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PT XL Axiata Tbk

PEFINDO upgraded its ratings to “**idAA+**” from “**idAA-**” for PT XL Axiata Tbk. (EXCL or the Company) and its Bond II/2007 of IDR1.5 trillion due 2012. Outlook for the rating is stable. The upgrade reflects the Company's significant improvement in business and financial profiles as reflected by better capital structure and profitability. The ratings reflect the Company's very strong market position, very strong cash flow protection supported by conservative financial policy and better profitability, and the strong creditworthiness of its majority shareholder. However, the ratings are constrained by the intense competition within the wireless sector.

Since it started operating in October 1996, EXCL has consistently been able to hold its position as one of the top three cellular operators in Indonesia. At the end of 2010, the Company's shareholders consisted of Axiata Investments (Indonesia) Sdn. Bhd. (formerly Indocel Holding Sdn. Bhd., part of Axiata Group Berhad, 66.7%), Emirates Telecommunications Corporation (Etisalat) International Indonesia Ltd. (a wholly owned subsidiary of Etisalat, 13.3%), and public (20.0%).

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