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EJL Wireless Research Forecasts 2009 Middle East Wireless Cap Ex Spending to Increase 6.4% to \$9.5 Billion

Non-Arabian Peninsula Sub Region Will Drive Wireless Cap Ex Spending in 2009

Redwood City, CA, November 30, 2009: The Middle East wireless capital expenditure spending is forecasted to increase 6.4% in 2009 after growing 42.2% in 2008, according to the latest report from EJL Wireless Research titled "*The Middle East Wireless Cap Ex Analysis 2008-2011*."

"The spending levels for wireless capital expenditures vary drastically between the Arabian Peninsula countries and Non Peninsula countries. We forecast that the Non-Peninsula sub region will outspend on cap ex through 2011, driven by Iran and Turkey. With a mobile penetration rate of 73.4% in the Middle East at the end of 2008 and the potential for new licenses to be awarded, we expect pockets of 2G growth in countries such as Iran, Syria, Lebanon and Yemen," says founder and President, Earl Lum.

"Given the dependency on oil for many of the countries in the region and with some economic recovery already beginning, we believe that countries on the Arabian Peninsula such as Saudi Arabia will continue to spend heavily on 3G upgrades and initial LTE networks during our forecast," says Lum.

The report includes detailed analysis for mobile operators in the Middle East including: Batelco, Etisalat, MTN, Orange, Orascom, Qtel, STC, Turkcell, Vodafone, Wataniya, and ZAIN. The report is currently available for purchase and information can be downloaded at www.ejlwireless.com.

About EJM Wireless Research

EJM Wireless Research provides proprietary, accurate and cutting-edge market analysis and consulting services on the wireless technology ecosystem. The firm focuses its research on all vertical elements of the wireless ecosystem including mobile subscribers, mobile operators, mobile handsets, mobile infrastructure and mobile content. In addition, the firm provides analysis across horizontal technology suppliers including RF semiconductor materials, RF semiconductor/components, subsystems and OEMs. Our goal is to provide our clients with mission critical market analysis and information.

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