

## **Supporting Document 9.1**

### **Pay Phone Expansion Plan**

According to the ETC's project proposal for rehabilitation and expansion of pay phone systems in towns with automatic public exchanges issued in August, 1999 the project is planned for major towns with automatic public exchanges which include the metropolitan Addis Ababa and the towns of Awassa, Shashemene, Jimma, Nekempte, Bahirdar, Diredawa, Nazreth and Mekele with the towns of satellite to these towns.

Pay phone systems started in Ethiopia with a humble beginning three decades ago by installing few numbers of systems in the capital, Addis Ababa. The system had been extended to other major towns that hosted regional local transit exchanges and nearly 750 units were in operation in 1999.

ETC's 8<sup>th</sup> Development Program for pay phone system is shown below,

Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Pay phone	757	1,766	2,516	3,516	4,516	5,516

At present stage the existing pay phones are 935 units through Ethiopia and procured pay phones are 2,000 units which are being proceeded to construct in the towns as a part of the 8<sup>th</sup> Development Program.

While in urban areas mobile phones are expected to explosively expand within few years, the pay phone system's plan shall be reconsidered to change it from the 8<sup>th</sup> program and to promote the extension and the popularization of mobile customers. The following plan, therefore, will be recommended to implement pay phone systems as shown in the table and shall be introduced pre-paid card system besides coin.

<b>Year</b>	<b>To be expanded to</b>	<b>Unit to be expanded</b>
2003	2,000 units	8 <sup>th</sup> Development Program
2004	2,500 units	8 <sup>th</sup> Development Program
2005	3,000 units	65 units
2007	3,300 units	300 units
2010	3,600 units	300 units
2015	4,300 units	700 units
2020	5,000 units	700 units