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# Our journey





## Recapping

### **Internal factors**

- **Declining** revenue and **high cost** structure
- Over-reliance on fixed voice
- High debt levels and weak cash flow
- Weak Mobile business performance



### **External factors**

- **Declining** fixed voice & fixed-mobile substitution
- Self-provisioning by wholesale customers
- Uncertain regulatory & policy environment
- **Regulator** relationship in turmoil



### **Our turnaround**

### Challenges

- Declining fixed voice revenue and self provisioning by mobile players
- High cost structure, poor balance sheet and weak cash flow
- Weak Mobile business performance, EBITDA loss of R2bn
- Pending competition fines & regulator relationship in turmoil

### **Management response**

- Invested in new technologies and managed voice decline
  Wholesale pricing intervention
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- Multi year cost efficiency programme & strengthened balance sheet - net debt to EBITDA ≤1 times
- EBITDA breakeven and improved financial performance in Mobile business
- Settlement of R200 million to mitigate ~R3bn fine and reset relationship with regulator



## **Transformative initiatives**



#### **Repositioning of Openserve**

Our vehicle for **data** and **broadband investment** 



#### **Acquisition of BCX**

IT revenue streams to diversify and offset declining fixed voice revenue in the Enterprise business



#### **Accelerated Mobile business**

such as LTE through efficient use of **2300 MHz** spectrum and investment in **next generation broadband** 



# Separated Mast & Tower and property portfolio

to commercialise **property portfolio** and service the industry



### **Repositioning of Openserve**

Strategic intent

- Modernise network
- Create trust with customer base
- Grow OLO customers
- Reduce operational costs



- Review pricing strategy
- Invested in NextGen
  - technology & Fiber roll-out
- Cost efficiency programme



- Leading connectivity provider
- Largest fibre footprint
- Improved efficiencies



### **BCX** acquisition to diversify



- Position ICT converged solutions
- Diversify revenue mix
- Invest in future skill base



- Backward integration of Enterprise into BCX
- Renewed BCX leadership
- Revised operating model
- Rebased cost structure



- Reduced voice dependency
- Optimised product

offerings

- Retained profitability
- Culture transformation



### **Reposition Consumer business**

Strategic intent

- De-risk Mobile business
- Grow data usage
- Improve customer value propositions
- Improve cost base



- Launched data led prepositions
- Offered Fixed Wireless products
- Launched digital content platform



- Broadband led value propositions
- Increased mobile market share
- Achieved mobile sustainability

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### Focus on property portfolio



- Diversify portfolio
- More efficient use of building capacity & space
- Unlock value in current property portfolio
- Focus on new property revenue streams



- Established focused
   property business Gyro
- Consolidated the portfolio
- Commercialised properties
- Recruited specialist skills



- Increased revenue streams from Mast and Tower portfolio
- Optimised building operations
- Reduced operational cost



### New revenue streams – foundation for growth

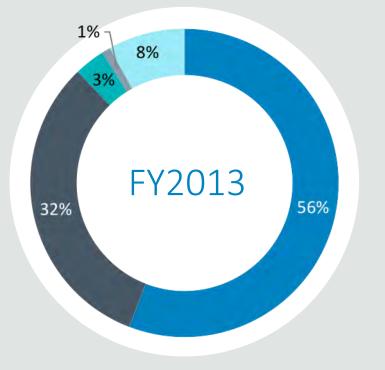
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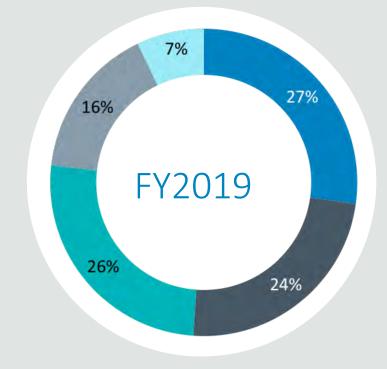
Fixed data

Mobile

Other

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## **Diversified portfolio – set for growth**

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- Accelerate mobile growth
- Drive high-speed broadband
- Network expansion
- Content and VAS
- Improve customer experience



- Grow connectivity
- Improve IT services profitability
- Reduce cost to
   serve



- Modernise the network
- Commercialise the network
- Transforming service delivery

Gyro

- Optimise and grow the mast & tower portfolio
- Commercialise the property portfolio
- Enhance
   building
   operation
   efficiencies



- Establish dedicated
   SMB business unit
- Aggressive on new
   propositions
- Build a digital platform-led business
- Introduce adjacent market products through an eMarket place

