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Research Dossier: Airtel Congo



Country

Congo, Republic (Brazzaville)

Company Name

Airtel Congo SA

Ownership Type

Subsidiary

Ownership/Controlling Entity

Airtel Africa

Website

<http://www.africa.airtel.com/congob/>

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Company Overview

Airtel Congo is the second largest mobile network operator in the Republic of the Congo. The company was founded in 1998 as then MSI Cellular Investments, changing branding to Celtel in 2004, and again in 2005 following its acquisition by Zain Group. In June 2010 the company was purchased by Airtel Africa and subsequently rebranded to Airtel in November that year.

Bharti Airtel acquired competitor Waridtel Congo from its UAE-based owner Abu Dhabi Group in June 2014, integrating its customer base and assets under the Airtel brand.

The company provides 2G GSM services over 900 and 1800 MHz bands, and in October 2011 launched 3G UMTS services over the B1 (2100 MHz) band, providing up to 21 Mbps over HSPA+. Airtel later added U900 services as part of its African Network Excellence program.

Airtel Congo launched 4G LTE services over an unconfirmed band in December 2018. It is speculated that Airtel uses a recently awarded 20 MHz spectrum allotment to provide a B7 (2600 MHz) service.

▼ 3G UMTS Network Information

Details on UMTS network deployments are shown below. Data are often incomplete due to commercial nature. Consult dossier text for further details.

Launch Date 2011-10 Status Active

UMTS Band	Packet Data	Status
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B1 (2100 MHz)	HSPA+	Active
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B8 (900 MHz)	HSPA+	Active
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▼ 4G LTE Network Information

Details on LTE network deployments are shown below. Data are often incomplete due to commercial nature. Consult dossier text for further details.

Evolution	LTE (Standard)	Status	Active [Launched 2018-12]
Max. MIMO	2x2 MIMO	Max. Modulation	64QAM
Carrier Aggregation	-	Features	-

LTE Band	Channel Width	Status
B7 (2600 MHz)	20 MHz	Unconfirmed

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