## Tele2 announced the terms of sale of its shares in JV to Kazakhtelecom

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Kazakhtelecom signed an agreement with Tele 2 A.B. to acquire a 49% stake in the JV Tele2-Altel. Earlier at the end of 2018, Tele 2 A.B. notified of the early exercise of the put option in the JV Tele2-Altel in connection with the transaction related to the acquisition by Kazakhtelecom of a 75% stake in Kcell. According to Tele 2 A.B., the net proceeds of the buyout of the share of the JV Tele2-Altel including an earn-out liability of Tele 2 A.B. to Kazakhtelecom will be ~ KZT63 877bn (or USD 169mln). Kazakhtelecom will also repay a shareholder loan to a Swedish company in the amount of KZT80bn. The company plans to complete the transaction at the end of June 2019.

## Our opinion:

The announced amount of the deal as a whole is within our expectations. As we noted earlier, given the significant client base of Tele2-Altel JV and a high share of the mobile market in Kazakhstan, the complete consolidation of Tele2-Altel JV will positively affect Kazakhtelecom's financial performance, promotes operational synergy and will allow diversifying its business asset portfolio. The acquisition of a 49% stake in the JV was taken into account by us in our forecast calculations and does not make any changes in our recommendation to **Buy** Kazakhtelecom shares with 12M TP **30 130 KZT/share.** 



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