

MOBILE TELESYSTEMS PJSC
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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Issuer
March 21, 2019

**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

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Mobile TeleSystems PJSC

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Russian Federation

(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

**4, Marksistskaya Street
Moscow 109147
Russian Federation**

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Yes No

MTS Announces New Dividend Policy With Minimum Payout Of RUB 28.0 Per Share

March 21, 2019

Moscow, Russian Federation MTS PJSC (MTS NYSE: MBT; MOEX: MTSS), the leading Russian telecommunications operator and digital service provider, announces that the Board of Directors (the Board), at a meeting on March 21, 2019, approved the Company's new dividend policy for 2019-2021.

Under the new dividend policy, the Company will seek to pay at least RUB 28.0 per ordinary MTS share (RUB 56.0 per ADR) per calendar year. Payments will continue to be made on a semi-annual basis. In determining actual dividends payout, the Company will consider a number of factors, including cash flow from operations, capital expenditures and debt position.

In accordance with the new dividend policy, the Board will review proposals for an annual dividend in April 2019 and an interim dividend in July 2019.

The full text of the new dividend policy is available at <http://ir.mts.ru/investors/shares/dividends/>

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In addition to regular payments under the dividend policy, the Company may further increase shareholder returns through a share buyback program in the open market. When making a decision on the launch and size of a program, the Board of Directors will take into account the current availability of funds, operating performance, amount of debt and future needs of the Company, as well as the overall market situation.

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Mobile TeleSystems PJSC (MTS - NYSE:MBT; MOEX:MTSS), the leading telecommunications group in Russia and the CIS, provides a range of mobile, fixed-line and digital services. We serve over 100 million mobile subscribers in Russia, Ukraine, Armenia, and Belarus, and about 9 million customers of fixed-line services, including fixed voice, broadband internet, and pay-TV. To keep pace with evolving customer demand, MTS is redefining what telecommunications services are by offering innovative products beyond its core network-related businesses in various tech segments, including Big Data, financial and banking services, internet of things, OTT, cloud computing, systems integration and e-commerce. We leverage our market-leading retail network as a platform for customer services and sales of devices and accessories. MTS maintains its leadership in the Russian mobile market in terms of revenue and profitability. MTS is majority-owned by Sistema PJSC. Since 2000, MTS shares have been listed on the New York Stock Exchange and since 2003 - on the Moscow Exchange. For more information, please visit: www.ir.mts.ru.

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will, could, may or might, and the negative of such terms or other similar expressions. We wish to caution you that these statements are only predictions and that actual events or results may differ materially. We do not undertake or intend to update these statements to reflect events and circumstances occurring after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events. We refer you to the documents MTS files from time to time with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, specifically the Company's most recent Form 20-F. These documents contain and identify important factors, including those contained in the section captioned Risk Factors that could cause the actual results to differ materially from those contained in our projections or forward-looking statements, including, among others, the severity and duration of current economic and financial conditions, including volatility in interest and exchange rates, commodity and equity prices and the value of financial assets; the impact of Russian, U.S. and other foreign government programs to restore liquidity and stimulate national and global economies, our ability to maintain our current credit rating and the impact on our funding costs and competitive position if we do not do so, strategic actions, including acquisitions and dispositions and our success in integrating acquired businesses, potential fluctuations in quarterly results, our competitive environment, dependence on new service development and tariff structures, rapid technological and market change, acquisition strategy, risks associated with telecommunications infrastructure, governmental regulation of the telecommunications industries and other risks associated with operating in Russia and the CIS, volatility of stock price, financial risk management and future growth subject to risks.

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