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**For the month of July 2006**

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**NATIONAL TELEPHONE COMPANY OF VENEZUELA (CANTV)**

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Attached to this report is a copy of the second quarter press release and supplemental data, dated July 26, 2006, pertaining to the financial condition and results of operations at and for the quarter ended June 30, 2006. The consolidated financial information of the registrant included in the press release and the supplemental data were prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, which differ in certain important respects from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. The financial results for the quarter ended June 30, 2006 are unaudited.

This report may contain statements about expected future events and financial results that are forward-looking and subject to risks and uncertainties. The registrant desires to qualify for the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, and consequently is hereby filing cautionary statements identifying important factors that could cause the registrant's actual results to differ materially from those set forth in the attachment. Factors which may cause actual results to differ materially from those discussed herein include economic considerations that could affect demand for telecommunications services and the ability of the Company to make collections, inflation, regulatory factors, exchange controls and occurrences in currency markets, competition, labor relations, and the risk factors set forth in the Company's various filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including its most recently filed Annual Report on Form 20-F.

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**CANTV ANNOUNCES SECOND QUARTER 2006 RESULTS**

*Sustained revenue growth momentum drove 34.0% increase over second quarter last year. Net mobile additions of nearly one million increased our subscriber base close to 6.6 million customers. Margins are affected by related acquisition cost*

***HIGHLIGHTS***

Consolidated revenues increased 34.0% over second quarter 2005 resulting from sustained growth in all our business segments, most notably in mobile and broadband services which posted increases of 68.8% and 35.7%, respectively

Our mobile and broadband customer base increased 82.7% and 66.3%, respectively, over second quarter 2005

Second quarter net mobile additions of nearly one million subscribers increased our subscriber base close to 6.6 million

Continued strong ABA (ADSL) sales increased our customer base to 362 thousand subscribers, 71.2% over second quarter 2005

Sustained switched access line growth generated 6.6% gain over second quarter 2005

EBITDA, EBITDA margin and net income reflect the impact of higher acquisition cost associated with strong subscribers gain

53.5% increase in free cash flow over same period last year reflects strong operating cash flow generated by our larger customer base as well as reduction in uses of working capital

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Financial results are stated in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). Translation of financial statements data to US\$ has been performed solely for the convenience of the reader, converting bolivar amounts at the current official exchange rate of Bs. 2,150 per US\$1.

**Table of Contents****KEY FINANCIAL AND OPERATING INDICATORS****Figure 1 - Key Financial Highlights and Operating Indicators***Billions of Bs. and %*

|               | 2Q06    | 2Q05    | Inc./<br>(Dec.) | %       |
|---------------|---------|---------|-----------------|---------|
| Revenues      | 1,592.1 | 1,187.9 | 404.2           | 34.0%   |
| EBITDA        | 305.1   | 271.2   | 33.9            | 12.5%   |
| EBITDA Margin | 19%     | 23%     | (400 bps)       | N.M.    |
| Net Income    | 95.6    | 113.8   | (18.2)          | (16.0)% |
| EPADS (Bs.)   | 863     | 1,027   | (164.0)         | (16.0)% |

|                | Jun 06 YTD | Jun 05 YTD | Inc./<br>(Dec.) | %       |
|----------------|------------|------------|-----------------|---------|
| Revenue        | 3,033.6    | 2,277.6    | 756.0           | 33.2%   |
| EBITDA         | 736.7      | 712.7      | 24.0            | 3.4%    |
| EBITDA Margin  | 24%        | 31%        | (700 bps)       | N.M.    |
| Net Income     | 279.5      | 408.8      | (129.3)         | (31.6)% |
| EPADS (Bs.)    | 2,521      | 3,687      | (1,166.0)       | (31.6)% |
| CAPEX          | 390.6      | 328.3      | 62.3            | 19.0%   |
| Free Cash Flow | 585.6      | 381.6      | 204.0           | 53.5%   |
| Debt payments  | 31.0       | 71.6       | (40.6)          | (56.7)% |

|   | 2Q06  | 2Q05  | Inc./<br>(Dec.) | %       |
|---|-------|-------|-----------------|---------|
| <b>Subscribers (thousands)</b>                |       |       |                 |         |
| <b>Fixed</b>                                  | 3,545 | 3,199 | 346             | 10.8%   |
| Switched access lines                         | 3,166 | 2,971 | 195             | 6.6%    |
| Residential                                   | 2,458 | 2,282 | 176             | 7.7%    |
| Non-residential                               | 599   | 591   | 8               | 1.4%    |
| Public Telephones                             | 109   | 98    | 11              | 11.2%   |
| Broadband                                     | 379   | 228   | 151             | 66.3%   |
| ABA (ADSL) lines                              | 362   | 212   | 150             | 71.2%   |
| Private Circuits                              | 17    | 16    | 1               | 3.0%    |
| <b>Mobile</b>                                 | 6,577 | 3,599 | 2,978           | 82.7%   |
| Postpaid                                      | 289   | 231   | 58              | 24.9%   |
| Prepaid                                       | 6,288 | 3,368 | 2,920           | 86.7%   |
| <b>Traffic (millions of outgoing minutes)</b> |       |       |                 |         |
| Fixed Local                                   | 3,157 | 3,541 | (384)           | (10.8)% |
| Fixed DLD and ILD                             | 603   | 615   | (12)            | (2.0)%  |
| Mobile  | 1,449 | 758   | 691             | 91.2%   |

*N.M. = Not meaningful**Note: further details are disclosed in additional tables posted in the Investor Relations section of Cantv's web site***REVENUE ANALYSIS*****Strong mobile and broadband revenues continued to drive top line growth***

Operating revenues totaled Bs. 1,592.1 billion during second quarter 2006, a Bs. 404.2 billion (34.0%) increase over second quarter 2005.

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Quarter-over-quarter revenue growth was driven by 68.8% and 14.0%, increases in mobile and fixed line revenues, respectively. Fixed line revenues reflect 35.7% growth in its broadband component.

As a percentage of total revenues, second quarter mobile revenues increased from 36.5% in second quarter 2005 to 46.0% in second quarter 2006 (see Figure 2).

The 14.0% revenue increase in our fixed line segment was largely a result of the 66.3% growth in broadband customers combined with 18.9% higher fixed to mobile interconnection outgoing revenues and sustained fixed wireless subscriber growth. Excluding broadband, fixed line revenues increased 8.6% over second quarter 2005. Local service tariffs remain frozen.

The 68.8% mobile revenue growth was driven by respective subscriber and traffic increases of 82.7% and 91.2% compared to the same period in 2005.

**Table of Contents****Fixed****Switched Access Lines:****Sustained growth in fixed switched access lines**

Lines in service increased 6.6% on a year-over-year basis expanding our customer base to close to 3.2 million.

Nearly 52 thousand net additions were generated during second quarter 2006 reflecting sustained subscriber growth. These additions were 6.5% higher than those generated during the same period in 2005 (see Figure 3).

Growth during second quarter 2006 was driven by 47,439 net increase in residential lines combined with net increases of 1,279 non-residential lines and 2,814 new public telephony lines. Our prepaid products continue to drive our fixed line growth evidenced by second quarter net additions of 55,100 lines, partially offset by a net loss of 6,382 postpaid lines.

**Local Service Revenues:****Local service revenues increase 0.6% over 2Q05**

Second quarter 2006 local service revenues of Bs. 229.9 billion were 0.6% higher (Bs. 1.5 billion) than revenues recorded during the same period in 2005. The slight improvement primarily reflects increases in monthly recurring charges and installation and equipment revenues partially offset by the decrease in usage revenues. Local service residential tariffs continue to be frozen. (See Figure 4)

**Figure 4 Local Service Revenues**

|                          | <i>(in millions of Bs.)</i> |         |           |         |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---------|-----------|---------|
|                          | 2Q06                        | 2Q05    | Inc./Dec. | %       |
| Monthly recurring charge | 134,994                     | 124,263 | 10,731    | 8.6%    |
| Installation & Equipment | 11,203                      | 8,903   | 2,300     | 25.8%   |
| Usage                    | 83,667                      | 95,217  | (11,550)  | (12.1)% |
| Total                    | 229,864                     | 228,383 | 1,481     | 0.6%    |

The 25.8% increase in installation and equipment revenues over second quarter 2005 was primarily attributable to 41.6% increase in fixed wireless equipment sales. The sharp increase was driven by our Mother's Day promotion that offered fixed wireless service plus a mobile handset.

Local usage revenues declined 12.1% primarily due to 10.5% decrease in unbundled (billed) minutes. As shown in Figure 5, the 10.5% decrease in local services traffic was attributable to 10.0%, 7.0% and 30.6% reductions in residential, non-residential and public telephony traffic, respectively.

**Figure 5 Local Unbundled Minutes**

|                 | <i>(in millions)</i> |       |           |         |
|-----------------|----------------------|-------|-----------|---------|
|                 | 2Q06                 | 2Q05  | Inc./Dec. | %       |
| Residential     | 1,395                | 1,550 | (155)     | (10.0)% |
| Non-residential | 733                  | 788   | (55)      | (7.0)%  |



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| Public telephony | 125   | 180   | (55)  | (30.6)% |
| Total            | 2,253 | 2,518 | (265) | (10.5)% |

The 30.6% reduction in public telephony traffic continues to be driven by the substitution of this service with mobile service, combined with competition from informal telecommunications vendors. This traffic decline resulted from 60.4% decrease in traditional payphone traffic partially offset by 3.6% increase in Telecommunication Centers traffic.

Our customers maintain their preference to use Telecommunication Centers due to safety attributes and the value added services they offer. The Company encourages the use of these centers due to the vulnerability of traditional payphones to vandalism and is focusing on relocating its public telephony services to high traffic areas and other types of locations such as hospitals, malls and subway stations.

**Table of Contents****Domestic Long Distance Revenues:****DLD revenues and traffic decreased 5.8% and 5.6%, respectively**

Domestic long distance (DLD) revenues decreased Bs. 4.3 billion (5.8%) compared to second quarter 2005, with a commensurate traffic decrease of 5.6%. (See Figure 6).

**Figure 6 - DLD Revenues and Traffic**

|                  | Revenues (in millions of Bs.) |        |           |         | Minutes (in millions) |      |           |        |
|------------------|-------------------------------|--------|-----------|---------|-----------------------|------|-----------|--------|
|                  | 2Q06                          | 2Q05   | Inc./Dec. | %       | 2Q06                  | 2Q05 | Inc./Dec. | %      |
| Residential      | 17,766                        | 16,805 | 961       | 5.7%    | 127                   | 119  | 8         | 6.7%   |
| Non-residential  | 28,682                        | 32,192 | (3,510)   | (10.9)% | 154                   | 168  | (14)      | (8.3)% |
| Public telephony | 8,532                         | 10,152 | (1,620)   | (16.0)% | 64                    | 71   | (7)       | (9.9)% |
| Total Unbundled  | 54,980                        | 59,149 | (4,169)   | (7.0)%  | 345                   | 358  | (13)      | (3.6)% |
| Bundled plans    | 14,675                        | 14,774 | (99)      | (0.7)%  | 162                   | 179  | (17)      | (9.5)% |
| Total            | 69,655                        | 73,923 | (4,268)   | (5.8)%  | 507                   | 537  | (30)      | (5.6)% |

Compared to the same period in 2005, second quarter 2006 residential unbundled DLD revenues increased 5.7% to Bs. 17.8 billion mainly due to 6.7% increase in residential DLD unbundled traffic partially offset by 1.0% decrease in weighted average tariff. Traffic reduction of 9.5% on bundled plans responds to the migration of customers from bundled to unbundled plans. This migration has had a favorable effect on total residential revenue.

The overall traffic decrease is mainly attributable to mobile service substitution. This dynamic is due to CONATEL imposed restrictions that prohibit mobile services providers from billing domestic long distance usage.

**International Long Distance Revenues:****ILD revenues increased 9.3% driven by 4.0 billion increase in revenues on outgoing minutes charged to customers**

Second quarter 2006 International long distance (ILD) revenues of Bs. 26.4 billion reflect 9.3% increase over second quarter 2005, mainly due to Bs. 4.0 billion (15.0%) increase in outgoing revenue partially offset by Bs. 1.8 billion decrease in net settlements revenues.

**Figure 7 - ILD Traffic**

|                                       | Minutes (in millions) |      |           |        |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|------|-----------|--------|
|                                       | 2Q06                  | 2Q05 | Inc./Dec. | %      |
| Incoming minutes                      | 135                   | 97   | 38        | 39.2%  |
| Outgoing minutes                      | 96                    | 78   | 18        | 23.1%  |
| Net Settlements                       | 39                    | 19   | 20        | 105.3% |
| Incoming/Outgoing ratio               | 1.41                  | 1.24 | 0.17      | 13.1%  |
| Outgoing minutes charged to customers | 81                    | 62   | 19        | 30.6%  |
| Total                                 | 120                   | 81   | 39        | 48.1%  |

The increase in revenues from outgoing minutes charged to customers resulted in 30.6% increase in outgoing traffic, partially offset by 3.3% reduction in weighted average prices. The decline in weighted average prices is attributable to promotions and discounts. (See Figure 7). The 48.1% increase in total traffic results from traffic increases in all customer segments, including residential, non-residential and public telephony.

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The decline in net settlements revenue resulted from reductions in tariffs, partially offset by an increased traffic with improved incoming/outgoing ratio. Lower incoming weighted average prices are primarily attributable to the Company's efforts to maximize market share. Most incoming traffic flows through our IP platform allowed us to offer competitive prices. The result of this strategy is evidenced by improved incoming/outgoing traffic ratio achieved through negotiations with key operators where greater commitments for inbound traffic are secured in exchange for improved quality of service.

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**Table of Contents****Interconnection Revenues (Outgoing Fixed to Mobile and Incoming):****Increase in IXC revenues driven mainly by 18.9% increase in outgoing fixed to mobile revenues**

Second quarter 2006 16.5% quarter-over-quarter increase in interconnection revenues was attributable to an 18.9% increase in outgoing revenues partially offset by 1.6% decrease in incoming revenues. (See Figure 8).

**Figure 8 Interconnection Revenues and Traffic**

|                       | Revenues (in millions of Bs.) |                |               |              | Minutes (in millions) |            |            |              |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------------|------------|------------|--------------|
|                       | 2Q06                          | 2Q05           | Inc./Dec.     | %            | 2Q06                  | 2Q05       | Inc./Dec.  | %            |
| Local F-M Outgoing    | 146,459                       | 130,216        | 16,243        | 12.5%        | 449                   | 400        | 49         | 12.3%        |
| DLD F-M Outgoing      | 77,731                        | 58,386         | 19,345        | 33.1%        | 248                   | 189        | 59         | 31.2%        |
| <b>Total Outgoing</b> | <b>224,190</b>                | <b>188,602</b> | <b>35,588</b> | <b>18.9%</b> | <b>697</b>            | <b>589</b> | <b>108</b> | <b>18.3%</b> |
| Incoming*             | 24,886                        | 25,284         | (398)         | (1.6)%       | 465                   | 456        | 9          | 2.0%         |

\* Incoming minutes do not account for transport traffic

The increase in traffic reflects the significant growth in the mobile market. The 1.6% decrease in incoming revenues is related to lower traffic transported as other operators are nearing completion of the installation of their interconnection points.

The 12.5% and 33.1% increases in local and DLD fixed to mobile (F-M) outgoing revenues were driven by 12.3% and 31.2% respective traffic increases over the same period last year combined with 0.3% decrease and 0.3% increase in weighted average rates, respectively.

**Broadband:****Broadband revenues increased 35.7%**

Broadband revenues increased Bs. 53.3 billion (35.7%) on a quarter-over-quarter basis to Bs. 202.7 billion, representing 12.7% of the Company's total revenues. The increase was due to a Bs. 38.1 billion (57.6%) increase in ABA (ADSL) revenues combined with Bs. 15.2 billion (18.3%) increase in private circuits revenues. (See Figure 9).

**Figure 9 - Broadband Revenues and Subscribers**

|                  | Revenues (in millions of Bs.) |                |               |              | Subscribers    |                |                |              |
|------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
|                  | 2Q06                          | 2Q05           | Inc./Dec.     | %            | 2Q06           | 2Q05           | Inc./Dec.      | %            |
| Private circuits | 98,500                        | 83,282         | 15,218        | 18.3%        | 16,956         | 16,461         | 495            | 3.0%         |
| ABA (ADSL)       | 104,244                       | 66,158         | 38,086        | 57.6%        | 362,355        | 211,612        | 150,743        | 71.2%        |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>202,744</b>                | <b>149,440</b> | <b>53,304</b> | <b>35.7%</b> | <b>379,311</b> | <b>228,073</b> | <b>151,238</b> | <b>66.3%</b> |

**ABA (ADSL) net additions of nearly 36 thousand during 2Q06**

ABA (ADSL) lines continued its strong growth trend, with 71.2% quarter-over-quarter growth measured at the end of the second quarter. Taking advantage of the low market penetration rate in this sector, our continued investment and commercial efforts to improve and promote our broadband offering have fuelled the strong ABA (ADSL) sales momentum. These efforts resulted in nearly 36 thousand net additions during second quarter 2006. As of June 30, 2006, our ABA (ADSL) customer base totaled over 362 thousand lines.

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Blended ARPU of our ABA (ADSL) service was Bs. 98 thousand, 10.1% lower compared to a year ago due to higher growth of residential subscribers compared to non-residential.

### ***61.6% of total Internet subscribers are ADSL***

Internet subscribers grew 38.4% on a year-over-year basis from over 425 thousand to nearly 589 thousand. ABA (ADSL) subscribers increased as a percentage of total Internet subscribers from 49.7% at the end of second quarter 2005 to 61.6% at the end of second quarter 2006.

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Second quarter mobile revenues increased 68.8% on a quarter-over-quarter basis to Bs. 732.8 billion, increasing its share of the Company's total revenues from 36.5% to 46.0%.

The quarter-over-quarter growth in mobile revenues resulted from 86.2% gain in total traffic, largely driven by the 82.7% increase in our customer base and 66.7% increase in equipment sales.

**Subscribers:****Net additions of nearly one million, 142.5% higher than in 2Q05 drove the mobile subscriber base to nearly 6.6 million**

By the end of second quarter 2006, the mobile customer base approached 6.6 million subscribers, a 82.7% increase on a year-over-year basis. Our postpaid and prepaid subscriber bases individually posted increases of 24.9% and 86.7%, respectively.

We added nearly one million net subscribers, a 17.7% sequential increase over our first quarter 2006 customer base. Compared to the same period a year ago, second quarter 2006 net additions were 142.5% higher. (See Figure 10).

Our competitive success in second quarter 2006 reflects the continuation of our business strategies focused on superior customer service and a network of higher quality and coverage.

**Usage and ARPUs:****Total usage grew 86.2% compared to 2Q05**

1,637 million minutes of use (outgoing and incoming) were generated during second quarter 2006, an 86.2% increase compared to second quarter 2005 (see Figure 11). Our bundled offers continue to channel most of the outgoing traffic growth. The overall 91.2% increase in second quarter 2006 outgoing minutes resulted from 152.5% increase in bundled traffic combined with 40.5% growth in unbundled minutes.

**Figure 11 - Mobile Minutes**

|                               | <i>(in millions)</i> |            |             |              |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
|                               | 2Q06                 | 2Q05       | Inc./(Dec.) | %            |
| Outgoing                      | 1,449                | 758        | 691         | 91.2%        |
| Incoming                      | 188                  | 121        | 67          | 55.4%        |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>1,637</b>         | <b>879</b> | <b>758</b>  | <b>86.2%</b> |
| Incoming from related parties | 295                  | 225        | 70          | 31.1%        |

During second quarter 2006, blended ARPU declined 13.1% to Bs. 39,824, postpaid ARPU grew 10.5% to Bs. 182,228 and prepaid ARPU declined 11.6% to Bs. 32,921 (See Figure 12) driven by new customers subscribing to our prepaid bundled plans and a charge of Bs. 28.6 billion to mobile revenues and interconnection costs related to a retroactive adjustment associated with discounts on calls to Movilnet numbers made from our Telecommunication Centers.

**Figure 12 - Mobile ARPU***(in Bs.)*

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|          | 2Q06    | 2Q05    | Inc./(Dec.) | %       |
|----------|---------|---------|-------------|---------|
| Prepaid  | 32,921  | 37,261  | (4,340)     | (11.6)% |
| Postpaid | 182,228 | 164,906 | 17,322      | 10.5%   |
| Blended  | 39,824  | 45,806  | (5,982)     | (13.1)% |

Excluding the impact of this adjustment a normalized blended ARPU would have declined 9.4% to Bs. 41,515, Postpaid ARPU would have grown 11.5% to Bs. 183,919 and Prepaid ARPU would have declined 7.1% to Bs. 34,612, all reflecting the increased penetration into lower income segments of the population.

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### ***SMS revenues increased 102.1%***

Short message services (SMS) continued its strong revenue growth. Second quarter 2006 SMS revenues totaled Bs. 160.3 billion, a 102.1% increase over second quarter 2005. Approximately 2.6 billion messages, a 68.0% increase over the same 2005 period, were sent by our customers during the quarter. SMS represented 21.9% of the Company's second quarter mobile revenues.

### ***Handset sales represented 19.2% of mobile revenue***

Handset sales during second quarter 2006 increased 66.7% on a quarter-over-quarter basis and accounted for 19.2% of mobile revenues. The sustained improvement in purchasing power of lower income segments combined with the Company's efforts to source lower cost handsets contributed to the significant growth in subscribers.

## **EXPENSE AND MARGIN ANALYSIS**

### **Total Operating Expenses**

#### ***Total operating expenses increase of 34.9% driven by mobile equipment sales and labor and pension expense***

Second quarter 2006 total operating expenses increased by Bs. 390.7 billion, or 34.9%, to Bs. 1,509.9 billion, compared to Bs. 1,119.2 billion in second quarter 2005. The increase reflects Bs. 370.3 billion, or 40.4%, increase in operating expenses excluding depreciation and amortization, combined with Bs. 20.4 billion, or 10.1%, increase in depreciation and amortization expense.

Operations, maintenance, repairs and administrative expenses increased Bs. 147.0 billion, or 29.1%, primarily due to: (i) Bs. 82.0 billion in labor and benefit related expenses driven by the higher pension expense resulting from the 2005 Supreme Court Ruling, and salary increases including the impact of the collective bargaining agreement effective second half 2005; (ii) Bs. 33.9 billion increase in provision for obsolescence and net realizable value of equipment for sale; and (iii) Bs. 16.3 billion increase mainly related to fixed and mobile network maintenance.

Cost of sales of mobile equipment increased Bs. 182.5 billion, or 102.9%, driven by 142.5% higher net additions of mobile subscribers.

Interconnection cost increased Bs. 30.4 billion, or 24.3%, mainly due to 32.3% increase in average fixed-to-fixed rates and 4.1% increase in traffic volumes over second quarter 2005.

Concession and other taxes increased Bs. 26.5 billion, or 36.6%, as a result of higher revenues.

Provision for uncollectible increased Bs. 2.4 billion, or 13.8%, compared to second quarter 2005, due to a 2005 adjustment that served to lower the provision to a level consistent with the Company's revised policy. The provision is now based on an accounts receivable aging analysis which yields a result more accurately aligned to collections experience.

Depreciation and amortization expense increased by Bs. 20.4 billion, or 10.1%, resulting from the additional capital investments in 2005 and 2006 and the reduction of useful lives of certain assets.

### **EBITDA and EBITDA Margin**

#### ***EBITDA of Bs. 305.1 billion, 12.5% higher than 2Q05***

Second quarter 2006 EBITDA increased 12.5% to Bs. 305.1 billion compared to Bs. 271.2 billion in second quarter 2005. As a percentage of revenue, this reflected a 400 basis points decrease in our margin. The decrease resulted from an increase of 34.0% in revenue offset by 40.4% increase in operating expenses excluding depreciation and amortization. The increase in operating expenses excluding depreciation and amortization was primarily due to higher cost of sales driven by the sharp increase in cellular handset sales.

Excluding the impact of the sale of mobile equipment, the EBITDA margin would have increased 300 basis points from 33% to 36% on a year over year basis.





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Please refer to Reconciliation of Non-GAAP financial measures section on page 15 for a reconciliation of EBITDA to GAAP financial measures.

### **Interest Income and Exchange (Loss) Gain, net and Taxes**

#### ***Lower interest income and exchange gain, net and taxes***

Interest income and exchange (loss) gain, net decreased Bs. 5.4 billion, or 31.9%, to Bs. 11.6 billion in second quarter 2006, compared to Bs. 17.0 billion in second quarter 2005. Interest income decreased Bs. 4.1 billion, or 19.1%, due to lower average interest rates. Second quarter 2006 interest expense decreased Bs. 5.6 billion, or 57.7% due to lower debt. An exchange loss of Bs. 1.8 billion was recorded in second quarter 2006 compared to an exchange gain of Bs. 5.1 billion during the same period in 2005, due to appreciation of the Japanese yen against the bolivar.

Second quarter 2006 income tax benefit decreased by Bs. 26.3 billion to Bs. 1.9 billion, compared to Bs. 28.2 billion in second quarter 2005. The current tax provision decreased Bs. 19.7 billion mainly due to lower taxable income in second quarter 2006. Deferred tax benefit totaled Bs. 28.1 billion in second quarter 2006, compared to Bs. 74.2 billion in second quarter 2005. The decline was attributable to lower increase in book and tax basis differentials as well as timing differences.

### **Net Income**

#### ***Net income of Bs. 95.6 billion represents a 16.0% decrease as compared to 2Q05***

Second quarter 2006 net income totaled Bs. 95.6 billion, compared to Bs. 113.8 billion in second quarter 2005. The Bs. 18.2 billion decrease resulted from Bs. 13.5 billion increase in operating income, offset by lower income tax benefit of Bs. 26.3 billion and lower interest income and exchange (loss) gain, net of Bs. 5.4 billion.

### **CASH FLOW ANALYSIS**

#### ***Stronger cash generation allowing for a 53.5% increase in free cash flow***

Free cash flow (FCF) for the six-month period ended June 30, 2006 totaled Bs. 585.6 billion, 53.5% higher than the Bs. 381.6 billion reported for the six-month period ended June 30, 2005. The Bs. 204.0 billion year-over-year FCF increase was driven by Bs. 266.3 billion increase in net cash provided by operating activities, partially offset by Bs. 62.3 billion increase in CAPEX (See Reconciliation of Non-GAAP financial measures on page 15 for a reconciliation of FCF to GAAP financial measures). The increase in cash from operations was largely composed of Bs. 140.4 billion reduction in uses of working capital and increase of Bs. 71.6 billion in cash earnings (net income adjusted for non-cash items). The reduction in uses of working capital was driven by a Bs. 127.9 billion increase from accounts payable.

Cash used in financing activities totaled Bs. 436.1 billion, primarily reflecting dividend payments of Bs. 405.8 billion and debt repayment of Bs. 31.0 billion.

The Company's net cash position totaled Bs. 1,173.0 billion as of June 30, 2006, compared to Bs. 994.3 billion as of December 31, 2005.

### **Capital Expenditures**

#### ***CAPEX continues to focus on CDMA-1X, ADSL and information systems***

Capital expenditures for the six-month period ended June 30, 2006 totaled Bs. 390.6 billion, a Bs. 62.3 billion (19.0%) increase over the same period in 2005. Capital expenditures during 2006 continue to be focused on: (i) expansion of our CDMA-1X network footprint to support projected mobile and fixed wireless demand; (ii) deployment of backbone and data networks to sustain growth in our ABA (ADSL) and other data product lines; (iii) deployment of Evolution Data Optimized (EvDO) technology for wireless broadband services; (iv) the substitution of analog switches with multi-service access nodes to support service enhancements and increase operating efficiency; and (v) integration and transformation of the Company's information systems.

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### **Total Debt**

During the six-month period ended June 30, 2006, Cantv's debt payments totaled Bs. 31.0 billion, including Bs. 4.7 billion (US\$2.2 million) for International Finance Corporation (IFC) loans, Bs. 9.9 billion (¥541.0 million) to Japan's Eximbank, repayments of Bs. 11.2 billion of commercial paper, and Bs. 5.2 billion of local loans. During the six-month period ended June 30, 2005, debt payments totaled Bs. 71.6 billion, including Bs. 15.5 billion (US\$7.2 million) for the IFC loans and Bs. 9.9 billion (¥541.0 million) to Japan's Eximbank, repayments of Bs. 46.2 billion of commercial paper and local loans.

As of June 30, 2006, the Company's debt totaled Bs. 75.1 billion, Bs. 202.5 billion reduction from the debt balance as of June 30, 2005.

Total debt represented 2.2% as a percentage of Equity as of June 30, 2006, compared to 7.2% as of June 30, 2005.

### **OTHER DEVELOPMENTS**

#### **Dividends**

As of the date of this release, required approvals for the conversion to US dollars for the ordinary dividend of Bs. 700 per share (US\$2.28 per ADS) approved during the 2006 annual shareholders' meeting have not been obtained.

Since dividends are paid in bolivars, under the exchange control regime implemented in January 2003 repatriation of dividends for American Depositary Shares (ADS) holders and foreign investors must be requested from CADIVI (the Government's Commission for Administration of Foreign Exchange). Timing for the request and approval depend on the fulfillment of extensive formalities and documentation. The portion related to ADS holders and foreign investors is deposited in Venezuelan banks until CADIVI issues approval for the conversion of bolivars to US dollars and process payment to corresponding foreign banks.

The last dividend the Company paid received approval for conversion to US dollars by CADIVI for ADS holders in 82 days and other foreign investors 140 days, following payment in bolivars (April 27, 2005). As of the date of this release, 90 days have elapsed since the dividend was paid in bolivars.

#### **Update on the Sale of Verizon's Stake in Cantv to Telmex and América Móvil**

On June 30, 2006, Verizon Communications Inc. and the Joint Venture between Telmex and America Móvil announced an extension of the Stock Purchase Agreement to October 2, 2006 of the date after which any of the parties may unilaterally terminate the Stock Purchase Agreement dated April 2, 2006 if the acquisition has not been consummated.

As of the date of this release, the required regulatory approvals have not been granted for the announced transaction.

#### **Pension Adjustment Decision**

The determination of damages consistent with the Social Chamber of the Supreme Court's judgment is being administered by a lower Court, known as the *Juzgado Quinto de Primera Instancia de Sustanciación, Mediación y Ejecución del Área Metropolitana de Caracas* (the Execution Court), which appointed the Central Bank of Venezuela to perform the necessary calculations to determine the actual amounts due to beneficiaries.

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On June 6, 2006, the Central Bank of Venezuela concluded its analysis of damages but failed to specify the amounts payable by Cantv pursuant to the Social Chamber of the Supreme Court's judgment. Accordingly, the Execution Court has appointed two new experts to complete the determination of damages. Pursuant to the Social Chamber of the Supreme Court's decision and upon request by each affected retiree, the Company has agreed to adjust current pension payments up to the official minimum urban wage beginning February 1, 2006.

**Investment Tax Credits**

Pursuant to an amendment to the Venezuelan Income Tax Law in October 1999, investment tax credits were available for up to 10% of the investments for the five years following the enactment of this law, effective until December 31, 2004.

On December 28, 2001, the Government published a Partial Amendment of the Venezuelan Income Tax Law. Certain interpretations of the Venezuelan Income Tax Law have concluded that investment tax credits were effective for the five years following the enactment of the 2001 Amendment, making them available until December 28, 2006. This interpretation had not been accepted by SENIAT (the Venezuelan Tax authority). Accordingly, the Company stopped recording investment tax credits since January 1, 2005 while continuing to pursue the validity of the above mentioned interpretation.

On July 10, 2006, the Company received the opinion from SENIAT agreeing to apply investment tax credits until December 28, 2006. The available investment tax credits for 2005 and the estimate for 2006 are Bs. 91.2 billion and 119.5 billion, respectively, which will reduce the Company's 2006 effective tax rate and the income tax expense. The full 2005 benefit and the ones corresponding to the first nine months of 2006 are expected to be recorded in our third quarter 2006 income statement.

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For the quarters ended June 30, 2006 and 2005

(Expressed in millions of bolivars and millions of US dollars, except per share amounts)

|   |           | % of total |           | % of total | US\$ | US\$ | % Increase |
|---|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|------|------|------------|
|   | Bs.       | operating  | Bs.       | operating  | 2006 | 2005 | (Decrease) |
|   | 2006      | revenues   | 2005      | revenues   |      |      |            |
| <b>Operating Revenues</b>                                 |           |            |           |            |      |      |            |
| <b>Fixed revenues</b>                                     |           |            |           |            |      |      |            |
| Local services  | 229,864   | 14.4%      | 228,383   | 19.2%      | 108  | 106  | 0.6%       |
| Domestic long distance                                    | 69,655    | 4.4%       | 73,923    | 6.2%       | 32   | 33   | (5.8)%     |
| International long distance                               | 30,656    | 1.9%       | 26,650    | 2.2%       | 14   | 12   | 15.0%      |
| Net settlements   | (4,298)   | (0.3)%     | (2,531)   | (0.2)%     | (2)  | (1)  | 69.8%      |
| Total international long distance                         | 26,358    | 1.7%       | 24,119    | 2.0%       | 12   | 11   | 9.3%       |
| Fixed to mobile - Outgoing                                | 224,190   | 14.1%      | 188,602   | 15.9%      | 104  | 88   | 18.9%      |
| Interconnection incoming                                  | 24,886    | 1.6%       | 25,284    | 2.1%       | 12   | 12   | (1.6)%     |
| Other wireline-related services                           | 49,343    | 3.1%       | 47,174    | 4.0%       | 23   | 22   | 4.6%       |
| Internet dial-up  | 18,565    | 1.2%       | 14,482    | 1.2%       | 9    | 7    | 28.2%      |
| Other telecommunications-related services                 | 13,741    | 0.9%       | 2,384     | 0.2%       | 6    | 1    | 476.4%     |
| Total Internet dial-up and other                          | 81,649    | 5.1%       | 64,040    | 5.4%       | 38   | 30   | 27.5%      |
| Broadband   | 202,744   | 12.7%      | 149,440   | 12.6%      | 94   | 70   | 35.7%      |
| Total fixed revenues                                      | 859,346   | 54.0%      | 753,791   | 63.5%      | 400  | 350  | 14.0%      |
| <b>Mobile revenues</b>                                    |           |            |           |            |      |      |            |
| Mobile services   | 592,188   | 37.2%      | 349,733   | 29.4%      | 276  | 163  | 69.3%      |
| Mobile equipment sales                                    | 140,575   | 8.8%       | 84,330    | 7.1%       | 65   | 39   | 66.7%      |
| Total mobile revenues                                     | 732,763   | 46.0%      | 434,063   | 36.5%      | 341  | 202  | 68.8%      |
| Total operating revenues                                  | 1,592,109 | 100.0%     | 1,187,854 | 100.0%     | 741  | 552  | 34.0%      |
| <b>Operating Expenses</b>                                 |           |            |           |            |      |      |            |
| Provision for uncollectibles                              | 19,821    | 1.2%       | 17,419    | 1.5%       | 9    | 8    | 13.8%      |
| Operations, maintenance, repairs and administrative       | 652,388   | 41.0%      | 505,401   | 42.5%      | 305  | 235  | 29.1%      |
| Cost of sales of mobile equipment                         | 359,862   | 22.6%      | 177,341   | 14.9%      | 167  | 82   | 102.9%     |
| Additional pension obligation due to Supreme Court ruling |           | 0.0%       | 14,553    | 1.2%       |      | 7    | (100.0)%   |
| Interconnection cost                                      | 155,496   | 9.8%       | 125,091   | 10.5%      | 72   | 58   | 24.3%      |
| Concession and other taxes                                | 99,128    | 6.2%       | 72,588    | 6.1%       | 46   | 34   | 36.6%      |
| Other expense, net  | 292       | 0.0%       | 4,292     | 0.4%       |      | 2    | (93.2)%    |
|   | 1,286,987 | 80.8%      | 916,685   | 77.2%      | 599  | 426  | 40.4%      |
| <b>EBITDA</b>   | 305,122   | 19.2%      | 271,169   | 22.8%      | 142  | 126  | 12.5%      |

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|  |                  |              |                  |              |             |             |                |
|--|------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| <b>EBITDA Margin</b>                                 | 19%              | 0.0%         | 23%              | 0.0%         | 19%         | 23%         | (400 bps)      |
| Depreciation and amortization                        | 222,971          | 14.0%        | 202,528          | 17.0%        | 104         | 94          | 10.1%          |
| <b>Total operating expenses</b>                      | <b>1,509,958</b> | <b>94.8%</b> | <b>1,119,213</b> | <b>94.2%</b> | <b>703</b>  | <b>520</b>  | <b>34.9%</b>   |
| <b>Operating Income</b>                              | <b>82,151</b>    | <b>5.2%</b>  | <b>68,641</b>    | <b>5.8%</b>  | <b>38</b>   | <b>32</b>   | <b>19.7%</b>   |
| <b>Interest Income and Exchange (Loss) Gain, net</b> |                  |              |                  |              |             |             |                |
| Interest income                                      | 17,422           | 1.1%         | 21,526           | 1.8%         | 8           | 10          | (19.1)%        |
| Interest expense                                     | (4,084)          | (0.3)%       | (9,662)          | (0.8)%       | (2)         | (4)         | (57.7)%        |
| Exchange (loss) gain, net                            | (1,772)          | (0.1)%       | 5,127            | 0.4%         | (1)         | 2           | N.M.           |
| <b>Interest income and exchange (loss) gain, net</b> | <b>11,566</b>    | <b>0.7%</b>  | <b>16,991</b>    | <b>1.4%</b>  | <b>5</b>    | <b>8</b>    | <b>(31.9)%</b> |
| <b>Income before Income Tax</b>                      | <b>93,717</b>    | <b>5.9%</b>  | <b>85,632</b>    | <b>7.2%</b>  | <b>43</b>   | <b>40</b>   | <b>9.4%</b>    |
| <b>Income Tax</b>                                    |                  |              |                  |              |             |             |                |
| Current  | (26,268)         | (1.6)%       | (45,995)         | (3.9)%       | (12)        | (22)        | (42.9)%        |
| Deferred   | 28,174           | 1.8%         | 74,209           | 6.2%         | 13          | 35          | (62.0)%        |
| <b>Total income tax</b>                              | <b>1,906</b>     | <b>0.1%</b>  | <b>28,214</b>    | <b>2.4%</b>  | <b>1</b>    | <b>13</b>   | <b>(93.2)%</b> |
| <b>Net Income</b>                                    | <b>95,623</b>    | <b>6.0%</b>  | <b>113,846</b>   | <b>9.6%</b>  | <b>44</b>   | <b>53</b>   | <b>(16.0)%</b> |
| <b>Net Income Attributable to:</b>                   |                  |              |                  |              |             |             |                |
| Equity holders of the Company                        | 94,827           | 6.0%         | 114,375          | 9.6%         | 44          | 53          | (17.1)%        |
| Minority interest in subsidiary                      | 796              | 0.0%         | (529)            | (0.0)%       |             |             | N.M.           |
| <b>Net Income</b>                                    | <b>95,623</b>    | <b>6.0%</b>  | <b>113,846</b>   | <b>9.6%</b>  | <b>44</b>   | <b>53</b>   | <b>(16.0)%</b> |
| <b>Earnings per Share</b>                            | <b>123</b>       |              | <b>147</b>       |              | <b>0.06</b> | <b>0.07</b> | <b>(16.0)%</b> |
| <b>Earnings per ADS (based on 7 shares per ADS)</b>  | <b>863</b>       |              | <b>1,027</b>     |              | <b>0.40</b> | <b>0.48</b> | <b>(16.0)%</b> |
| <b>Average Shares Outstanding (in millions)</b>      | <b>776</b>       |              | <b>776</b>       |              | <b>776</b>  | <b>776</b>  |                |

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For the six-month period ended June 30, 2006 and 2005

(Expressed in millions of bolivars and millions of US dollars, excepts per share amounts)

|   | Bs.<br>2006 | % of total<br>operating<br>revenues | Bs.<br>2005 | % of total<br>operating<br>revenues | US\$<br>2006 | US\$<br>2005 | % Increase<br>(Decrease) |
|---|-------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Operating Revenues</b>                                 |             |                                     |             |                                     |              |              |                          |
| <b>Fixed revenues</b>                                     |             |                                     |             |                                     |              |              |                          |
| Local services  | 449,942     | 14.8%                               | 449,761     | 19.7%                               | 209          | 209          | 0.0%                     |
| Domestic long distance                                    | 139,655     | 4.6%                                | 147,914     | 6.5%                                | 65           | 69           | (5.6)%                   |
| International long distance                               | 61,565      | 2.0%                                | 54,672      | 2.4%                                | 29           | 25           | 12.6%                    |
| Net settlements   | (5,478)     | (0.2)%                              | (2,278)     | (0.1)%                              | (3)          | (1)          | 140.5%                   |
| Total international long distance                         | 56,087      | 1.8%                                | 52,394      | 2.3%                                | 26           | 24           | 7.0%                     |
| Fixed to mobile - Outgoing                                | 428,649     | 14.1%                               | 359,827     | 15.8%                               | 199          | 167          | 19.1%                    |
| Interconnection incoming                                  | 47,982      | 1.6%                                | 51,111      | 2.2%                                | 22           | 24           | (6.1)%                   |
| Other wireline-related services                           | 83,095      | 2.7%                                | 76,777      | 3.4%                                | 39           | 36           | 8.2%                     |
| Internet dial-up  | 35,866      | 1.2%                                | 28,968      | 1.3%                                | 17           | 13           | 23.8%                    |
| Other telecommunications-related services                 | 14,052      | 0.5%                                | 18,689      | 0.8%                                | 7            | 9            | (24.8)%                  |
| Total Internet dial-up and other                          | 133,013     | 4.4%                                | 124,434     | 5.5%                                | 63           | 58           | 6.9%                     |
| Broadband   | 391,170     | 12.9%                               | 278,682     | 12.2%                               | 182          | 130          | 40.4%                    |
| Total fixed revenues                                      | 1,646,498   | 54.3%                               | 1,464,123   | 64.3%                               | 766          | 681          | 12.5%                    |
| <b>Mobile revenues</b>                                    |             |                                     |             |                                     |              |              |                          |
| Mobile services   | 1,152,689   | 38.0%                               | 682,450     | 30.0%                               | 536          | 317          | 68.9%                    |
| Mobile equipment sales                                    | 234,381     | 7.7%                                | 131,007     | 5.8%                                | 109          | 61           | 78.9%                    |
| Total mobile revenues                                     | 1,387,070   | 45.7%                               | 813,457     | 35.7%                               | 645          | 378          | 70.5%                    |
| Total operating revenues                                  | 3,033,568   | 100.0%                              | 2,277,580   | 100.0%                              | 1,411        | 1,059        | 33.2%                    |
| <b>Operating Expenses</b>                                 |             |                                     |             |                                     |              |              |                          |
| Provision for uncollectibles                              | 32,567      | 1.1%                                | 39,731      | 1.7%                                | 15           | 18           | (18.0)%                  |
| Operations, maintenance, repairs and administrative       | 1,237,649   | 40.8%                               | 952,725     | 41.8%                               | 576          | 442          | 29.9%                    |
| Cost of sales of mobile equipment                         | 535,114     | 17.6%                               | 254,802     | 11.2%                               | 249          | 119          | 110.0%                   |
| Additional pension obligation due to Supreme Court ruling |             | 0.0%                                | 14,553      | 0.6%                                |              | 7            | (100.0)%                 |
| Interconnection cost                                      | 298,492     | 9.8%                                | 241,460     | 10.6%                               | 139          | 112          | 23.6%                    |
| Concession and other taxes                                | 192,360     | 6.3%                                | 130,202     | 5.7%                                | 89           | 61           | 47.7%                    |
| Other expense (income), net                               | 700         | 0.0%                                | (68,626)    | (3.0)%                              |              | (32)         | N.M.                     |
|   | 2,296,882   | 75.7%                               | 1,564,847   | 68.7%                               | 1,068        | 727          | 46.8%                    |
| <b>EBITA</b>  | 736,686     | 24.3%                               | 712,733     | 31.3%                               | 343          | 332          | 3.4%                     |
| <b>EBITA Margin</b>                                       | 24%         | 0.0%                                | 31%         | 0.0%                                | 24%          | 31%          | (700 bps)                |
| Depreciation and amortization                             | 426,893     | 14.1%                               | 412,127     | 18.1%                               | 199          | 192          | 3.6%                     |



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| Total operating expenses                             | 2,723,775 | 89.8%  | 1,976,974 | 86.8%  | 1,267 | 919  | 37.8%   |
| <b>Operating Income</b>                              | 309,793   | 10.2%  | 300,606   | 13.2%  | 144   | 140  | 3.1%    |
| <b>Interest Income and Exchange (Loss) Gain, net</b> |           |        |           |        |       |      |         |
| Interest income                                      | 39,637    | 1.3%   | 48,301    | 2.1%   | 19    | 21   | (17.9)% |
| Interest expense                                     | (6,025)   | (0.2)% | (15,806)  | (0.7)% | (3)   | (7)  | (61.9)% |
| Exchange (loss) gain, net                            | (1,738)   | (0.1)% | 31,312    | 1.4%   | (1)   | 15   | N.M.    |
| Interest income and exchange (loss) gain, net        | 31,874    | 1.1%   | 63,807    | 2.8%   | 15    | 29   | (50.0)% |
| <b>Income before Income Tax</b>                      | 341,667   | 11.3%  | 364,413   | 16.0%  | 159   | 169  | (6.2)%  |
| <b>Income Tax</b>                                    |           |        |           |        |       |      |         |
| Current  | (109,456) | (3.6)% | (68,130)  | (3.0)% | (51)  | (31) | 60.7%   |
| Deferred   | 47,294    | 1.6%   | 112,470   | 4.9%   | 22    | 52   | (57.9)% |
| Total income tax                                     | (62,162)  | (2.0)% | 44,340    | 1.9%   | (29)  | 21   | N.M.    |
| <b>Net Income</b>                                    | 279,505   | 9.2%   | 408,753   | 17.9%  | 130   | 190  | (31.6)% |
| <b>Net Income Attributable to:</b>                   |           |        |           |        |       |      |         |
| Equity holders of the Company                        | 279,022   | 9.2%   | 407,981   | 17.9%  | 130   | 190  | (31.6)% |
| Minority interest in subsidiary                      | 483       | 0.0%   | 772       | 0.0%   |       |      | (37.4)% |
| <b>Net Income</b>                                    | 279,505   | 9.2%   | 408,753   | 17.9%  | 130   | 190  | (31.6)% |
| <b>Earnings per Share</b>                            | 360       |        | 527       |        | 0.17  | 0.24 | (31.6)% |
| <b>Earnings per ADS (based on 7 shares per ADS)</b>  | 2,521     |        | 3,687     |        | 1.17  | 1.71 | (31.6)% |
| <b>Average Shares Outstanding (in millions)</b>      | 776       |        | 776       |        | 776   | 776  |         |

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(Expressed in millions of bolivars and millions of US dollars)

|   | June 30,<br>2006 | December 31,<br>2005 | US\$<br>2006 | US\$<br>2005 |
|---|------------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Assets</b>   |                  |                      |              |              |
| <b>Non-Current Assets:</b>  |                  |                      |              |              |
| Property, plant and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of Bs. 14,250,073 and Bs. 13,942,782, respectively | 3,439,393        | 3,483,063            | 1,600        | 1,620        |
| Cellular concession, net  | 147,247          | 150,088              | 68           | 70           |
| Long-term accounts receivable from Venezuelan Government entities   | 42,132           | 64,377               | 20           | 30           |
| Deferred income tax asset   | 877,525          | 830,231              | 408          | 386          |
| Information systems (software), net   | 352,524          | 342,349              | 164          | 159          |
| Other assets  | 93,953           | 71,433               | 43           | 34           |
| <b>Total non-current assets</b>   | <b>4,952,774</b> | <b>4,941,541</b>     | <b>2,303</b> | <b>2,299</b> |
| <b>Current Assets</b>   |                  |                      |              |              |
| Other current assets  | 93,854           | 62,552               | 44           | 29           |
| Inventories, spare parts and supplies, net  | 256,609          | 312,255              | 119          | 145          |
| Accounts receivable from Venezuelan Government entities   | 200,908          | 188,095              | 93           | 87           |
| Accounts receivable, net of provision for uncollectibles of Bs. 65,816 and Bs. 71,286, respectively               | 751,735          | 687,039              | 350          | 320          |
| Cash and temporary investments  | 1,248,101        | 1,098,629            | 581          | 511          |
| <b>Total current assets</b>   | <b>2,551,207</b> | <b>2,348,570</b>     | <b>1,187</b> | <b>1,092</b> |
| <b>Total assets</b>   | <b>7,503,981</b> | <b>7,290,111</b>     | <b>3,490</b> | <b>3,391</b> |
| <b>Stockholders Equity and Liabilities</b>  |                  |                      |              |              |
| <b>Stockholders Equity</b>  | <b>3,406,115</b> | <b>3,669,069</b>     | <b>1,584</b> | <b>1,707</b> |
| <b>Non-Current Liabilities:</b>   |                  |                      |              |              |
| Long-term debt  | 45,358           | 63,338               | 21           | 29           |
| Provision for litigation  | 132,848          | 134,513              | 62           | 63           |
| Pension and other post-retirement benefit obligations   | 1,359,830        | 1,230,166            | 632          | 572          |
| <b>Total non-current liabilities</b>  | <b>1,538,036</b> | <b>1,428,017</b>     | <b>715</b>   | <b>664</b>   |
| <b>Current Liabilities:</b>   |                  |                      |              |              |
| Current portion of the long-term debt   | 29,734           | 40,992               | 14           | 19           |
| Accounts payable  | 1,301,055        | 1,161,580            | 605          | 540          |
| Accrued employee benefits   | 164,476          | 92,608               | 77           | 43           |
| Pension and other post-retirement benefit obligations   | 328,758          | 348,532              | 153          | 162          |
| Income tax payable  | 36,309           | 77,352               | 17           | 36           |
| Dividends payable   | 137,481          |                      | 64           |              |
| Deferred revenue  | 217,815          | 184,518              | 101          | 86           |
| Concession tax  | 73,921           | 75,412               | 34           | 35           |
| Subscriber reimbursable deposits  | 73,536           | 69,462               | 34           | 32           |
| Other current liabilities   | 196,745          | 142,569              | 92           | 67           |

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| Total current liabilities                  | 2,559,830 | 2,193,025 | 1,191 | 1,020 |
| Total liabilities                          | 4,097,866 | 3,621,042 | 1,906 | 1,684 |
| Total stockholders' equity and liabilities | 7,503,981 | 7,290,111 | 3,490 | 3,391 |

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**Table of Contents****Cash flow data**

For the six-month period ended June 30, 2006 and 2005

(Expressed in millions of bolivars and millions of US dollars)

|   | Bs.            | Bs.            | US\$       | US\$       |
|---|----------------|----------------|------------|------------|
|   | 2006           | 2005           | 2006       | 2005       |
| <b>Operating Activities:</b>  |                |                |            |            |
| Net income  | 279,505        | 408,753        | 130        | 190        |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:                                   |                |                |            |            |
| Exchange loss (gain), net   | 1,738          | (31,312)       | 1          | (15)       |
| Minority interest in subsidiary   | (483)          | (772)          |            |            |
| Depreciation and amortization   | 426,893        | 412,127        | 199        | 192        |
| Current income tax  | 109,456        | 68,130         | 51         | 32         |
| Deferred income tax (benefit)   | (47,294)       | (112,470)      | (22)       | (51)       |
| Provision for inventory obsolescence  | 34,134         | (5,885)        | 16         | (3)        |
| Provision for litigation  | 9,762          | 53,115         | 5          | 25         |
| Additional pension obligation due to Supreme Court ruling   |                | 14,553         |            | 7          |
| Provision for uncollectibles  | 32,567         | 39,731         | 15         | 18         |
| Gain in sale of investment  |                | (71,260)       |            | (33)       |
| Changes in current assets and liabilities   | 11,802         | (128,620)      | 5          | (60)       |
| Changes in non-current assets and liabilities   | 118,059        | 63,812         | 54         | 28         |
| Net cash provided by operating activities   | 976,139        | 709,902        | 454        | 330        |
| <b>Investing Activities:</b>  |                |                |            |            |
| Acquisition of information systems (software), net of disposals   | (45,458)       | (57,858)       | (21)       | (27)       |
| Acquisition of property, plant and equipment, net of disposals  | (345,098)      | (270,449)      | (161)      | (126)      |
| Net cash used in investing activities   | (390,556)      | (328,307)      | (182)      | (153)      |
| <b>Free Cash Flow</b>   | <b>585,583</b> | <b>381,595</b> | <b>272</b> | <b>177</b> |
| <b>Financing Activities:</b>  |                |                |            |            |
| Proceeds from borrowings  |                | 69,095         |            | 32         |
| Payments of debt  | (31,038)       | (71,647)       | (13)       | (33)       |
| Dividends paid  | (405,797)      | (316,429)      | (189)      | (147)      |
| Purchase of shares for the workers benefit fund, net  | 724            | 3,266          |            | 2          |
| Net cash used in financing activities   | (436,111)      | (315,715)      | (202)      | (146)      |
| Increase in cash and temporary investments before effect of exchange rate changes on cash and temporary investments | 149,472        | 65,880         | 70         | 31         |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and temporary investments   |                | 30,626         |            | 14         |
| Increase in cash and temporary investments  | 149,472        | 96,506         | 70         | 45         |
| Cash and temporary investments:   |                |                |            |            |
| Beginning of the period   | 1,098,629      | 967,543        | 511        | 450        |

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| End of the period | 1,248,101 | 1,064,049 | 581 | 495 |
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**Table of Contents****Reconciliation of Non-GAAP financial measures***(Expressed in millions of bolivars and millions of US dollars)*

|  | Bs.            | Bs.            | US\$        | US\$        |
|--|----------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>For the quarters ended June 30, 2006 and 2005</b>         |                |                |             |             |
|  | <b>2006</b>    | <b>2005</b>    | <b>2006</b> | <b>2005</b> |
| <b>EBITDA</b>  |                |                |             |             |
| Net Income   | 95,623         | 113,846        | 44          | 53          |
| Plus / (minus):  |                |                |             |             |
| Total income tax   | (1,906)        | (28,214)       | (1)         | (13)        |
| Interest income and exchange (loss) gain, net                | (11,566)       | (16,991)       | (5)         | (8)         |
| Depreciation and amortization                                | 222,971        | 202,528        | 104         | 94          |
| <b>EBITDA</b>  | <b>305,122</b> | <b>271,169</b> | <b>142</b>  | <b>126</b>  |
| EBITDA Margin  |                |                |             |             |
| EBITDA   | = 305,122      | 271,169        | 142         | 126         |
| Total operating revenues                                     | 1,592,109      | 1,187,854      | 741         | 552         |
| <b>EBITDA Margin</b>   | <b>19%</b>     | <b>23%</b>     | <b>19%</b>  | <b>23%</b>  |
|  | <b>Bs.</b>     | <b>Bs.</b>     | <b>US\$</b> | <b>US\$</b> |
| <b>For the six-month period ended June 30, 2006 and 2005</b> |                |                |             |             |
|  | <b>2006</b>    | <b>2005</b>    | <b>2006</b> | <b>2005</b> |
| <b>EBITDA</b>  |                |                |             |             |
| Net Income   | 279,505        | 408,753        | 130         | 190         |
| Plus / (minus):  |                |                |             |             |
| Total income tax   | 62,162         | (44,340)       | 29          | (21)        |
| Interest income and exchange (loss) gain, net                | (31,874)       | (63,807)       | (15)        | (29)        |
| Depreciation and amortization                                | 426,893        | 412,127        | 199         | 192         |
| <b>EBITDA</b>  | <b>736,686</b> | <b>712,733</b> | <b>343</b>  | <b>332</b>  |
| EBITDA Margin  |                |                |             |             |
| EBITDA   | = 736,686      | 712,733        | 343         | 332         |
| Total operating revenues                                     | 3,033,568      | 2,277,580      | 1,411       | 1,059       |
| <b>EBITDA Margin</b>   | <b>24%</b>     | <b>31%</b>     | <b>24%</b>  | <b>31%</b>  |
| <b>Cash Earnings</b>   |                |                |             |             |
| Net income   | 279,505        | 408,753        | 130         | 190         |
| Plus / (minus):  |                |                |             |             |
| Exchange loss (gain), net                                    | 1,738          | (31,312)       | 1           | (15)        |
| Minority interest in subsidiary                              | (483)          | (772)          |             |             |
| Depreciation and amortization                                | 426,893        | 412,127        | 199         | 192         |
| Current income tax   | 109,456        | 68,130         | 51          | 32          |
| Deferred income tax (benefit)                                | (47,294)       | (112,470)      | (22)        | (51)        |
| Provision for inventory obsolescence                         | 34,134         | (5,885)        | 16          | (3)         |
| Provision for litigation                                     | 9,762          | 53,115         | 5           | 25          |
| Additional pension obligation due to Supreme Court ruling    |                | 14,553         |             | 7           |
| Provision for uncollectibles                                 | 32,567         | 39,731         | 15          | 18          |
| Gain in sale of investment                                   |                | (71,260)       |             | (33)        |
| <b>Cash Earnings</b>   | <b>846,278</b> | <b>774,710</b> | <b>395</b>  | <b>362</b>  |

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|  |                 |                     |             |             |
|--|-----------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Free Cash Flow                                   |                 |                     |             |             |
| Net cash provided by operating activities        | 976,139         | 709,902             | 454         | 330         |
| Minus:   |                 |                     |             |             |
| Net cash used in investing activities            | (390,556)       | (328,307)           | (182)       | (153)       |
| <b>Free cash flow</b>                            | 585,583         | 381,595             | 272         | 177         |
|  | <b>June 30,</b> | <b>December 31,</b> | <b>US\$</b> | <b>US\$</b> |
| <i>As of June 30, 2006 and December 31, 2005</i> | <b>2006</b>     | <b>2005</b>         | <b>2006</b> | <b>2005</b> |
| Net Cash Position                                |                 |                     |             |             |
| Cash and temporary investments                   | 1,248,101       | 1,098,629           | 581         | 511         |
| Minus:   |                 |                     |             |             |
| Long-term debt                                   | (45,358)        | (63,338)            | (21)        | (29)        |
| Short-term debt                                  | (29,734)        | (40,992)            | (14)        | (19)        |
| <b>Net cash position</b>                         | 1,173,009       | 994,299             | 546         | 463         |

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Cantv, a Venezuelan corporation, is the leading Venezuelan telecommunications services provider with nearly 3.2 million switched fixed access lines in service, nearly 6.6 million mobile subscribers and over 379 thousand broadband subscribers as of June 30, 2006. The Company's principal strategic stockholder is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Verizon Communications Inc. with 28.5% of the capital stock. Other major stockholders include the Venezuelan Government with 6.6% of the capital stock (Class B Shares), employees, retirees and employee trusts which own 6.5% (Class C Shares) and the remaining 58.4% of the capital stock is held by public and other stockholders.

**SAFE HARBOR FOR FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS:**

*This press release contains statements about expected future events and financial results that are forward-looking and subject to risks and uncertainties. Actual results could differ materially from those predicted in such forward-looking statements. Factors which may cause actual results to differ materially from those discussed herein include economic considerations that could affect demand for telecommunications services and the ability of the Company to make collections, inflation, regulatory factors, exchange controls and occurrences in currency markets, competition, labor relations, legal proceedings and the risk factors set forth in the Company's various filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including its most recently filed Annual Report on Form 20-F. The Company undertakes no obligation to revise these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof, and claims the protection of the safe harbor for forward-looking statements contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.*

**GLOSSARY OF KEY TERMS**

|                                      |   |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| <b>ADSL:</b>                         | Asymmetrical Digital Subscriber Lines.  |
| <b>ARPU:</b>                         | Average monthly revenue per user excluding terminal equipment sales, taxes and late-payment charges net of discounts.   |
| <b>Bundled minutes:</b>              | Actual minutes used by the customer within the minutes allowed under variously priced monthly customer tariff plans that include a maximum number of allowed minutes within the monthly tariff.                         |
| <b>Capital expenditures (CAPEX):</b> | Net cash used in investing activities, including acquisition of property, plant and equipment and information systems.  |
| <b>Cash earnings:</b>                | Net income adjusted for non cash items or adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities.   |
| <b>EBITDA:</b>                       | Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, equivalent to operating income plus depreciation and amortization.  |
| <b>EBITDA margin:</b>                | EBITDA as a percent of total operating revenue.   |
| <b>EPADS:</b>                        | Earnings per ADS. Each ADS represents seven Cantv Class D shares.   |
| <b>Free cash flow (FCF):</b>         | Cash flow from operating activities minus cash used in investing activities.  |
| <b>IXC:</b>                          | Interconnection.  |
| <b>Net cash position:</b>            | Cash and temporary investments minus short-term and long-term debt.   |
| <b>SMS:</b>                          | Short mobile message service.   |
| <b>Switched access lines:</b>        | Fixed access lines including residential, non residential and public telephony.   |
| <b>Total debt:</b>                   | Short-term plus long-term debt.   |
| <b>Unbundled minutes:</b>            | Minutes in excess of the limits set forth in a specific monthly customer tariff plan that are billed to the customer on a per minute basis in addition to the basic monthly tariff plan that the customer has selected. |



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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

COMPAÑIA ANONIMA NACIONAL

TELEFONOS DE VENEZUELA, (CANTV)

By: /s/ Armando Yañes  
Armando Yañes  
Chief Financial Officer

Date: July 27, 2006