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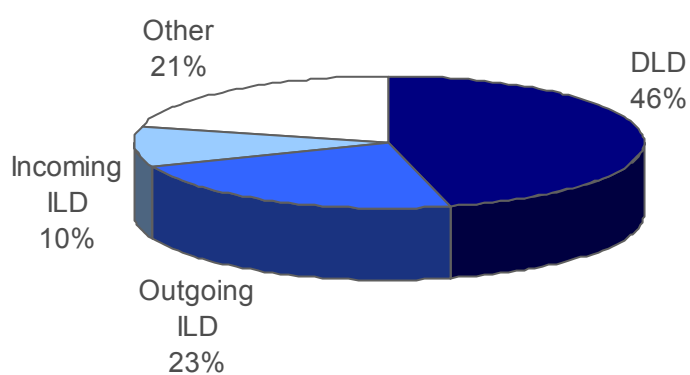
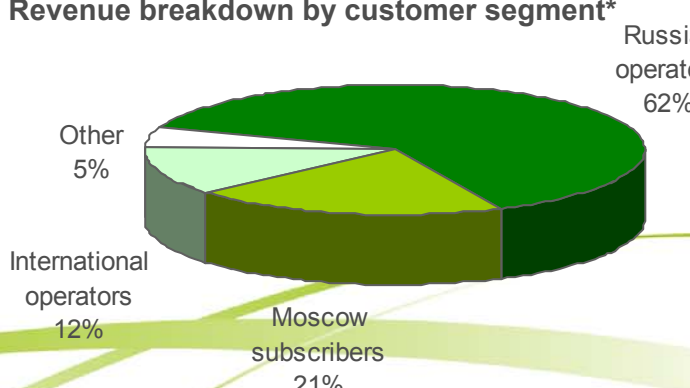
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✓	Rostelecom acts as a “carriers’ carrier” in the Russian market, interconnecting local public operators’ networks into a single national network											
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✓	Market capitalization: USD 2.97 billion											

* In accordance with 6mo 2005 IFRS results



Strong Position for Growth as Russia's National Long-Distance Operator

✓ Traffic growth in Russian telecom market continues

Russian telecommunications market grew by an impressive 38% in 2004 and is likely to grow by further 30% in 2005¹⁾

✓ Unique nationwide infrastructure gives Rostelecom enduring competitive advantage

4-year modernization and capacity expansion program to support top-line growth

✓ Rostelecom's top-line growth strategy is yielding results

Consolidated revenue increased 9.7% in H1 2005 (IFRS)

9mo 2005 non-consolidated revenue increased 7.7% (RAS)

✓ Opportunities for direct access to end-users throughout Russia from Jan. 1, 2006

✓ Corporate restructuring and efficiency programs clearly paying off

OIBDA margin²⁾ stable at 36.4% in H12005 (IFRS)

Steady headcount reduction underpins increasing productivity

✓ Financial strength supports strategic aims

S&P long-term credit upgrade to "B+" with stable outlook in February 2005

1) According to the Ministry of Information Technologies and Communications

2) OIBDA is a non-U.S. GAAP financial measure, which the Company defines as operating income before depreciation, amortization and loss on disposal of PP&E

Nationwide Network Underpins Rostelecom's Competitive Market Position

Developed trunk network underlies the Company's competitive advantages

Most extensive and sophisticated network infrastructure among Russian operators

- ✓ almost 200,000 km in length
- ✓ points of presence across entire Russian Federation
- ✓ points of presence in London, Stockholm and Frankfurt
- ✓ 93% digitalized in channel-kilometers
- ✓ 100% digitalized in switching capacity

Most reliable traffic transmission route in Russia

Low Repair & Maintenance expenses

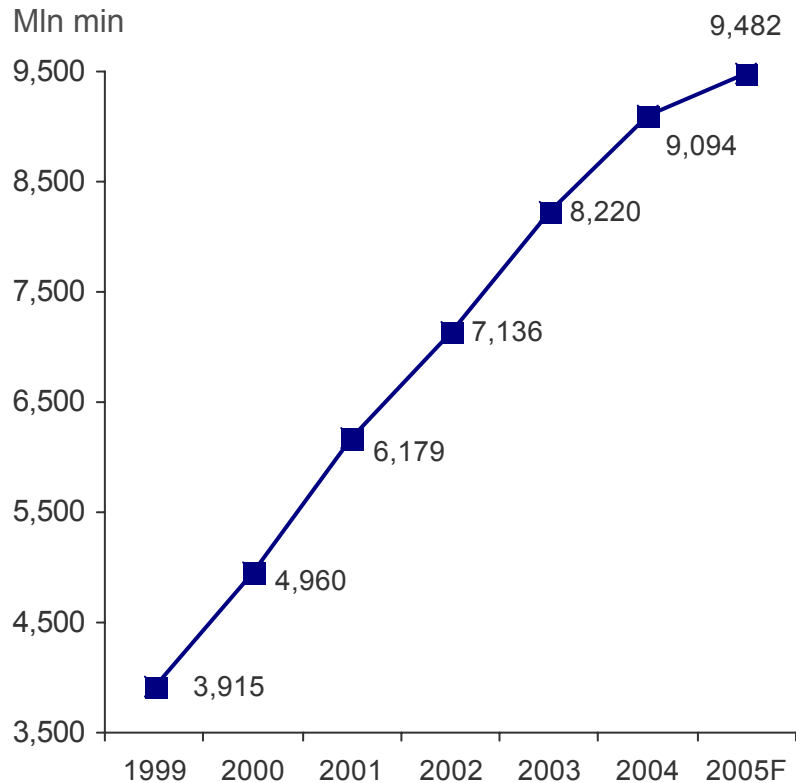
High service recognition from local and international operators

Competitive transit rates

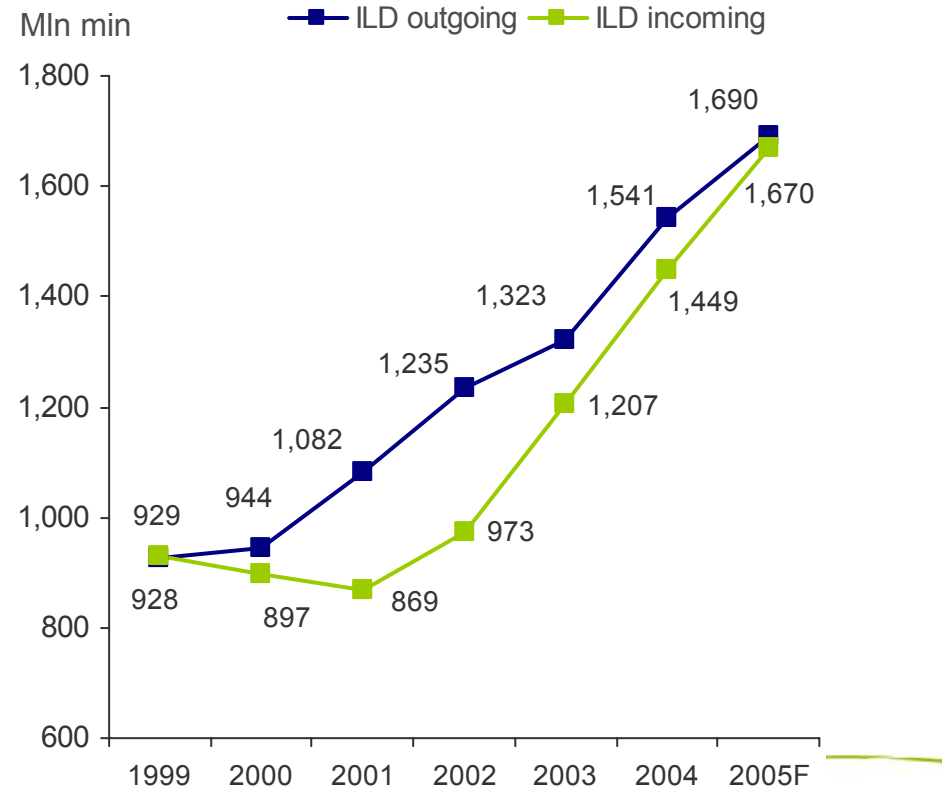
Rostelecom has built the most advantageous technological position for providing long-distance services under the new regulatory requirements

Continued Traffic Growth on Rostelecom's Network

Rostelecom's domestic long-distance (DLD) traffic dynamics



Rostelecom's international long-distance (ILD) traffic dynamics



✓ DLD traffic growth of 5-10% p.a.

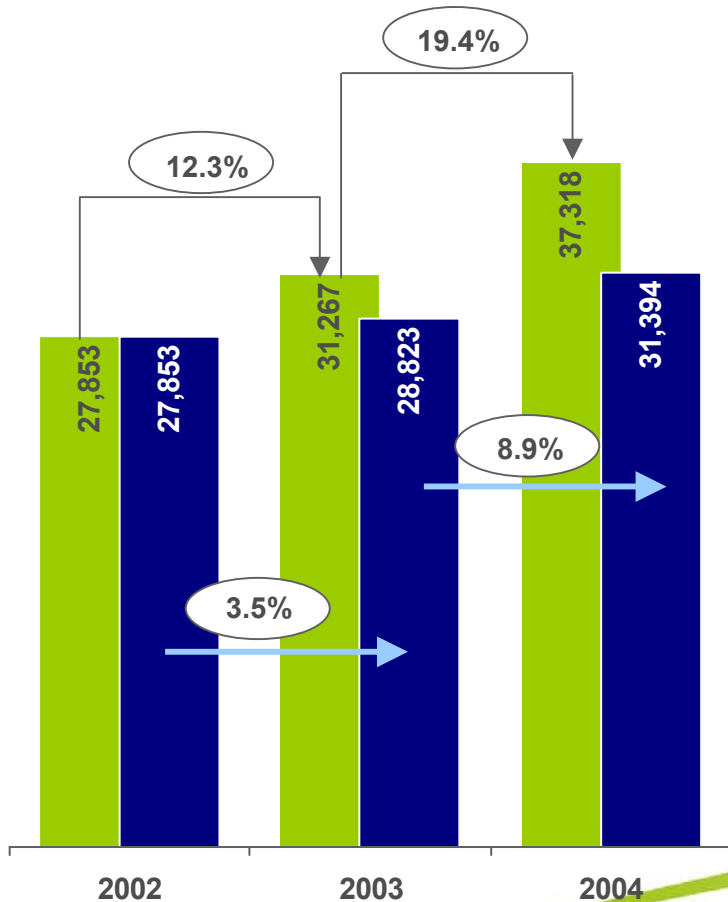
✓ Incoming ILD traffic growth at 15-20% p.a., outgoing ILD – at 10-15% p.a.



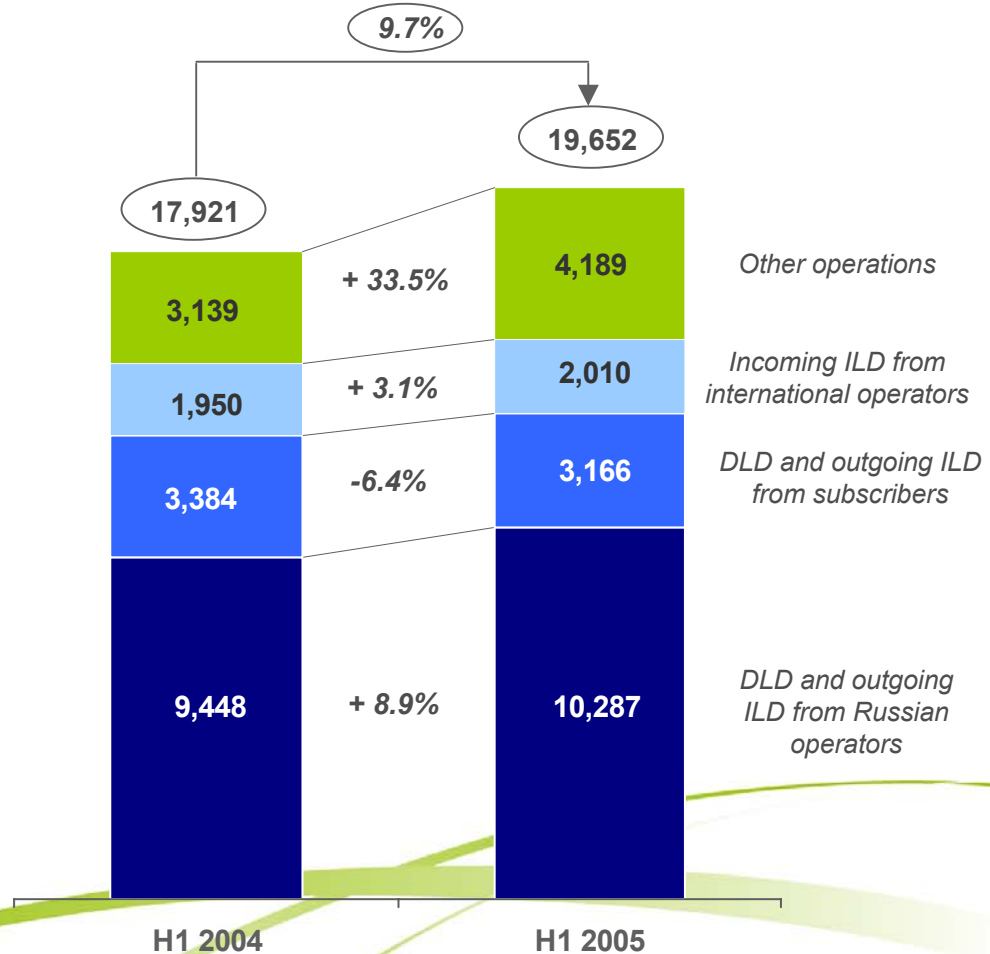
Rostelecom's Top-Line Growth Strategy Is Yielding Results

Total revenue (IFRS), RUR mln

- Revenue
- Revenue excl. effect of new settlement system



Revenue (IFRS) by segment, RUR mln





Change in Rostelecom's Market Status: Getting Direct Access to End-Users throughout Russia

**Rostelecom's market presence until 2006:
primarily wholesale operator**

**Rostelecom's market presence from 2006:
major Russian LD retail operator**

End-users market

Direct long-distance service provider in Moscow

- Provider of DLD and ILD services to MGTS' subscribers only
- Provider of channel capacity to Russian corporate clients

Direct long-distance service provider in all Russian regions

- Provider of DLD and ILD services to subscribers of local network operators throughout Russia
- Provider of channel capacity to Russian corporate clients

Russian operators market

Nationwide carrier's carrier and capacity provider

- Primarily provider of DLD and outgoing ILD traffic transit service to operators
- Provider of channel capacity to operators

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- Primarily provider of channel capacity to operators
- Provider of traffic transit services

International operators' market

Provider of incoming ILD traffic transit, non-switched international traffic transit and channel capacity

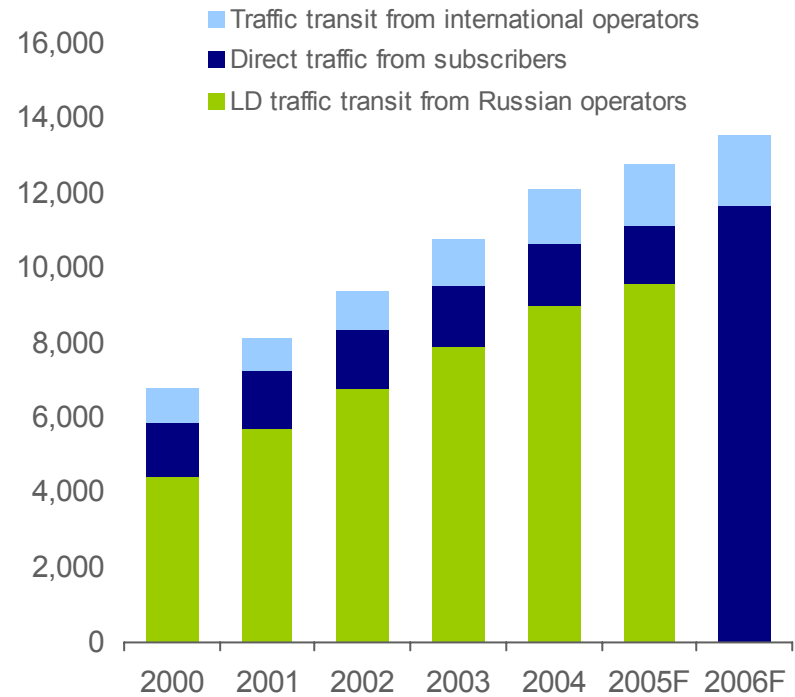
Other markets

Provider of equipment servicing, intelligent network services etc.

Evolving Rostelecom's Business Model to Seize Opportunities in Liberalized Market Environment

	Until 2006 – primarily wholesale LD operator	From 2006 – primarily retail LD operator
Main contributor to top-line	LD traffic transit services to operators	LD calls provision to subscribers of local network operators
Revenue recognition	<p>Transit and termination rate from operators</p> <p>The whole amount of end-user tariff in Moscow</p>	The whole amount of end-user tariff across Russia
Billing and customer service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B2B (in-house) • B2C in Moscow (in-house) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B2B (in-house) • B2C in Moscow (in-house) • B2C (outsourced in regions)

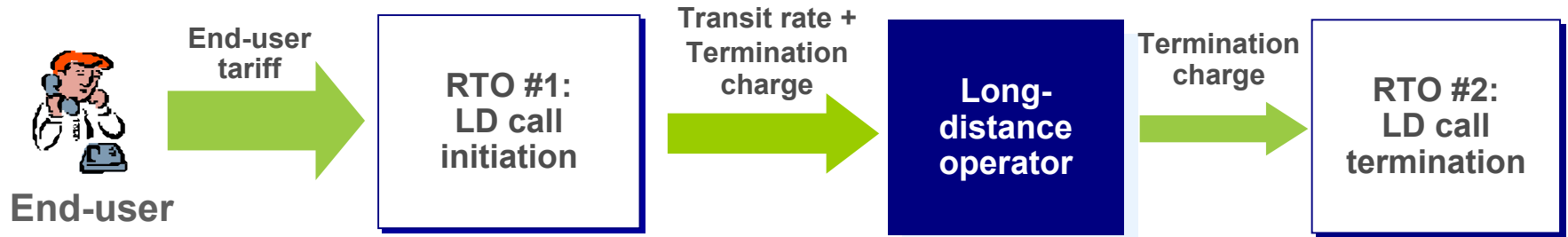
Rostelecom traffic volume by customer segment



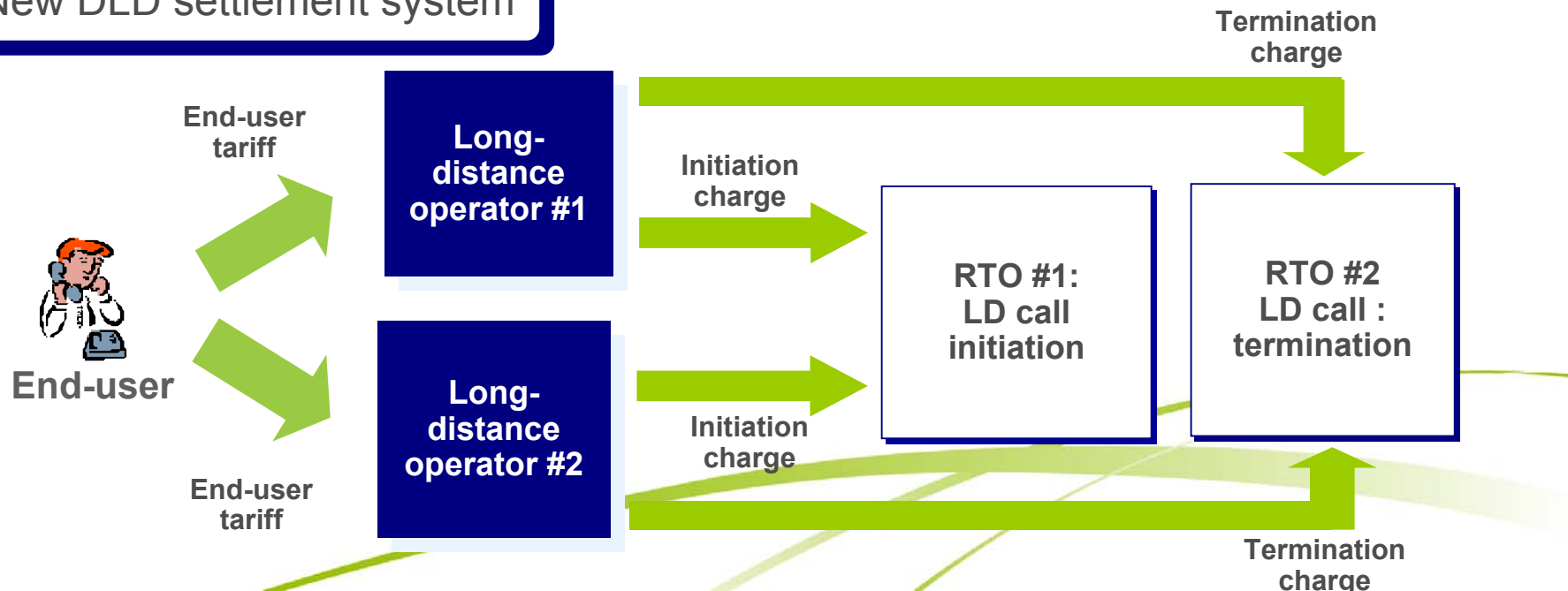
New interaction system – expanded customer base and change in traffic split

Main Effect of the New Settlement System – Direct Revenue Recognition from End-Users

Old DLD settlement system



New DLD settlement system



New Settlement System Effects on Rostelecom's Profit & Loss Statement

Upward effect on revenues

- ✓ Rostelecom recognizes as revenue the total amount of the end-user tariff
- ✓ Changes in revenue composition: decrease in revenues from local operators and increase in revenues from subscribers

Upward effect on operating expenses

- ✓ Rostelecom's payments to local operators increase:
 - initiation charge
 - termination charge paid for incoming ILD traffic termination
 - additional service charges to local operators
- ✓ Additional tax expense in the form of the Universal Service Fund tax (1.2% of revenues, collected from subscribers for LD services)

Effect on margins

- ✓ Negative effect on EBITDA margin

Operators Market: Sharp Increase in Revenue from Leased Line Services Driven by Booming Demand

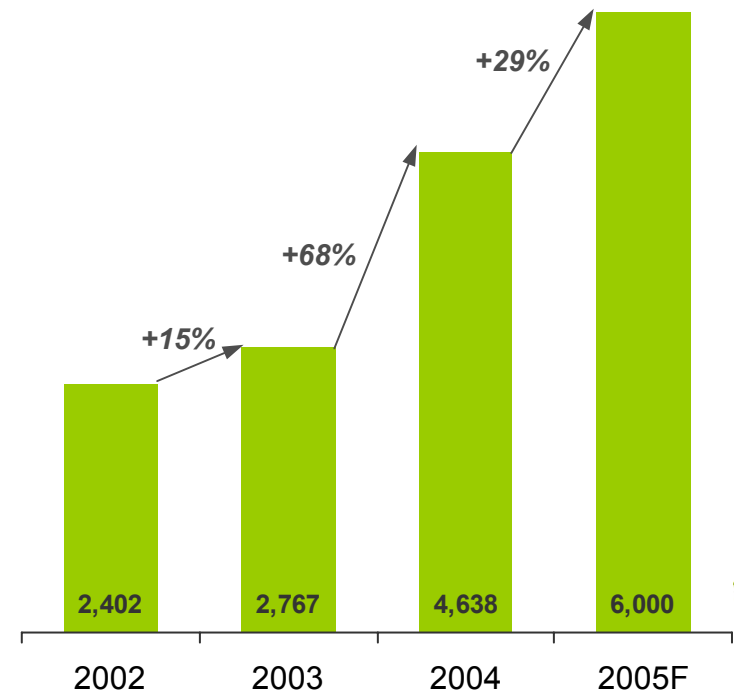
Strong growth in demand and competitive prices boost revenues from leased line services

- ✓ Unique scale and capacity of Rostelecom's nationwide network
- ✓ Strong growth in demand for leased line services across Russia
- ✓ Further expansion of flexible multiplexers network
- ✓ High quality of service and brand awareness

- ✓ Rostelecom enjoys strong position in the leased line market
- ✓ Sustained growth in revenues

Revenue from leased line services

RUR mln



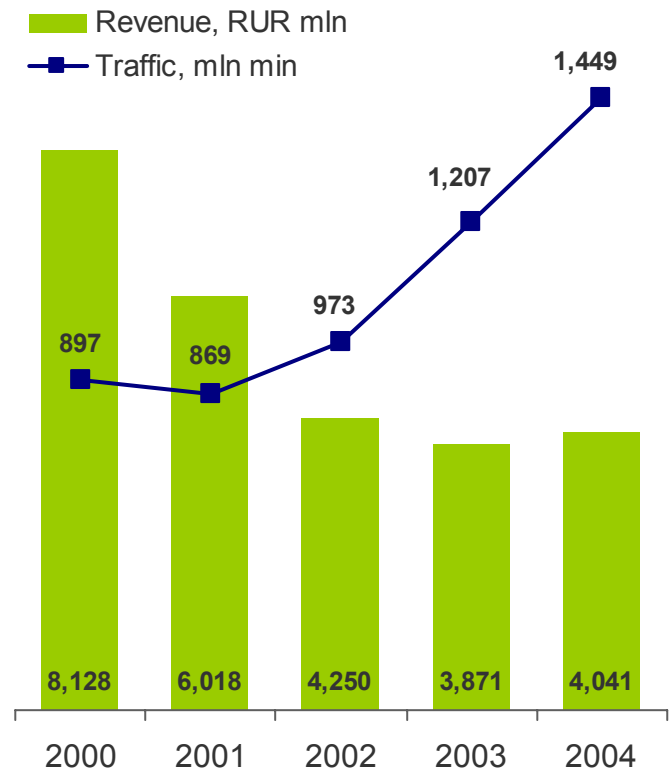
International Market: Stable Revenues on the Back of Healthy Traffic Growth

Strong relationships with international operators underpin Rostelecom's leading position in the international market

- ✓ Active cooperation with international operators
- ✓ Incoming ILD settlement rates revision

✓ Strong growth in traffic and positive revenue dynamics

Traffic and revenue from international operators



Value Added Services: Enhancing Competitiveness by Catering to Corporate Customers' New Needs

✓ **Effective promotion of existing Intelligent Network Services (INS):**

- Free-phone (8-800-200; 8-800-100)
- Televoting (8-803-200)
- Prepaid card

✓ **Active development of new services:**

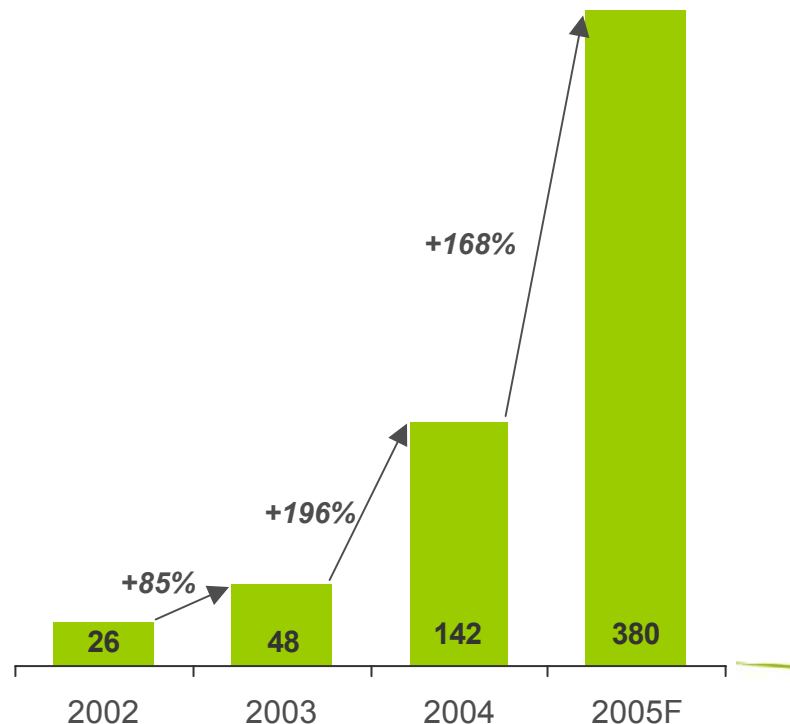
- 8-802/8-805/8-806/8-809 services to be launched

✓ **Rostelecom – competitive player in the VAS market**

✓ **Surge in INS revenues**

Revenue from Intelligent Network Services

RUR mln



Entry into Europe–Asia Transit Market Will Strengthen Competitive Potential in the Medium Term



Opportunities

Europe-Asia traffic is expected to continue its 20 to 30% annual growth trend

Existing undersea lines of competitors will not be able to accommodate growing capacity needs

Competitor's undersea lines have certain drawbacks, including limited capacity, large length, poor quality & reliability

Rostelecom strengths

Rostelecom's high-technology terrestrial countrywide network represents the shortest traffic transit route between Europe and Asia

We offer better quality and reliability of routing along with competitive pricing

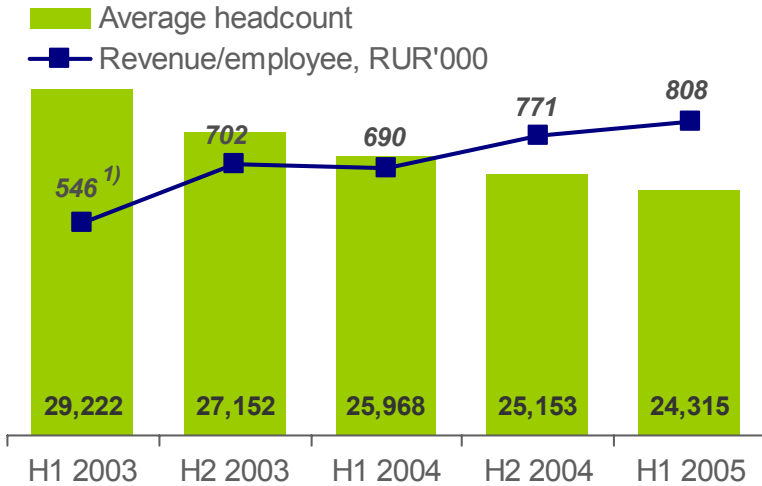
Flexible solutions to customers needs - protocol insensitive technology enables to carry any combination of voice, data, video and IP applications

Great potential of further development of TEA:

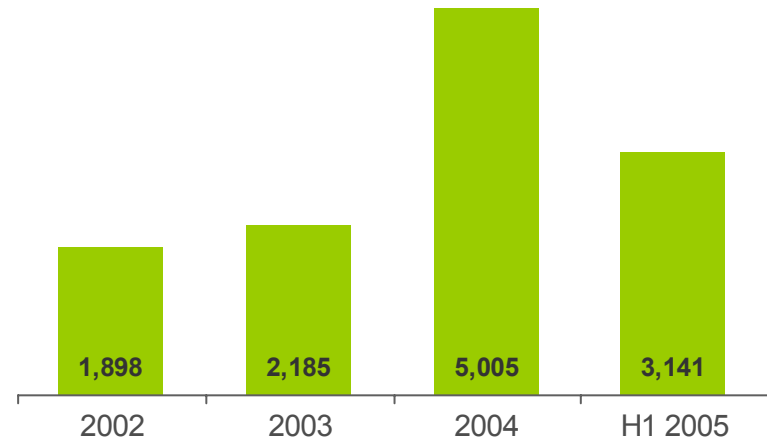
- Capacity expansion of Rostelecom's network to Chinese border underway
- Organization of point of presence in New York underway

Steady Efficiency Gains and Profit Performance Strengthen Rostelecom's Financial Position

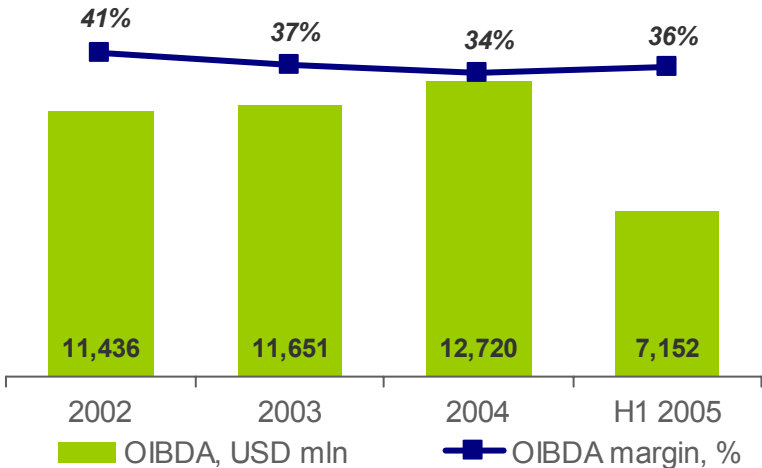
Revenue per employee



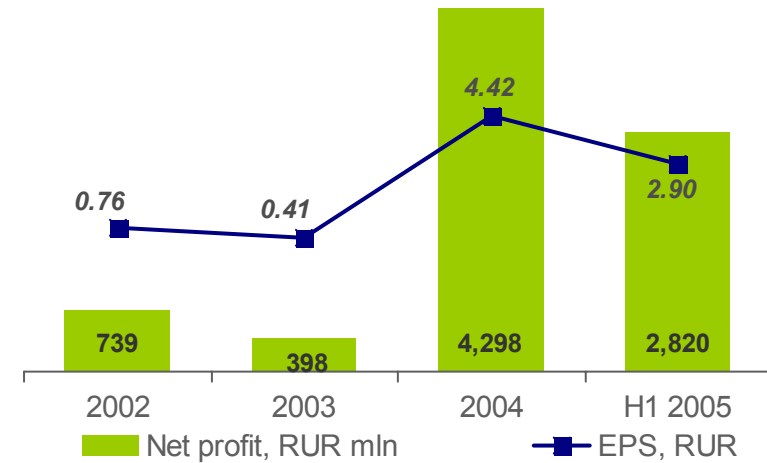
Operating profit, RUR million



OIBDA and OIBDA margin



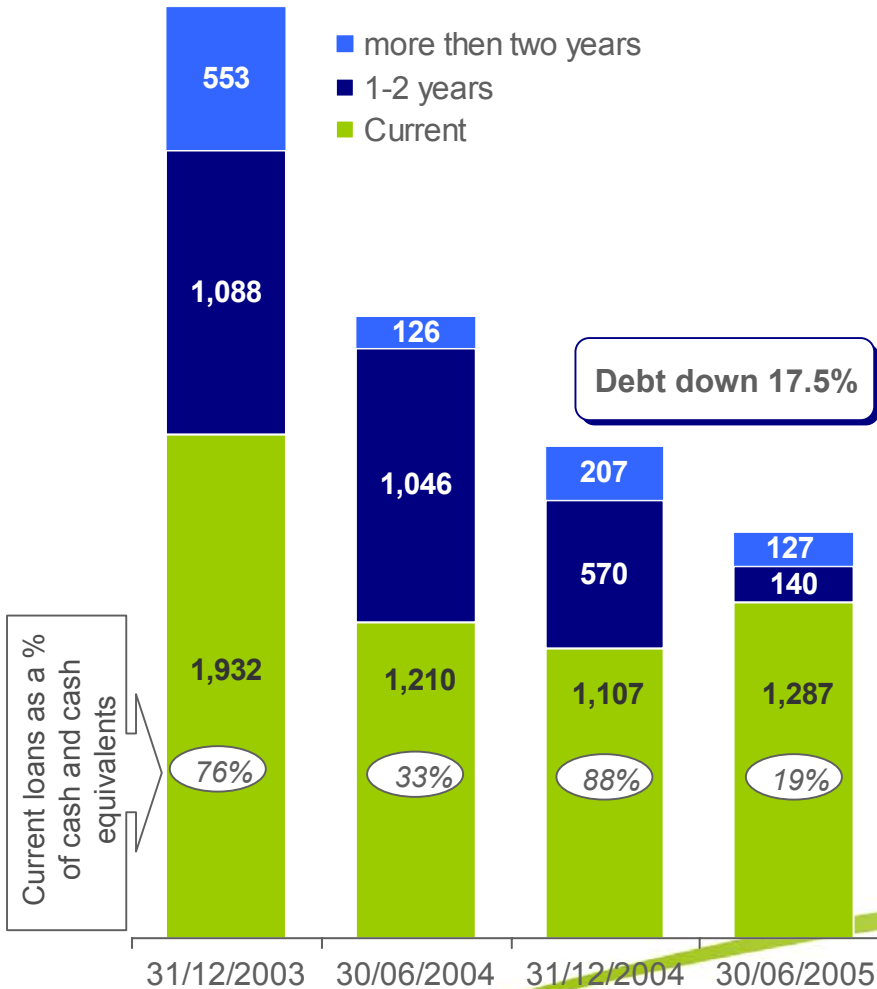
Net profit and earnings per share



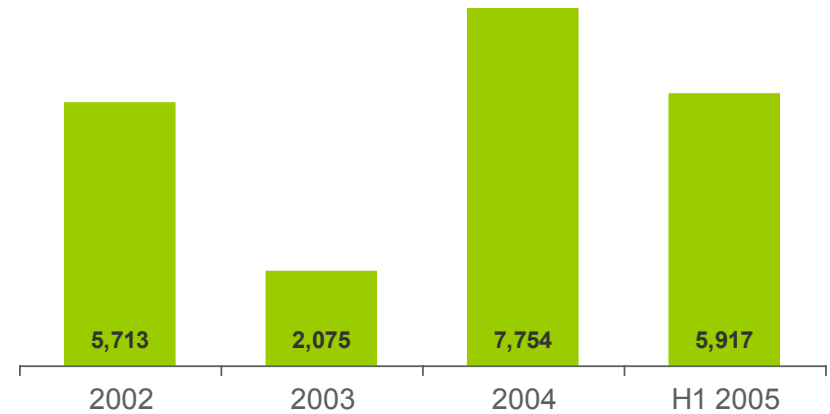
¹⁾ Adjusted to the new settlement system

Strong Balance Sheet and Steady Positive NOCF Generation Underlie Financial Flexibility

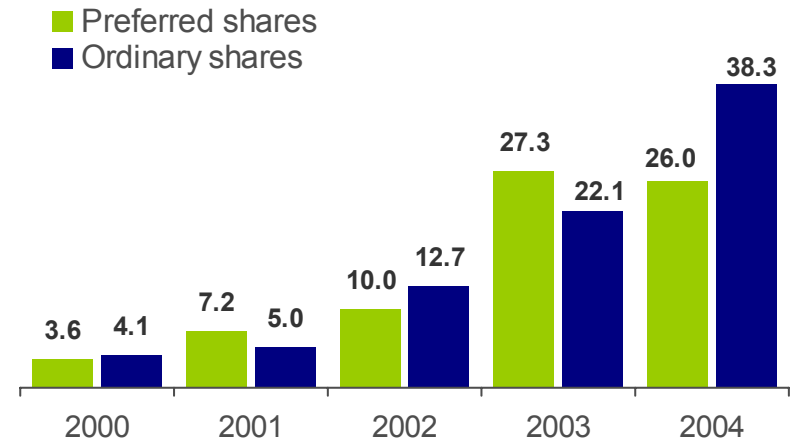
Interest bearing loans, RUR million



Net operating cash flow, RUR million

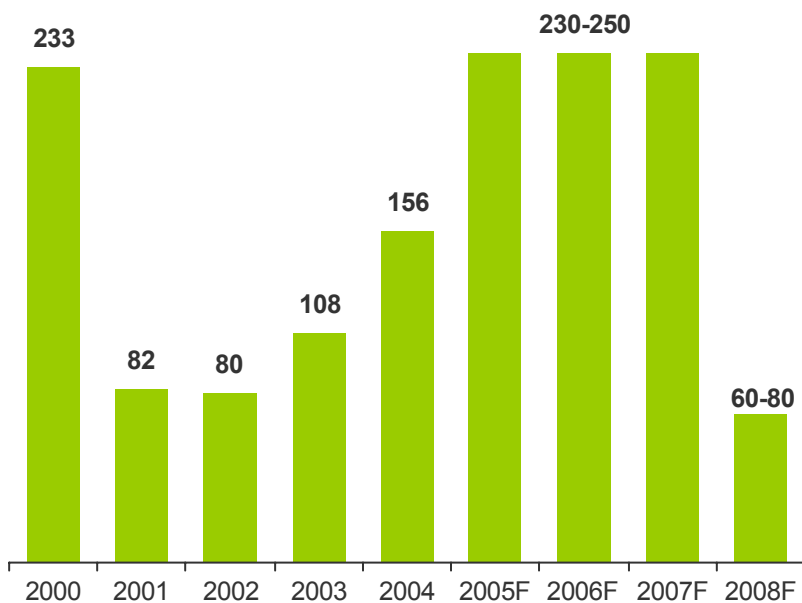


Dividends, USD million



Capital Expenditure Program to Enhance Rostelecom's Competitive Advantages

USD mln



Investment priorities

Capacity expansion

Implementation of unified billing system

Construction of new fiber-optic lines

Secondary network modernization, development of new services

Today's Priorities Focus on Competitive Strength and Efficiency

Traditional LD voice transit services to end-users

- ✓ Further growth in traffic in the Russian market through active marketing efforts
- ✓ Strengthening competitive position in Moscow

Advanced technological solutions for corporate clients

- ✓ Active promotion and launch of new intelligent network services
- ✓ Expansion of multi-service network

Operators market

- ✓ Active promotion of Europe-Asia traffic transit service
- ✓ Strengthening leadership in the international market
- ✓ Further trunk network modernization and expansion

Further operational efficiency enhancement

- ✓ Disposal of underperforming and non-core assets
- ✓ Business processes and organizational structure optimization

Management's key goal – to secure Rostelecom's competitive position in the liberalized market

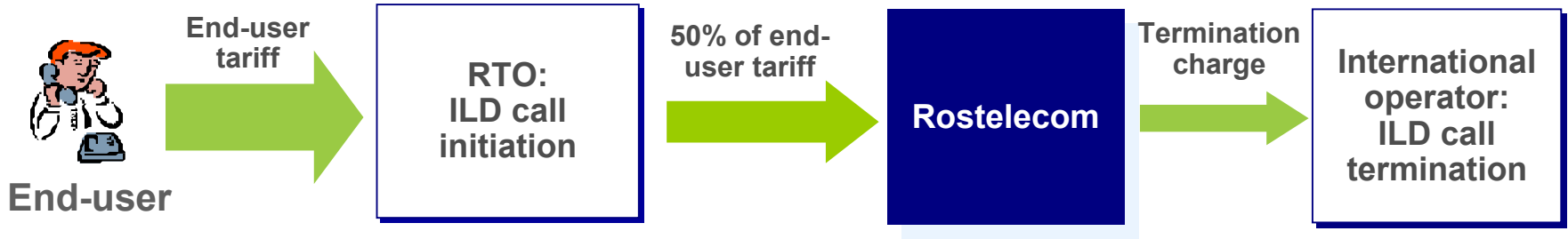
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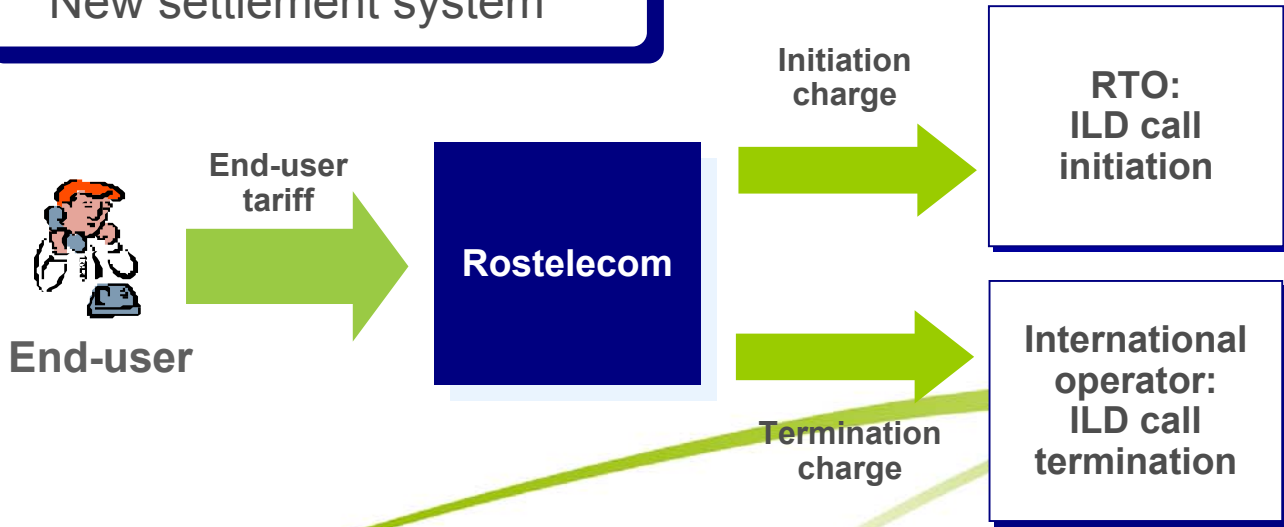
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1. International LD services to Russian end-users

Old settlement system



New settlement system





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2. Incoming ILD traffic termination

Old settlement system



New settlement system





H1 2005 IFRS Financial Highlights: Robust Increase in Profits on Top-line Growth and Efficiency Gains

RUR mln	H1 2005	H1 2004	Change, %
Local operators	12,285	10,732	14.5
Subscribers	4,112	4,368	-5.9
Foreign operators	2,302	2,204	4.4
Other	953	617	54.5
Total revenue	19,652	17,921	9.7
Operating expenses before depreciation and loss on disposal of PP&E	(12,500)	(11,379)	9.9
OIBDA	7,152	6,542	9.3
Depreciation	3,649	3,649	0.0
Loss on sale of property, plant and equipment	(362)	(73)	395.9
Total operating expenses	(16,511)	(15,101)	9.3
Operating profit	3,141	2,820	11.4
Gain from associates	26	74	-64.9
Net result from financial activities	563	294	91.5
Profit before tax	3,730	3,188	17.0
Income tax expense	(910)	(777)	17.1
Profit for the period	2,820	2,411	17.0
Earnings per share	2.90	2.48	16.9

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet

RUR mln	Jun. 30, 2005	Dec. 31, 2004	Change, %
Non-current assets	47,301	48,788	-3.0
Current assets	20,217	15,632	29.3
Accounts receivable, net	6,329	5,613	27.0
Short-term investments	6,302	8,150	-32.5
Cash and cash equivalents	6,802	1,255	442.0
Total assets	67,518	64,420	4.8
Total equity	51,598	50,838	1.5
Non-current liabilities	6,034	7,316	-17.5
Interest bearing loans, net of current portion	267	777	-65.6
Deferred tax liability	5,530	5,954	-7.1
Current liabilities	9,886	6,266	57.8
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	5,313	3,299	61.0
Current portion of interest bearing loans	1,287	1,107	16.3
Total liabilities	15,920	13,582	17.2
Total equity and liabilities	67,518	64,420	4.8



9mo 2005 RAS Operating and Financial Results: Further Solid Growth in Revenues and Profits

	9mo 2005	9mo 2004	Change, %
Million minutes			
Domestic long-distance traffic	7,034	6,672	5.4
Outgoing international traffic	1,291	1,141	13.1
Incoming international traffic	1,219	1,073	13.6
RUR million			
Revenue	29,762	27,645	7.7
Operating expenses	(20,080)	(18,180)	10.4
incl. depreciation	(1,936)	(1,589)	21.8
EBITDA	11,619	11,055	5.1
Operating profit	9,683	9,466	2.3
Results from other operating activities	1,419	(295)	n/a
Results from other non-sales activities	(579)	(398)	45.5
Profit before tax	10,522	8,772	19.9
Profit tax	2,679	2,182	22.8
Extraordinary items	0.3	(0.1)	n/a
Profit for the period	7,844	6,591	19.0

- **Listings:**

NYSE, LSE, RTS, MICEX

- **Free float:**

62% (49% ORD and 100% PREF)

- **Market capitalization:**

USD 2.97 bn

- **Recent stock price (21/03/2006):**

ORD: USD 3.31 (51 WK HI/LO: USD 3.55 / 1.68)

PREF: USD 2.30 (51 WK HI/LO: USD 2.45 / 1.27)

- **2004 Dividend yield:**

2.5% (ORD) / 6.5% (PREF)

- **Dividend policy**

PREF: 10% of the full financial year net profit under RAS

ORD: recommended by the Board of Directors

- ✓ **“B+” credit rating from S&P, outlook stable**
- ✓ **Corporate Governance Code and Code of Ethics in place**
- ✓ **IFRS reporting**
- ✓ **Rated #1 among Russian companies for transparency and disclosing by S&P in 2004**



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