

***Roke Telkom Collaborates with HGC Global Communications to Provide SD-WAN Services for Local and Global Enterprises in Africa.***

**Kampala, 31st January, 2020:** Roke Telkom, a Ugandan-based telecommunications company and public service provider for voice and data communication has collaborated with HGC Global Communications (HGC), a fully-fledged fixed-line operator and ICT service provider with extensive international network coverage and infrastructure, to provide Software Defined Wide Area Network (SD-WAN) services in the region.

SD-WAN is a technology that enables enterprises to simplify network management and ensure greater agility and efficiency. The platform aggregates bandwidth and can be integrated seamlessly into enterprises' existing networks, providing connectivity over various transport technologies such as 4G /LTE, broadband, MPLS among others.

Roger Sekaziga, Roke Telkom's Chief Executive Officer, said that "When you talk about building an Information based economy, you need innovation to stay pertinent. Our focus right now is to continuously innovate by creating an ecosystem of partners that includes Global Telecommunication Partners, the Regulator, Government, Banks and the Private Sector.

This mutual interdependence can shape our future, especially when enhanced with high quality Internet. SDWAN complements this ecosystem's current network infrastructure, by allowing IT Managers to remotely manage their site policies through a centralized controller. This agility is critical in increasing network security, flexibility and scalability; translating into reduced connectivity costs that positively impact the bottom-line.

He explained that, "Companies need to future proof their network assets by investing in new technologies. SDWAN enhances this capability because it associates well with 5G, fifth-generation wireless, and the internet of things (IoT). The future is here and organizations must remain relevant to their target audiences. This solution does that, by extracting the transport layer from hardware to software, further reducing costs.

Sekaziga observed that, "Roke is leading the way in showing what is possible when you engage with the right partner. Our collaboration with HGC creates a unique opportunity to create value by bringing together this robust capability to businesses in Uganda and the region"

Oyovwe Okorodudu the AVP - EMEA at HGC commented that, HGC is committed to delivering the contemporary ICT, global connectivity solutions and different value-added services to assist corporate customers on paving the way to a digital transformation journey.

"As a telecom and ICT service provider with a global footprint, we strive to collaborate with key local and regional firms like Roke Telkom that support the ever-growing demand in the region for reliable and secure internet solutions, high quality of service and always-on connectivity to streamline corporates' business operations", Okorodudu explained.

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## **More about the Collaborators:**

### ***About HGC Global Communications Limited***

*HGC Global Communications Limited (HGC) is a leading Hong Kong and international fixed-line operator. The company owns an extensive network and infrastructure in Hong Kong and overseas and provides a broad range of advanced telecommunications and ICT services. Headquartered in Hong Kong and operating 22 overseas offices on five continents, it provides telecom infrastructure service to other operators and serves as a service provider to corporate and households. The company provides full-fledged telecom, data centre services, ICT solutions and broadband services for local, overseas, corporate and mass markets. HGC owns and operates an extensive fibre-optic network, five cross-border telecom routes integrated into tier-one telecom operators in mainland China and connects with hundreds of world-class international telecom operators. HGC is one of Hong Kong's largest Wi-Fi service providers, running over 29,000 Wi-Fi hotspots in Hong Kong. The company is committed to further investing and enriching its current infrastructure and adding the latest technologies and solutions. HGC is a portfolio company of I Squared Capital, an independent global infrastructure investment manager focusing on energy, utilities and transport in North America, Europe and selected fast-growing economies.*

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### ***About Roke Telkom:***

*Roke Telkom Ltd is a Uganda based telecommunications company in operation since 2006 licensed by Uganda Communications Commission (UCC) under a Public Service Provider (PSP) license. In addition to this, Roke obtained its telecommunications services license in the same year. In 2010, this license was upgraded to a Public Infrastructure Provider (PIP) license in order to expand the range of products and services offered to the market.*

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