

**Interim Condensed Financial Statements  
as at and for the quarter ended 30 September 2021  
(Un-audited)**

# Grameenphone Ltd.

## Interim condensed statement of financial position As at 30 September 2021

	Notes	30 September 2021 BDT (000)	31 December 2020 BDT (000)
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	4	57,462,426	56,901,192
Intangible assets	5	2,687,289	2,316,587
Right-of-use assets	6	62,098,775	53,532,673
Contract cost	7	5,810,215	4,934,438
Other non-current assets	8	20,568,456	20,568,456
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		<b>148,627,161</b>	<b>138,253,346</b>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Inventories	9	284,514	201,068
Trade receivables and others	10	7,127,657	7,131,165
Cash and cash equivalents	11	3,938,760	2,598,738
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>11,350,931</b>	<b>9,930,971</b>
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>159,978,092</b>	<b>148,184,317</b>
<b>Equity and liabilities</b>			
<b>Shareholders' equity</b>			
Share capital	13	13,503,000	13,503,000
Share premium	14	7,840,226	7,840,226
Capital reserve	15	14,446	14,446
Retained earnings		20,260,751	30,749,942
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>41,618,423</b>	<b>52,107,614</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Lease liabilities		20,494,228	14,146,840
Deferred tax liabilities	17	1,063,867	3,350,834
Employee benefits		2,030,298	1,641,383
Other non-current liabilities	18	346,589	281,272
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>		<b>23,934,982</b>	<b>19,420,329</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Trade payables and others	19	24,125,535	23,988,115
Provisions		14,146,550	14,402,559
Lease liabilities		8,917,033	6,328,697
Loans and borrowings	16	13,855,000	1,240,000
Current tax liabilities	20	27,878,431	24,870,650
Other current liabilities	21	5,469,725	5,690,023
Unclaimed dividend	22	32,413	136,330
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>94,424,687</b>	<b>76,656,374</b>
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>		<b>159,978,092</b>	<b>148,184,317</b>

The annexed notes 1 to 36 form an integral part of these interim condensed financial statements.

Sd/-  
Chairman

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Chief Executive Officer

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Company Secretary

Dated: Dhaka, 21 October 2021



## Grameenphone Ltd.

### Interim condensed statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income For the quarter ended 30 September 2021

Notes	01 January to	01 January to	01 July to	01 July to	
	30 September 2021	30 September 2020	30 September 2021	30 September 2020	
	BDT (000)	BDT (000)	BDT (000)	BDT (000)	
<b>Revenue</b>	23	106,784,472	104,796,224	36,209,189	35,558,673
Cost of material and traffic charges	24	(7,086,789)	(6,553,003)	(2,341,434)	(2,195,618)
Salaries and personnel cost	25	(8,469,117)	(7,472,608)	(3,143,348)	(2,439,198)
Operation and maintenance	26	(3,870,452)	(4,055,174)	(1,361,390)	(1,305,124)
Sales, marketing and commissions	27	(9,837,555)	(9,122,382)	(3,141,692)	(3,152,445)
Revenue sharing and spectrum charges		(8,056,316)	(7,534,587)	(2,820,690)	(2,554,284)
Other operating (expenses)/income	28	(4,356,810)	(4,674,409)	(1,620,853)	(1,482,610)
Depreciation and amortisation		(17,361,710)	(17,615,820)	(6,022,559)	(5,787,754)
		(59,038,749)	(57,027,983)	(20,451,966)	(18,917,033)
<b>Operating profit</b>		<b>47,745,723</b>	<b>47,768,241</b>	<b>15,757,223</b>	<b>16,641,640</b>
Finance (expense)/income	29	(1,800,280)	(1,907,848)	(715,124)	(592,255)
Foreign exchange gain/(loss)		103,255	250,614	87,405	(115,616)
		(1,697,025)	(1,657,234)	(627,719)	(707,871)
<b>Profit before tax</b>		<b>46,048,698</b>	<b>46,111,007</b>	<b>15,129,504</b>	<b>15,933,769</b>
Income tax expense	30	(20,079,788)	(19,257,101)	(6,572,060)	(7,035,178)
<b>Profit after tax</b>		<b>25,968,910</b>	<b>26,853,906</b>	<b>8,557,444</b>	<b>8,898,591</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>		-	-	-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income for the period</b>		<b>25,968,910</b>	<b>26,853,906</b>	<b>8,557,444</b>	<b>8,898,591</b>
<b>Earnings per share</b>					
Basic earnings per share (par value BDT 10 each in BDT)	31	<b>19.23</b>	<b>19.89</b>	<b>6.34</b>	<b>6.59</b>

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## Grameenphone Ltd.

### Interim condensed statement of changes in equity (un-audited)

For the nine-month period ended 30 September 2021

	Share capital	Share premium	Capital reserve	Deposit from shareholders	Retained earnings	Total
	BDT (000)	BDT (000)	BDT (000)	BDT (000)	BDT (000)	BDT (000)
<b>Balance as at 01 January 2020</b>	13,503,000	7,840,226	14,446	1,880	16,987,853	38,347,405
Transfer of deposit from shareholder to other income:	-	-	-	(1,880)	-	(1,880)
Transactions with the equity holders:						
Final dividend for 2019	-	-	-	-	(5,401,200)	(5,401,200)
Interim dividend for 2020	-	-	-	-	(17,553,900)	(17,553,900)
Total comprehensive income for the nine-month period ended 30 September:						
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	26,853,906	26,853,906
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Balance as at 30 September 2020</b>	<b>13,503,000</b>	<b>7,840,226</b>	<b>14,446</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,886,659</b>	<b>42,244,331</b>
<b>Balance as at 01 January 2021</b>	<b>13,503,000</b>	<b>7,840,226</b>	<b>14,446</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,749,942</b>	<b>52,107,614</b>
Transactions with the equity holders:						
Final dividend for 2020	-	-	-	-	(19,579,350)	(19,579,350)
Interim dividend for 2021	-	-	-	-	(16,878,751)	(16,878,751)
Total comprehensive income for the nine-month period ended 30 September:						
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	25,968,910	25,968,910
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Balance as at 30 September 2021</b>	<b>13,503,000</b>	<b>7,840,226</b>	<b>14,446</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,260,751</b>	<b>41,618,423</b>



## Grameenphone Ltd.

### Interim condensed statement of cash flows (un-audited) For the nine-month period ended 30 September 2021

	<u>1 January to 30 September 2021</u> BDT (000)	<u>1 January to 30 September 2020</u> BDT (000)
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Cash receipts from customers	106,913,970	104,517,409
Payroll and other payments to employees	(5,867,537)	(4,713,403)
Payments to suppliers, contractors and others	(34,303,942)	(50,454,283)
Interest received	80,872	254,809
Interest paid	(1,726,960)	(2,178,850)
Income tax paid	(19,358,974)	(22,296,944)
	(61,176,541)	(79,388,671)
<b>Net cash generated by operating activities</b>	<b>45,737,429</b>	<b>25,128,738</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Payment for acquisition of property, plant and equipment, right-of-use assets and intangible assets	(15,092,813)	(8,129,360)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	194,308	182,828
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>(14,898,505)</b>	<b>(7,946,532)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Proceeds from/(payment of) short-term bank loan	12,615,000	8,850,000
Transfer of IPO subscription money to Capital Market Stabilisation Fund	(5,292)	-
Transfer of unclaimed dividend to Capital Market Stabilisation Fund	(114,403)	-
Payment of dividend	(38,073,313)	(28,110,077)
Payment of long-term loan	-	(2,973,210)
Payment of lease liabilities	(3,921,920)	(3,007,006)
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>	<b>(29,499,928)</b>	<b>(25,240,293)</b>
<b>Net change in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>1,338,996</b>	<b>(8,058,087)</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents as at 01 January</b>	<b>2,598,738</b>	<b>13,760,677</b>
<b>Effect of exchange rate fluctuations on cash held</b>	<b>1,026</b>	<b>1,753</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents as at 30 September</b>	<b>3,938,760</b>	<b>5,704,343</b>



# Grameenphone Ltd.

## Notes to the interim condensed financial statements (un-audited)

For the period ended 30 September 2021

### 1 Corporate information

Grameenphone Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as "Grameenphone"/"GP"/"the Company") is a public limited company incorporated in Bangladesh in 1996 under the Companies Act 1994 and has its registered address at GPHOUSE, Bashundhara, Baridhara, Dhaka 1229. Grameenphone was initially registered as a private limited company and subsequently converted into a public limited company on 25 June 2007. During November 2009, Grameenphone listed its shares with both Dhaka and Chittagong Stock Exchanges. The immediate parent of Grameenphone is Telenor Mobile Communications AS and the ultimate parent is Telenor ASA; both the companies are incorporated in Norway.

The Company is primarily involved in providing mobile telecommunication services (voice, data and other related services), along with digital services in Bangladesh. The company also provides international roaming services through international roaming agreements with various operators of different countries across the world.

### 2 Basis of preparation

These interim condensed financial statements are individual financial statements of Grameenphone, and have been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard (IAS) 34 *Interim Financial Reporting*, the Companies Act 1994, the Securities and Exchange Rules 1987, relevant guidelines issued by the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission, Financial Reporting Act, 2015 and other applicable laws in Bangladesh and should be read in conjunction with the financial statements of Grameenphone Ltd. as at and for the year ended 31 December 2020, the year for which the last full financial statements were prepared. These unconsolidated financial statements present the financial position and performance of Grameenphone and its investment in Accenture Communications Infrastructure Solutions Ltd. (ACISL) being accounted for under the equity method in accordance with IAS 28 *Investment in Associates and Joint Ventures*.

In accordance with the requirements of IAS 36 *Impairment of Assets*, the carrying amount of investment in ACISL as at 31 October 2016 had been fully impaired and no further share of loss has been recognised in line with paragraph 39 of IAS 28 *Investment in Associates and Joint Ventures*. The assessment of recoverable amount from investment in associate remained unchanged as at 30 September 2021. Hence, for understanding of Grameenphone's stand-alone financial performance, a separate statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income is not necessary.

These financial statements have been prepared on going concern basis. Unless otherwise specifically mentioned, historical cost principle has been followed for the purpose of these financial statements. The amounts in these financial statements have been rounded off to the nearest BDT in thousand (BDT'000) except otherwise indicated. As a result of these rounding off, in some instances the totals may not match the sum of individual balances.

#### Authorisation for issue

These interim condensed financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors of the Company on 21 October 2021.

### 3 Significant accounting policies

The same accounting policies and methods of computation have been followed in these interim condensed financial statements as were applied in the preparation of the financial statements of Grameenphone Ltd. as at and for the year ended 31 December 2020.



#### 4 Property, plant and equipment

Name of assets	Cost				Depreciation				Carrying amount	
	As at 01 January 2021	Addition during the period	Disposal/ Adjustment during the period	As at 30 September 2021	As at 1 January 2021	Charged during the period	Disposal/ Adjustment during the period	As at 30 September 2021	As at 30 September 2021	As at 31 December 2020
	BDT (000)	BDT (000)	BDT (000)	BDT (000)	BDT (000)	BDT (000)	BDT (000)	BDT (000)	BDT (000)	BDT (000)
Land	1,054,130	15,506	-	1,069,636	-	-	-	-	1,069,636	1,054,130
Building	4,051,020	13,462	-	4,064,482	2,002,027	133,302	-	2,135,329	1,929,153	2,048,993
Base station	135,337,861	6,068,443	(662,415)	140,743,889	92,854,211	7,151,748	(640,628)	99,365,331	41,378,558	42,483,650
Transmission equipment	21,537,389	604,615	-	22,142,004	18,897,972	1,233,852	-	20,131,824	2,010,180	2,639,417
Computers and other IT equipment	7,457,619	594,044	(16,427)	8,035,236	5,226,439	559,912	(14,591)	5,771,760	2,263,476	2,231,180
Furniture and fixtures (including office equipment)	2,845,757	24,257	-	2,870,014	2,546,324	100,687	-	2,647,011	223,003	299,433
Vehicles	1,032,658	59,536	(234,549)	857,645	599,240	74,666	(182,385)	491,521	366,124	433,418
	173,316,434	7,379,863	(913,391)	179,782,906	122,126,213	9,254,167	(837,604)	130,542,776	49,240,130	51,190,221
Capital work in progress	5,710,971	9,891,188	(7,379,863)	8,222,296	-	-	-	-	8,222,296	5,710,971
	<b>179,027,405</b>	<b>17,271,051</b>	<b>(8,293,254)</b>	<b>188,005,202</b>	<b>122,126,213</b>	<b>9,254,167</b>	<b>(837,604)</b>	<b>130,542,776</b>	<b>57,462,426</b>	<b>56,901,192</b>

#### 4.1 Change in estimates

Useful lives of Lithium-ion batteries (Base station) and IT hardware (Computers & other IT equipment) have been increased to 7 years from 3 years and to 5 years from 4 years respectively based on technical assessment. Impact of such change on expected depreciation for the current and future years is as follows:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>Later</u>
	BDT'000	BDT'000	BDT'000	BDT'000	BDT'000	BDT'000
Base Station	(673,558)	(129,275)	193,197	241,169	227,812	140,655
Computer & other IT equipment	(148,595)	(96,693)	72,939	109,511	62,837	-
	<b>(822,154)</b>	<b>(225,967)</b>	<b>266,136</b>	<b>350,680</b>	<b>290,649</b>	<b>140,655</b>



5 Intangible assets

Name of assets	Cost				Amortisation				Carrying amount	
	As at 01 January 2021	Addition during the period	Disposal/ Adjustment during the period	As at 30 September 2021	As at 1 January 2021	Charged during the period	Disposal/ Adjustment during the period	As at 30 September 2021	As at 30 September 2021	As at 31 December 2020
	BDT (000)	BDT (000)	BDT (000)	BDT (000)	BDT (000)	BDT (000)	BDT (000)	BDT (000)	BDT (000)	BDT (000)
Software and others	12,697,021	784,845	-	13,481,866	10,941,210	456,326	-	11,397,536	2,084,330	1,755,811
Capital work in progress	560,776	827,028	(784,845)	602,959	-	-	-	-	602,959	560,776
	<b>13,257,797</b>	<b>1,611,873</b>	<b>(784,845)</b>	<b>14,084,825</b>	<b>10,941,210</b>	<b>456,326</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,397,536</b>	<b>2,687,289</b>	<b>2,316,587</b>

5.1 Change in estimates

Useful life of software (software & others) has been increased to 5 years from 3 years based on technical assessment. Impact of such change on expected amortisation for the current and future years is as follows:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
	BDT'000	BDT'000	BDT'000	BDT'000	BDT'000
Software and others	(452,843)	(99,516)	250,678	239,729	61,952





6 Right-of-use assets

Name of assets	Cost				Amortisation				Carrying amount	
	As at 01 January 2021	Addition during the period	Disposal/ adjustment during the period	As at 30 September 2021	As at 01 January 2021	Charged during the period	Disposal/ adjustment during the period	As at 30 September 2021	As at 30 September 2021	As at 31 December 2020
	BDT (000)	BDT (000)		BDT (000)	BDT (000)	BDT (000)	BDT (000)	BDT (000)	BDT (000)	BDT (000)
Fibre Optic Network	10,651,922	343,230	-	10,995,152	6,679,902	443,618	-	7,123,520	3,871,632	3,972,020
Telecom licence, annual licence renewal fees and spectrum	75,200,846	10,961,074	-	86,161,920	35,000,421	5,133,479	-	40,133,900	46,028,020	40,200,425
Base transceiver station - Green Field	1,325,522	581,973	(46,245)	1,861,250	303,710	234,873	(12,327)	526,256	1,334,994	1,021,812
Base transceiver station - Roof Top	4,239,319	154,165	(129,830)	4,263,654	1,369,290	532,938	(68,980)	1,833,248	2,430,406	2,870,029
Infrastructure sharing site	7,340,201	4,225,675	(380,886)	11,184,990	2,388,854	1,163,069	(379,245)	3,172,678	8,012,312	4,951,347
Office/residential space	823,047	59,757	(37,743)	845,061	306,007	143,240	(25,597)	423,650	421,411	517,040
	<b>99,580,857</b>	<b>16,325,874</b>	<b>(594,704)</b>	<b>115,312,027</b>	<b>46,048,184</b>	<b>7,651,217</b>	<b>(486,149)</b>	<b>53,213,252</b>	<b>62,098,775</b>	<b>53,532,673</b>

6.1 Right-of-use assets addition

Right-of-use assets addition for the nine-month period ended 30 September 2021 is BDT 16,325,874,000. BDT 3,416,973,000 has been paid at the time of acquisition and has been classified as part of investing activities in the interim condensed statement of cash flows. The remaining amount of BDT 12,908,901,000 will be paid in the future when due for payment and shall be classified as part of financing activities.

6.1.1 10.4 MHz new spectrum purchased

On 8 March 2021, Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) conducted a Radio Frequency Auction for 2\*7.4 MHz in 1800 MHz band and 2\*15 MHz in 2100 MHz band to existing telecom operators. GP participated in that auction and secured 0.4 MHz in 1800 MHz band and 10MHz in 2100 MHz band effective from 9 April 2021 to 10 November 2026.

The total amount to be paid for the assigned spectrum is BDT 12,365,112,387 and 7.5% non-recoverable VAT to be added to this amount which leads to a total of BDT 13,292,495,816 including VAT. GP already paid BDT 3,323,123,954 and rest of the amount will be paid in 5 equal yearly instalments of BDT 1,993,874,372 (including VAT) starting from 9 April 2022 till 9 April 2026. GP also had to pay BDT 1,075,000 (including VAT) as application processing fee for participating in the auction.

The new spectrum has been capitalized on 9 April 2021 with ROU assets of BDT 11,075,869,777.



**7 Contract cost**

	<b>As at 30 September 2021 BDT (000)</b>	<b>As at 31 December 2020 BDT (000)</b>
Opening balance	4,934,438	4,480,157
Additions during the period	2,729,565	2,653,445
Amortisation during the period	<u>(1,853,788)</u>	<u>(2,199,164)</u>
	<b><u>5,810,215</u></b>	<b><u>4,934,438</u></b>

This includes deferred customer acquisition cost mainly in the form of SIM cost, different commissions and other directly attributable costs related to acquisition of customers.

**8 Other non-current assets**

Other non-current assets include deposit of BDT 20,000,000,000 to Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) in pursuant to the order of Hon'ble Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh.

**9 Inventories**

	<b>As at 30 September 2021 BDT (000)</b>	<b>As at 31 December 2020 BDT (000)</b>
Handset, data card and other devices	27,937	53,122
SIM card	220,836	122,694
Scratch card	35,741	25,252
	<b><u>284,514</u></b>	<b><u>201,068</u></b>

**10 Trade receivables and others**

	<b>As at 30 September 2021 BDT (000)</b>	<b>As at 31 December 2020 BDT (000)</b>
<b>Trade receivables</b>		
Trade receivables, gross	6,767,955	6,762,952
Impairment loss allowance	<u>(1,737,718)</u>	<u>(1,741,410)</u>
	<b><u>5,030,237</u></b>	<b><u>5,021,542</u></b>
<b>Other receivables</b>		
Interest receivable	30,713	-
Receivables from employees	27,172	1,175
Other non-interest-bearing receivables	1,760,854	1,892,978
Impairment loss allowance	<u>(116,481)</u>	<u>(297,804)</u>
	<b><u>1,702,258</u></b>	<b><u>1,596,349</u></b>
<b>Other non-financial assets</b>		
Prepaid expenses	395,162	513,274
<b>Total trade receivables and others</b>	<b><u>7,127,657</u></b>	<b><u>7,131,165</u></b>

**11 Cash and cash equivalents**

	<b>As at 30 September 2021 BDT (000)</b>	<b>As at 31 December 2020 BDT (000)</b>
Cash in hand	82,787	78,141
Cash at bank	3,855,973	2,520,597
	<b><u>3,938,760</u></b>	<b><u>2,598,738</u></b>

**11.1 Restricted cash balance**

Cash at bank as at reporting date includes BDT 45,776,434 (2020: BDT 52,593,221) equivalent to unused Mobicash points in customer wallet and is therefore treated as restricted cash balance.

Additionally, Cash at bank as at reporting date includes BDT 32,412,608 (2020: BDT 136,329,943) equivalent to dividend unclaimed amount (principal portion) and BDT 1,678,321 (2020: BDT 6,970,321) equivalent to unclaimed IPO subscription amount (principal portion).

Grameenphone transferred principal portion of unclaimed/undistributed/unsettled cash dividend of BDT 114,402,723 and principal portion of unclaimed IPO subscription amount of BDT 5,292,000 to the Capital Market Stabilisation Fund on 29 August 2021.



## 12 Net asset value per share

	<u>As at</u> <u>30 September 2021</u> <u>BDT (000)</u>	<u>As at</u> <u>31 December 2020</u> <u>BDT (000)</u>
Net Asset (BDT)	41,618,423,000	52,107,614,000
Weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the period	1,350,300,022	1,350,300,022
Net asset value per share (par value BDT 10 each) (BDT)	<u>30.82</u>	<u>38.59</u>

## 13 Share capital

	<u>As at</u> <u>30 September 2021</u> <u>BDT (000)</u>	<u>As at</u> <u>31 December 2020</u> <u>BDT (000)</u>
<b>Authorised:</b>		
4,000,000,000 ordinary shares of BDT 10 each	40,000,000	40,000,000
	<u>40,000,000</u>	<u>40,000,000</u>
<b>Issued, subscribed, called up and paid up:</b>		
1,350,300,022 ordinary shares of BDT 10 each	13,503,000	13,503,000
	<u>13,503,000</u>	<u>13,503,000</u>

The Company was initially registered with ordinary shares of BDT 43.00 each. These shares were subsequently converted into BDT 10 shares through a 43:1 split at the 16th EGM (held on 15 July 2008) and 1:10 reverse split at the 19th EGM (held on 2 July 2009).

There has been no change in share capital during the current and comparative period.

### 13.1 Shareholding position

#### a) Percentage of shareholdings

Name of shareholders	% of holding		Value of shares (BDT)		Date of issue/ Transfer of Shares
	As at 30 September 2021	As at 31 December 2020	As at 30 September 2021	As at 31 December 2020	
Telenor Mobile Communications AS, Norway	55.80%	55.80%	7,534,081,540	7,534,081,540	10 October 1996 24 September 1997 25 August 1998 7 December 1998 19 April 2004 21 October 2004 21 December 2004 31 May 2007 15 July 2008 02 July 2009 31 October 2019
Grameen Telecom, Bangladesh	34.20%	34.20%	4,617,664,090	4,617,664,090	10 October 1996 24 September 1997 25 August 1998 7 December 1998 19 April 2004 21 October 2004 27 November 2004 31 May 2007 15 July 2008 02 July 2009
Grameen Kalyan, Bangladesh	0.00%	0.00%	220	220	31 May 2007 15 July 2008 02 July 2009
Grameen Shakti, Bangladesh	0.00%	0.00%	220	220	31 May 2007 15 July 2008 02 July 2009
General public, GP employees and institutions	10.01%	10.01%	1,351,254,150	1,351,254,150	28 October 2009 28 October 2019
	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>13,503,000,220</u>	<u>13,503,000,220</u>	



A total of 430 shares had been transferred to Telenor Mobile Communications AS, Norway from Nye Telenor Mobile Communications II AS, Norway and Nye Telenor Mobile Communications III AS, Norway. Further, another 215 shares had been reclassified under institutional shareholders from Telenor Asia Pte Ltd, Singapore as per regulatory direction.

**b) Classification of shareholders by range of number of shares held**

Shareholding range	No. of shareholders		No. of shares	
	As at	As at	As at	As at
	30 September 2021	31 December 2020	30 September 2021	31 December 2020
1-500	23,361	22,931	3,991,885	4,269,788
501-5,000	4,733	5,475	7,760,523	8,834,026
5,001-10,000	475	495	3,427,596	3,608,406
10,001-20,000	254	259	3,676,840	3,649,396
20,001-30,000	102	88	2,560,925	2,199,488
30,001-40,000	50	54	1,767,775	1,894,561
40,001-50,000	38	28	1,722,543	1,294,514
50,001-100,000	93	90	6,632,772	6,366,353
100,001-1,000,000	117	125	35,912,599	38,393,777
1,000,001-1,000,000,000	21	17	1,282,846,564	1,279,789,713
	<b>29,244</b>	<b>29,562</b>	<b>1,350,300,022</b>	<b>1,350,300,022</b>

**14 Share premium**

Total amount of BDT 8,384,003,437 was received as share premium in respect of shares issued to shareholders. Net issue cost of BDT 543,777,495 was set off against share premium as per IAS 32 *Financial Instruments: Presentation*.

**15 Capital reserve**

In 1999, Grameenphone issued 5,086,779 preference shares of BDT 45.84 each, which were converted into ordinary shares of BDT 43.00 each in 2004. The balance of BDT 2.84 per share was transferred to capital reserve account. The conversion was in accordance with provisions of Articles of Association of Grameenphone. This amount is not distributable as dividend as per the Companies Act 1994.

**16 Loans and borrowings**

Current portion of loans and borrowings includes short-term bank loan of BDT 13,855,000,000 (2020: BDT 1,240,000,000).

**17 Deferred tax liabilities**

	As at 30 September 2021 BDT'000	As at 31 December 2020 BDT'000
Taxable temporary differences	40,410,202	34,413,810
Deductible temporary differences	(37,750,535)	(26,036,725)
Net taxable temporary differences	2,659,667	8,377,085
Deferred tax liabilities @ 40% tax rate	<b>1,063,867</b>	<b>3,350,834</b>

**18 Other non-current liabilities**

	As at 30 September 2021 BDT (000)	As at 31 December 2020 BDT (000)
Asset retirement obligations	152,892	151,400
Other non-current liabilities	193,697	129,872
	<b>346,589</b>	<b>281,272</b>



**19 Trade payables and others**

	<u>As at</u> <u>30 September 2021</u> <u>BDT'000</u>	<u>As at</u> <u>31 December 2020</u> <u>BDT'000</u>
<b>Financial liabilities</b>		
Trade payables including liability for capital expenditure	10,916,133	10,033,121
Accrued expenses	5,225,972	6,649,806
Indirect taxes	2,261,562	1,831,080
	<u>18,403,667</u>	<u>18,514,007</u>
<b>Other non-financial liabilities</b>		
Deferred connection revenue	5,499	13,805
Unearned revenue	5,716,369	5,460,303
	<u>5,721,868</u>	<u>5,474,108</u>
<b>Total trade payables and others</b>	<u>24,125,535</u>	<u>23,988,115</u>

**20 Current tax liabilities**

	<u>As at</u> <u>30 September 2021</u> <u>BDT'000</u>	<u>As at</u> <u>31 December 2020</u> <u>BDT'000</u>
Movement of current tax liabilities is shown as under:		
Opening balance	24,870,650	28,137,225
Provision made during the period including transactions for other comprehensive income	22,341,298	28,407,143
	47,211,948	56,544,368
Paid during the period (incl. tax deducted at source)	(19,358,974)	(30,432,387)
Adjustments/provision released during the period	25,457	(1,241,331)
Closing balance	<u>27,878,431</u>	<u>24,870,650</u>

**21 Other current liabilities**

	<u>As at</u> <u>30 September 2021</u> <u>BDT'000</u>	<u>As at</u> <u>31 December 2020</u> <u>BDT'000</u>
Accruals for profit sharing plan	2,302,435	314,004
Payable for bills pay receipts	241,448	328,603
Security deposits from subscribers and channel partners	568,729	566,584
Dividend payable	-	1,625,698
Others	2,357,113	2,855,134
	<u>5,469,725</u>	<u>5,690,023</u>

**22 Unclaimed dividend**

Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) issued a Directive dated 14 January 2021, official gazette of the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (Capital Market Stabilization Rules Fund) Rules dated 27 June 2021 and BSEC Notification dated 19 July 2021 whereby listed companies are instructed to transfer unclaimed/undistributed/unsettled cash dividend and non-refundable public subscription money for a period of 3 years old from the date of declaration or approval or record date, as the case may be to a newly established fund named "Capital Market Stabilisation Fund" within 30 August 2021.

In compliance with the said instruction Grameenphone transferred the principal amount of unclaimed/undistributed/unsettled cash dividend of BDT 114,402,723 to the fund on 29 August 2021.



**23 Revenue**

	<u>01 January to 30 September 2021</u> BDT (000)	<u>01 January to 30 September 2020</u> BDT (000)	<u>01 July to 30 September 2021</u> BDT (000)	<u>01 July to 30 September 2020</u> BDT (000)
The following is an analysis of revenue for the period:				
Revenue from contract with customers (Note 23.1)	105,537,417	103,627,724	35,787,289	35,161,922
Lease revenues	1,247,055	1,168,500	421,900	396,751
	<u><b>106,784,472</b></u>	<u><b>104,796,224</b></u>	<u><b>36,209,189</b></u>	<u><b>35,558,673</b></u>

**23.1 Disaggregation of revenue from contract with customers**

<b>Type of good/services</b>				
Revenue from mobile communication	105,221,179	103,428,643	35,731,837	35,070,523
Revenue from customer equipment	236,599	92,374	30,250	43,659
Other revenues	79,639	106,707	25,202	47,740
	<u><b>105,537,417</b></u>	<u><b>103,627,724</b></u>	<u><b>35,787,289</b></u>	<u><b>35,161,922</b></u>
<b>Type of subscription</b>				
Prepaid	100,558,226	98,542,266	34,167,314	33,424,915
Contract	4,662,953	4,886,377	1,564,523	1,645,608
Other	316,238	199,081	55,452	91,399
	<u><b>105,537,417</b></u>	<u><b>103,627,724</b></u>	<u><b>35,787,289</b></u>	<u><b>35,161,922</b></u>
<b>Type of customer</b>				
Consumer	93,187,532	91,178,197	31,658,005	31,029,898
Business	12,349,885	12,449,527	4,129,284	4,132,024
	<u><b>105,537,417</b></u>	<u><b>103,627,724</b></u>	<u><b>35,787,289</b></u>	<u><b>35,161,922</b></u>

**24 Cost of material and traffic charges**

	<u>01 January to 30 September 2021</u> BDT (000)	<u>01 January to 30 September 2020</u> BDT (000)	<u>01 July to 30 September 2021</u> BDT (000)	<u>01 July to 30 September 2020</u> BDT (000)
Traffic charges	5,864,658	5,552,861	1,998,916	1,850,010
Cost of materials and services	1,222,131	1,000,142	342,518	345,608
	<u><b>7,086,789</b></u>	<u><b>6,553,003</b></u>	<u><b>2,341,434</b></u>	<u><b>2,195,618</b></u>

**25 Salaries and personnel cost**

Salaries and personnel cost includes salaries, bonuses, different employment benefits including provident, gratuity, profit sharing (WPPF), employee share programme for employees, long term incentive programme for key personnel, training and other related costs. Additionally, gratuity expense includes BDT 1,796,256,793 (2020: BDT 908,476,671) for restructuring expense during the nine-month period ended 30 September 2021. The WPPF expense for the same period is BDT 2,302,435,006 (2020: BDT 2,305,550,381).

**26 Operation and maintenance**

	<u>01 January to 30 September 2021</u> BDT (000)	<u>01 January to 30 September 2020</u> BDT (000)	<u>01 July to 30 September 2021</u> BDT (000)	<u>01 July to 30 September 2020</u> BDT (000)
Service maintenance fee	2,471,705	2,554,115	832,864	905,684
Vehicle maintenance expense	182,543	180,892	59,156	32,720
Other operation and maintenance	1,216,204	1,320,167	469,370	366,720
	<u><b>3,870,452</b></u>	<u><b>4,055,174</b></u>	<u><b>1,361,390</b></u>	<u><b>1,305,124</b></u>



27 Sales, marketing and commissions

	01 January to 30 September 2021 BDT (000)	01 January to 30 September 2020 BDT (000)	01 July to 30 September 2021 BDT (000)	01 July to 30 September 2020 BDT (000)
Sales, marketing and representation costs	505,134	406,311	122,507	165,871
Advertisement expenses	903,150	808,661	314,445	289,282
Promotional expenses	99,152	86,533	39,719	31,578
Commissions	8,330,119	7,820,877	2,665,021	2,665,714
	<b>9,837,555</b>	<b>9,122,382</b>	<b>3,141,692</b>	<b>3,152,445</b>

28 Other operating expenses/(income)

	01 January to 30 September 2021 BDT (000)	01 January to 30 September 2020 BDT (000)	01 July to 30 September 2021 BDT (000)	01 July to 30 September 2020 BDT (000)
Consultancy and professional services	538,280	602,052	154,066	164,255
Rental expense for property, plant and equipment	137,993	259,466	12,562	80,125
Fuel and energy costs	3,107,583	2,900,054	1,060,814	976,603
Impairment loss/(loss reversal) on trade receivables	(63,386)	121,693	22,181	29,931
Rental and other income	(147,013)	(144,827)	(48,543)	(47,116)
Gain on disposal of assets	(126,852)	(47,816)	(137,926)	(8,442)
Others	910,205	983,787	557,699	287,254
	<b>4,356,810</b>	<b>4,674,409</b>	<b>1,620,853</b>	<b>1,482,610</b>

29 Finance expense/(income)

	01 January to 30 September 2021 BDT (000)	01 January to 30 September 2020 BDT (000)	01 July to 30 September 2021 BDT (000)	01 July to 30 September 2020 BDT (000)
Interest income	(111,586)	(338,116)	(34,479)	(99,964)
Interest expense	3,725	750,863	36,606	255,725
Net interest cost on defined benefit obligation	79,464	68,774	26,488	22,925
Interest expenses on lease liabilities	1,782,460	1,351,374	676,131	396,558
Other finance expenses	46,217	74,953	10,378	17,011
	<b>1,800,280</b>	<b>1,907,848</b>	<b>715,124</b>	<b>592,255</b>

30 Income tax expense

	01 January to 30 September 2021 BDT (000)	01 January to 30 September 2020 BDT (000)	01 July to 30 September 2021 BDT (000)	01 July to 30 September 2020 BDT (000)
<i>Current tax expense</i>				
Income tax expenses for the period	22,341,298	22,150,835	6,920,466	7,768,771
Adjustments/provision released during the period	25,457	(691,033)	-	-
	<b>22,366,755</b>	<b>21,459,802</b>	<b>6,920,466</b>	<b>7,768,771</b>
<i>Deferred tax expense/(income)</i>				
Deferred tax income relating to origination and reversal of temporary differences, net	(2,286,967)	(2,202,701)	(348,406)	(733,593)
	<b>20,079,788</b>	<b>19,257,101</b>	<b>6,572,060</b>	<b>7,035,178</b>



### 30.1 Reconciliation of effective tax rate

	01 January to 30 September 2021		01 January to 30 September 2020		01 July to 30 September 2021		01 July to 30 September 2020	
	Percentage	BDT (000)	Percentage	BDT (000)	Percentage	BDT (000)	Percentage	BDT (000)
Profit before tax		46,048,698		46,111,007		15,129,504		15,933,769
Tax using the Company's tax rate	40.00%	18,419,480	40.00%	18,444,403	40.00%	6,051,802	40.00%	6,373,508
Tax effect of:								
Provision for non-deductible expenses	3.61%	1,660,308	3.26%	1,503,731	3.44%	520,258	3.80%	606,109
Adjustments/provision released during the period	-	-	-1.50%	(691,033)	-	-	0.35%	55,561
	<b>43.61%</b>	<b>20,079,788</b>	<b>41.76%</b>	<b>19,257,101</b>	<b>43.44%</b>	<b>6,572,060</b>	<b>44.15%</b>	<b>7,035,178</b>

### 31 Earnings per share (EPS)

	01 January to 30 September 2021	01 January to 30 September 2020	01 July to 30 September 2021	01 July to 30 September 2020
	BDT	BDT	BDT	BDT
Profit attributable to ordinary shareholders (BDT) outstanding during the period	25,968,910,000	26,853,906,000	8,557,444,000	8,898,591,000
	1,350,300,022	1,350,300,022	1,350,300,022	1,350,300,022
Basic EPS (par value BDT 10 each) (BDT)	<b>19.23</b>	<b>19.89</b>	<b>6.34</b>	<b>6.59</b>

No diluted earnings per share is required to be calculated for the periods presented as Grameenphone has no dilutive potential ordinary shares.





**32 Reconciliation of net operating cash flow**

	<b>01 January to 30 September 2021</b>	<b>01 January to 30 September 2020</b>
	<b>BDT (000)</b>	<b>BDT (000)</b>
<b>Profit after tax</b>	25,968,910	26,853,906
Income tax expense	20,079,788	19,257,101
<b>Profit before tax</b>	46,048,698	46,111,007
<b>Adjustment for:</b>		
Depreciation & Amortization	17,361,710	17,615,820
Gain on sale of property, plant and equipment	(126,852)	(47,816)
Finance (expense)/income, net	1,800,280	1,907,848
Other adjustments	103,521	(19,166,132)
	65,187,357	46,420,727
<b>Changes in:</b>		
Inventories	(83,446)	44,516
Trade receivables and others	66,697	(560,258)
Trade payables and others	240,881	414,761
Provisions	(74,398)	510,948
Other current liabilities	1,405,400	2,519,029
Cash generated from operating activities	66,742,491	49,349,723
Interest received	80,872	254,809
Interest paid	(1,726,960)	(2,178,850)
Income tax paid	(19,358,974)	(22,296,944)
<b>Net cash generated by operating activities</b>	<b>45,737,429</b>	<b>25,128,738</b>

**33 Net operating cash flow per share**

	<b>01 January to 30 September 2021</b>	<b>01 January to 30 September 2020</b>
	<b>BDT</b>	<b>BDT</b>
Net operating cash flow (BDT)	45,737,429,000	25,128,738,000
Weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the period	1,350,300,022	1,350,300,022
Net operating cash flow per share (par value BDT 10 each) (BDT)	<b>33.87</b>	<b>18.61</b>



### 34 Related party disclosures

During the nine-month period ended 30 September 2021, the company entered into a number of transactions with related parties in the normal course of business. The names of the significant related parties, nature of these transactions [expenditures /(revenue)/, receivables/(payables)] and amounts thereof have been set out below in accordance with the provisions of IAS 24 *Related Party Disclosures*. Nature of relationship and significance of the amounts have been considered in giving this disclosure.

#### 34.1 Related party transactions during the period [expense/(income)]

<u>Name of related parties</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Nature of transactions</u>	<u>01 January to</u>	<u>01 January to</u>
			<u>30 September 2021</u>	<u>30 September 2020</u>
			<u>BDT (000)</u>	<u>BDT (000)</u>
Telenor Mobile Communications AS	Shareholder	Dividend payment	21,967,712	17,962,912
Nye Telenor Mobile Communications II AS	Shareholder	Dividend payment	3	3
Nye Telenor Mobile Communications III AS	Shareholder	Dividend payment	3	3
Telenor Asia Pte. Ltd.	Shareholder	Dividend payment	6	3
Grameen Telecom	Shareholder	Commission expense	137,318	158,262
		Connection revenue	-	(2,350)
		Dividend payment	12,467,693	7,850,028
Grameen Kalyan	Shareholder	Dividend payment	0.6	0.3
Grameen Shakti		Dividend payment	0.6	0.3
Telenor ASA	Telenor group entity	Consultancy, professional and technical support service fee	771,130	714,284
Telenor Global Services AS	Telenor group entity	Consultancy, professional and technical support service fee A2P Project Revenue and professional service fee	43,904 (763,337)	48,867 (444,315)
Telenor Global Shared Services AS	Telenor group entity	Consultancy, professional and technical support service fee	189,239	347,649
Telenor Go Pte Ltd.	Telenor group entity	Consultancy and professional service fee including compensation of key management personnel where relevant	108,985	190,967
Telenor Digital AS	Telenor group entity	Consultancy, professional and technical support service fee	48,958	50,639
Telenor Procurement Company	Telenor group entity	Consultancy, professional and technical support service fee Software acquisition cost	349,496 138,291	390,855 175,624
Telenor Norway	Telenor group entity	Roaming revenue net of discount	(28)	(1,119)
		Roaming cost net of discount	7	79
Telenor Norge AS	Joint venture of Telenor group	Consultancy, professional and technical support service fee	224,949	223,383
Tapad Incorporation	Telenor group entity till 15 October 2020	Consultancy, professional and technical support service fee	-	61,365
DiGi Telecommunications Sdn Bhd	Telenor group entity	Consultancy, professional and technical support service fee	(2,585)	9,903



<u>Name of related parties</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Nature of transactions</u>	<u>01 January to 30 September 2021 BDT (000)</u>	<u>01 January to 30 September 2020 BDT (000)</u>
Telenor Sweden	Telenor group entity	Roaming revenue net of discount Roaming cost net of discount	(31) 7	(559) 25
Telenor Denmark	Telenor group entity	Roaming revenue net of discount Roaming cost net of discount	(242) 6	(454) 214
Telenor Pakistan	Telenor group entity	Roaming revenue net of discount Roaming cost net of discount Consultancy Fees	(0.1) 9 1,615	(10) 50 -
Telenor Myanmar	Telenor group entity	Roaming revenue net of discount Roaming cost net of discount	(81) 0.2	(42) 107
Dtac Thailand	Telenor group entity	Roaming revenue net of discount Roaming cost net of discount	(371) 108	(425) 2,238
Digi Malaysia	Telenor group entity	Roaming revenue net of discount Roaming cost net of discount	(265) 27	(10,867) 634
Grameen Distribution	Related to Grameen Telecom through Grameen Telecom Trust	Cost of products Purchase of handsets	- -	80 -
Grameen Communication	Related to Grameen Telecom	Software solution and maintenance	217	78
Snehasish Mahmud & Co.	Associated entity of a member of Board of Directors	Consultancy, professional and technical support service fee	-	411
Grameen Telecom Trust	Grameenphone's board members nominated by Grameen Telecom are trustee of the entity	Cost of service fee	81,967	-
Telenor Connexion AB	Telenor group entity	Consultancy, professional and technical support service fee	-	758



### 34.2 Receivables/(payables) with other related parties

<u>Name of related parties</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Nature of transactions</u>	<u>As at</u>	<u>As at</u>
			<u>30 September 2021</u>	<u>31 December 2020</u>
			<u>BDT (000)</u>	<u>BDT (000)</u>
Telenor Mobile Communications AS	Shareholder	Dividend payable	-	(1,625,698)
Nye Telenor Mobile Communications II AS	Shareholder	Dividend payable	-	-
Nye Telenor Mobile Communications III AS	Shareholder	Dividend payable	-	-
Telenor Asia Pte. Ltd.	Shareholder	Dividend payable	-	-
Grameen Telecom	Shareholder	Accounts receivable	5	5
		Accounts payable	(200)	(200)
Accenture Communications Infrastructure Solutions Ltd.	Associate	Accounts receivable	5,084	5,084
		Accounts payable	(6,360)	(6,360)
Telenor ASA	Telenor group entity	Accounts receivable	58,326	47,502
		Accounts payable	(4,247,772)	(3,763,750)
Telenor Consult AS	Telenor group entity	Accounts payable	(1,848)	(2,021)
Telenor Global Services AS	Telenor group entity	Accounts receivable	194,339	127,130
		Accounts payable	(146,913)	(127,903)
Telenor Global Shared Services AS	Telenor group entity	Accounts payable	(1,156,657)	(1,153,765)
Telenor Go Pte Ltd	Telenor group entity	Accounts receivable	74,057	77,034
		Accounts payable	(126,719)	(239,134)
Telenor Digital AS	Telenor group entity	Accounts receivable	181,691	181,514
		Accounts payable	(380,206)	(693,603)
Telenor Health AS	Telenor group entity	Accounts receivable	248	248
		Accounts payable	-	-
Telenor Procurement Company	Telenor group entity	Accounts payable	(1,206,289)	(860,580)
DiGi Telecommunications Sdn Bhd	Telenor group entity	Accounts payable	(6,184)	(14,801)
Telenor Norge AS	Telenor group entity	Accounts receivable	195	853
		Accounts payable	(902,103)	(687,740)
Telenor Southeast Asia Investment Limited	Telenor group entity	Accounts payable	(146,226)	(144,644)



<u>Name of related parties</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Nature of transactions</u>	<u>As at</u>	<u>As at</u>
			<u>30 September 2021</u>	<u>31 December 2020</u>
			<u>BDT (000)</u>	<u>BDT (000)</u>
Tapad Incorporation	Telenor group entity till 15 October 2020	Accounts payable	-	(146,065)
Telenor Norway	Telenor group entity	Accounts receivable	10	13
		Accounts payable	(2)	(1)
Telenor Sweden	Telenor group entity	Accounts receivable	3	7
		Accounts payable	(1)	(1)
Telenor Denmark	Telenor group entity	Accounts receivable	38	16
		Accounts payable	(0)	(0)
Telenor Pakistan	Telenor group entity	Accounts receivable	0.4	0.1
		Accounts payable	(947)	(2)
Telenor India	Telenor group entity	Accounts receivable	3,616	3,616
Telenor Myanmar	Telenor group entity	Accounts receivable	11,346	9,606
		Accounts payable	(0.1)	(0.01)
Dtac Thailand	Telenor group entity	Accounts receivable	152	52
		Accounts payable	(22)	(8)
Digi Malaysia	Telenor group entity	Accounts receivable	28	48
		Accounts payable	(1)	(4)
Grameen Solutions Limited	Related to Grameen Telecom	Accounts payable	(26)	(26)
Snehasish Mahmud & Co.	Associated entity of a member of Board of Directors	Accounts payable	-	-
Grameen Telecom Trust	Grameenphone's board members nominated by Grameen Telecom are	Accounts receivable	-	40,080
		Accounts payable	(2,764)	-
Grameen Communication	Related to Grameen Telecom	Accounts payable	-	-
Telenor Connexion AB	Telenor group entity	Accounts payable	(902)	-



### 35 Commitments

	<b>As at 30 September 2021 BDT (000)</b>	<b>As at 31 December 2020 BDT (000)</b>
Capital commitment (open purchase order) for Property, plant and equipment	3,144,464	4,183,108
Capital commitment (open purchase order) for Intangible assets	1,116,274	71,549

### 36 Contingencies

Except as disclosed below there has been no significant development of the events disclosed in the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020.

#### (a) BTRC audit

Regarding the 2011 audit, the hearing of the application for summary dismissal (maintainability petition) of the case has been fixed on 28 October 2021 at the District Court.

Regarding the 2016 audit, the Original Title suit is pending at the District Court and the next date is fixed on 15 November 2021 for the BTRC and auditors to submit reply. GP approached for extension of the injunction issued by the Hon'ble High Court Division (HCD). However, the Hon'ble HCD took the matter out of its list for the time being as the related proceedings are pending before the Hon'ble Appellate Division (AD). The injunction allowed by the Hon'ble AD continues to remain in force.

#### (b) VAT rebate on 2G licence renewal fee

As per the Court direction, on 7 March 2021 Grameenphone submitted its Concise Statements (point of arguments) for 3 (three) separate Appeals.

#### (c) Interest for delayed payment of Guaranteed Annual Rent to Bangladesh Railway

Against the petition filed by Grameenphone denying the liability in the Certificate Case on 5 November 2020, Bangladesh Railway (BR) submitted a response on 22 February 2021. The Certificate Case is fixed for hearing on 30 November 2021.

Following Grameenphone's Arbitration Notice dated 24 December 2020, on 24 January 2021 BR in reply requested Grameenphone to withdraw the Arbitration Notice without appointing any arbitrator on their behalf. Against this backdrop, on 7 March 2021 Grameenphone filed two applications before the Hon'ble High Court Division (HCD). One is an injunction application under section 7KA of the Arbitration Act 2001 seeking stay on the proceedings of the Certificate Case. Another is an application under section 12 of the Arbitration Act 2001 for appointment of BR's arbitrator. On 14 March 2021, the Hon'ble HCD admitted both the applications and issued Rule (show cause). The applications are pending for hearing.

