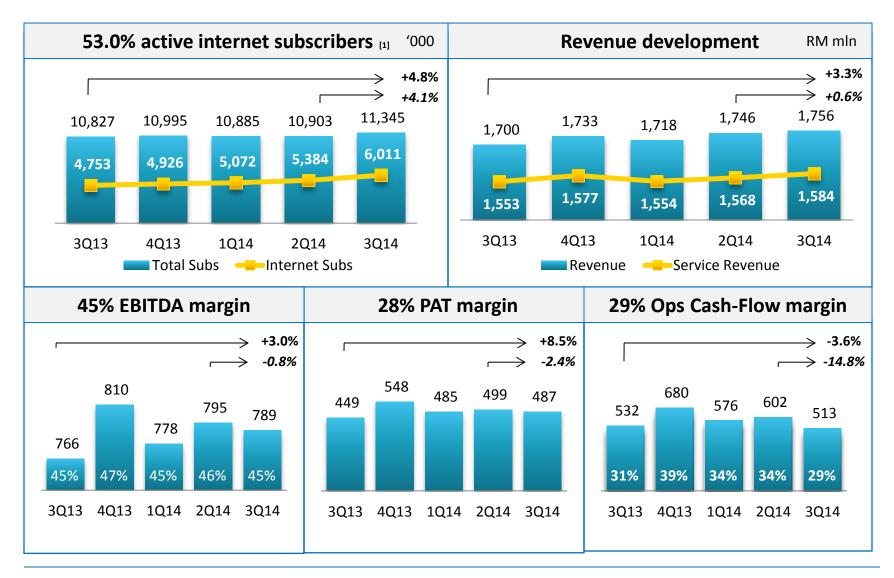
### **3Q 2014** Reported COGS and OPEX

| (RM mln)                  | 3Q14 | 2Q14 | 1Q14 | 4Q13 | 3Q13 | 2Q13 | 1Q13 | 4Q12 | 3Q12 | Q-o-Q | Y-o-Y |
|---------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|
| COGS                      | 536  | 524  | 514  | 514  | 514  | 493  | 519  | 506  | 447  | 2%    | 4%    |
| Cost of materials         | 177  | 183  | 165  | 151  | 144  | 139  | 182  | 157  | 106  | -3%   | 23%   |
| Traffic charges           | 359  | 341  | 349  | 363  | 370  | 354  | 337  | 349  | 341  | 5%    | -3%   |
| OPEX                      | 428  | 433  | 436  | 421  | 420  | 415  | 417  | 400  | 426  | -1%   | 2%    |
| Sales & marketing         | 133  | 134  | 129  | 133  | 130  | 129  | 122  | 122  | 134  | -1%   | 2%    |
| Staff costs               | 58   | 58   | 60   | 57   | 57   | 61   | 60   | 51   | 61   | 0%    | 2%    |
| Operations & maintenance  | 76   | 81   | 84   | 76   | 84   | 81   | 83   | 74   | 81   | -6%   | -10%  |
| Other expenses            | 161  | 160  | 163  | 155  | 149  | 145  | 152  | 153  | 150  | 1%    | 8%    |
| USP fund and license fees | 107  | 107  | 105  | 104  | 103  | 95   | 96   | 92   | 93   | 0%    | 4%    |
| Credit loss allowances    | 10   | 6    | 8    | 7    | 7    | 7    | 6    | 8    | 10   | 67%   | 43%   |
| Others                    | 44   | 47   | 50   | 44   | 39   | 43   | 50   | 53   | 47   | -6%   | 13%   |
| TOTAL                     | 964  | 957  | 950  | 935  | 934  | 908  | 936  | 906  | 873  | 1%    | 3%    |

### **3Q 2014** Reported Cash-Flow

| (RM mil)                               | 3Q14  | 2Q14  | 1Q14  | 4Q13  | 3Q13  | 2Q13  | 1Q13  | 4Q12  | 3Q12  | Q-o-Q  | Ү-о-Ү  |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| Cash at start                          | 403   | 372   | 411   | 550   | 761   | 579   | 709   | 1,453 | 1,517 | 8%     | -47%   |
| Cash-flow from operations              | 780   | 770   | 664   | 826   | 616   | 651   | 543   | 542   | 477   | 1%     | 27%    |
| Changes in working capital             | 93    | (65)  | (68)  | (197) | (248) | 9     | (142) | (110) | 55    | -243%  | -138%  |
| Cash-flow used in investing activities | (271) | (191) | (192) | (126) | (227) | (180) | (186) | (243) | (137) | 42%    | 19%    |
| Сарех                                  | (276) | (193) | (202) | (130) | (234) | (186) | (191) | (255) | (150) | 43%    | 18%    |
| Cash-flow used in financing activities | (746) | (483) | (443) | (642) | (352) | (298) | (346) | (933) | (459) | 54%    | 112%   |
| Net change in cash                     | (144) | 31    | (39)  | (139) | (211) | 182   | (130) | (744) | (64)  | -565%  | -32%   |
| Cash at end                            | 259   | 403   | 372   | 411   | 550   | 761   | 579   | 709   | 1,453 | -36%   | -53%   |
| Ops Cash-Flow<br>(EBITDA – Capex)      | 513   | 602   | 576   | 680   | 532   | 561   | 529   | 470   | 565   | -15%   | -4%    |
| Ops Cash-Flow margin                   | 29%   | 34%   | 34%   | 39%   | 31%   | 34%   | 32%   | 29%   | 36%   | -5.3pp | -2.1pp |

### **3Q 2014 Performance summary**



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