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**Addition of a 7<sup>th</sup> Digit to the Cellular Numbers and  
Consolidation of Prefixes on April 20, 2004**

In order to meet the growing demand for cellular telephony services, and in order to facilitate subscriber identification of the cellular operator to whom they are dialing by use of a single identifying prefix for each operator (as opposed to the multiplicity of existing prefixes in the 05 and 06 area codes), the Ministry of Communications has initiated the addition of a (7<sup>th</sup>) digit to the cellular numbers and the consolidation of all the prefixes assigned to each operator into a single identifying prefix.

This numbering plan, which was prepared with the assistance of a leading international consultant (Telcordia, USA) and published on December 10, 2000, is intended to achieve the following long-term goals:

- Increasing the stock of numbers at the disposal of each cellular operator and vacating prefixes in order to enable the addition of new operators;
- Simplifying the dialing of cellular numbers – consolidation of all of the prefixes used by every operator into a single prefix which will identify the operator;
- Vacating area code 06 for the benefit of new operators or services in the future.

Therefore, on Tuesday April 20<sup>th</sup> **2004** an extra digit will be added to the cellular numbers, as set out below. From such time and until October 31<sup>st</sup> **2004** it will be possible to place a call by dialing either the new or old numbers. **As of November 1<sup>st</sup> 2004 the use of the old numbers will be discontinued; anybody dialing an old number will be connected to a recorded announcement, instructing her/him to dial the new number.**

**Telephone, Cellcom, Partner-Orange and Mirs are operating automatic systems at the network number \*0000 (“star”+ 4 zeros) for inquiring the new number .**

## Details of the Changes:

### a. Addition of a 7<sup>th</sup> Digit Preceding the Subscriber Number

A 7<sup>th</sup> digit will be added to and precede the existing 6-digit subscriber number. This additional digit will be identical with the third digit of the existing dialing prefix (except for the numbers of Telephone's subscribers with the prefixes 050 and 051). See examples in section c below.

### b. Consolidation of the Existing Dialing Prefixes

The existing dialing prefixes of each cellular company will be consolidated into a single prefix per company:

Telephone: The prefixes 050, 051, 056, 068 will be consolidated into 050.<sup>1</sup>

Cellcom: The prefixes 052, 053, 058, 064, 065 will be consolidated into 052.

Partner : The prefixes 054, 055, 066, 067 will be consolidated into 054.

Mirs : The prefix 057 will remain as is.

Jawall<sup>2</sup> : The prefix 059 will remain as is.

### c. Examples of the Number Changes:

#### Telephone:

050-234567 will become 050-5234567

051-234567 will become 050-7234567

056-234567 will become 050-6234567

068-234567 will become 050-8234567

#### Partner-Orange:

054-234567 will become 054-4234567

055-234567 will become 054-5234567

066-234567 will become 054-6234567

067-234567 will become 054-7234567

#### Cellcom:

052-234567 will become 052-2234567

053-234567 will become 052-3234567

058-234567 will become 052-8234567

064-234567 will become 052-4234567

065-234567 will become 052-5234567

#### Mirs:

057-234567 will become 057-7234567

#### Jawall:

059-234567 will remain 059-234567

Update, March 2004: The company has informed that at this stage there will be no change to 10-digits numbers.

## Adaptation of the Fixed Telephones for Dialing Numbers in the New Format:

As of Tuesday April 20, 2004 it will be possible – if necessary – to have suppliers of all types of telephones and terminal equipment attached to the fixed PSTN<sup>3</sup> network, adapt them (including their ancillary services) for dialing numbers in the new format of 10 digits, in area codes 05, 06 and 07.

<sup>1</sup> In the future, and according to the Numbering Plan, the third digit of the prefix (0) will be changed to another digit excluding 0 and 1, in order to enable the transition to a numbering format comprising a prefix of 2 digits (05) and an 8-digit subscriber number, by “attaching” the third digit of the prefix to the beginning of the 7-digit subscriber number.

<sup>2</sup> The Palestinian cellular communication company.

<sup>3</sup> Public Switched Telephone Network.