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## **5 strategic imperatives**

### **Our goal**

"To be recognized by customers as Canada's leading communications company"

### **Strategic imperatives**

- 1 2 3 4 5
- Achieve a competitive cost structure

Invest in broadband network and services

- Accelerate wireless
- Leverage wireline momentum

Improve customer service



Strategic imperative 1 :

# Achieve a competitive cost structure



## **Streamlined organization**



#### Streamlined organizational structure

- Executive team from 17 to 12
- ✓ 30% reduction in SVP and VP positions
- Removed 3 layers of management
- Reduced 8% of workforce and 15% of management
- Pay for performance culture
  - Management base compensation unchanged since 2007
  - Increased management variable pay

#### **Retirement incentive for more than 1,250**

#### **Bell Aliant 15% management reduction**

✓ Complete

#### Approximately 3,500 wireline reductions over past 9 months



## **Driving productivity**

#### **Efficiency and contracts**

- Field force productivity
  - 2,000 new Bell trucks
  - GPS-equipped for better efficiency
- Renegotiated contracts with key IT vendors
- Real estate consolidation (3 main campuses)
  - Moved out of 40 locations in past two years

#### Insourcing, outsourcing and offshoring

- Non-customer affecting
- Call centre/IT/back office
- Call centres consolidated from 33 to 27 with more to come

#### Reduced discretionary spend

- Consulting expense down dramatically
- 47 ad agencies to 11
- Eliminated ~7,000 corporate credit cards

#### **Exited non-core businesses**

- Bell Business
   Solutions (SMB)
- Bell New Ventures
- Expertech U.S.

- BCE Merchant Services
- BCE Capital



## **Disciplined capital management**

#### **Capital intensity**

- Rigorous new capital governance single company priorities list
- Q1 Capital Intensity on track at 13.3%



Source: Company guidance and sell-side analyst estimates

Bell/BCE investing over \$2.5 billion in 2009



# Strategic imperative 2 :

# **Accelerate wireless**



## **Wireless performance**



\* Margin based on service revenue

#### Q1 2009 highlights

#### Gross additions up 4.3%

- Postpaid gross additions up 6.1%

#### Postpaid net additions up 25%

Improved postpaid churn

#### ARPU declines \$0.80

- Impacted by economy

#### Driving up EBITDA

80% EBITDA flow-through

Stable metrics generate solid EBITDA growth of 5.9%



## Wireless EBITDA growth in difficult environment

#### Wireless EBITDA growth

- Three consecutive quarters of leading EBITDA growth versus peers
- Reflects lower retention spend and disciplined handset pricing



## **Accelerating wireless data**







- First NHL mobile experience of its kind in North America
- Live audio and video highlights
- More than a billion messages a month
- 1 text for every phone call



- 1<sup>st</sup> location aware mobile portal in North America
- Live content on Bell home page by location



- 2 million TV and radio-capable devices
- 4 million TV and radio streams a month





## Acquisition of The Source on track to close in Q3

#### **Distribution game-changer**

**Pro-forma exclusive carrier points of distribution**<sup>(1)</sup>



Includes dealer channel
 Source: BCE estimates – February 2009
 LTM ended December 31, 2008

#### **The Asset**

- 756 retail stores nationally and ~3,000 employees
- Revenues<sup>(2)</sup> of \$643M; EBITDA<sup>(2)</sup> of \$27M
- 7-year track record of profitability

#### **Benefits to Bell**

- Cost effective way to quickly increase points of distribution
- Access to desirable traffic: more than 80M shoppers annually
- Full Bell product line carried by Jan.1, 2010

#### Enhanced distribution will drive activations and market share



## Acquisition of Virgin Mobile's 50% stake

#### Rationale

Leverage Virgin Brand

> Leverage Distribution



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Compelling Value

- Significant brand awareness
- Continued global marketing support from Virgin Group
- Long-term extension of brand licensing agreement
- Maximizes Bell's flanker brand flexibility
- Virgin's strong brand appeal should drive incremental traffic for *The Source*
- ~85 Virgin kiosks
- Strong 3<sup>rd</sup> party retail distribution appeal
- Net purchase price of ~\$102M
  - Reflects access to tax losses valued at ~\$40M
- Limited impact on wireless financials in 2009

Consistent with strategic imperative to accelerate wireless





## **Next generation wireless network**



Launching HSPA network by early 2010

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Strategic imperative 3 :

# Leverage wireline momentum



## **Slowing telephone line losses**



#### Significant improvement

- Line losses improve for six straight quarters
- Economy softened SMB results
- Bundles contributing to improving trend in residential NAS erosion
- Steady level of winbacks
- Continual service improvements

Residential showing good resiliency to economic downturn



## **Strong Bell TV growth**





#### Solid revenue and EBITDA growth

- Revenue up 8.7%
- EBITDA up 19.5%
- Industry-leading churn of 1.1%
- Over 1.8M TV subscribers

#### Maintaining HD leadership

- Most HD channels in Canada
- HD penetration over 25%
- PVR penetration over 25%

#### **Building on 2008 momentum**



## **New TV distribution channel**



- Agreement with TELUS to distribute satellite TV in BC and AB
  - Confirms success and quality of Bell TV
  - Supports industry-leading offering, including the most HD channels of any television provider in Canada
- Takes advantage of TELUS' distribution network in the West
- Improves Bell's return on investment in a leading service
- Bell to continue marketing Bell TV branded services in Western Canada



## **Accelerated fibre broadband investment**





## **Best-in-class wireline EBITDA performance**

#### Wireline EBITDA growth

Telco peer performance benchmark: LTM ended Q1'09



#### Leading our North American peers



Strategic imperative 4 :

# Invest in broadband networks & services



## **Building platforms for the future**

#### **Rolling out HSPA**

#### Ready by early 2010

- Accelerated time to market
- Joint build reduces capital requirement
- Global standard and path to next generation data services

#### Investing in FTTN

#### Accelerating FTTN deployment

- Advanced by one year
- ~\$700M cumulative investment over next 3 years
- 175 condos set up for fibre

#### Leveraging best-in-class IP core

Investments in core made Bell #1 IP MPLS network in North America

Reduced outages for Enterprise customers



Strategic imperative 5 :

## Improve customer service



## **New service model**

# Full in-home service



# Better in-store experience

# Self-serve convenience



## Quality focus

## Service just got better

Service enhancements	Better results
Same Day Next Day	<ul><li>95% success rate</li><li>Great improvement over 2008</li></ul>
	<ul> <li>Customers prepared to pay for premium service</li> </ul>
Express Install	<ul> <li>Solid momentum with new orders increasing monthly</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Offered to all new DSL subscribers</li> </ul>
Full Install	<ul> <li>Targetting more than 300,000 installs in 2009</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>18% fewer data and broadband outages year over year</li> </ul>
Enterprise service	<ul> <li>IP network stability surpasses standards with 99.9998% availability</li> </ul>



## **Measurable call centre improvement**



#### **Call volumes drop**

14% fewer repair calls per year

## Customer satisfaction increases

Internet satisfaction up 33%

#### Key service desks move onshore

 ~1 million calls moving from India to North America



## More to come

#### **SPA (Service & Product Assistance)**

Full wireless service, warranty and repair in store

#### **Move Concierge Service**

One Bell agent dedicated to 3-Product customers









## **Capital structure model**



- Solid investment grade metrics
- Ample access to short- and long-term capital



- Strong, reliable cash flow generation
- Ability to self-fund debt maturities



- Target dividend payout ratio of 65%-75% of Adjusted EPS\*
- Direct excess cash to share buybacks

\* Before restructuring and other and net gains (losses) on investments

Strong capital structure and prudent financial policy



## **Executing on our capital structure model**



5% dividend increase > February 11, 2009



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5% share buyback completed > May 5, 2009

\$1.4B three-year credit facility renewed > May 7, 2009



Balancing shareholder returns with strong credit profile



## Q1 financial results consistent with strategy

Bell	Q1'09	Y/Y
Revenues	\$3,623M	(0.5%)
EBITDA	\$1,426M	0.3%
EBITDA margin	39.4%	0.3 pts
Сарех	\$482M	(5.7%)
Capital Intensity	13.3%	(0.8 pts)
BCE	Q1'09	Y/Y
Statutory EPS	\$0.48	50.0%
Adjusted EPS <sup>(1)</sup>	\$0.57	-
Free Cash Flow <sup>(2)</sup>	\$272M	(\$32M)

Revenues essentially flat y/y

- Service revenues up 0.2%
- Product sales down 8.2%
- Managing through economic downturn
- Stable EBITDA y/y
- Higher capital spending due to HSPA and FTTN
- Stable Adjusted EPS
- Healthy free cash flow

<sup>(1)</sup> Before restructuring and other and net gains (losses) on investments

(2) Before common share dividends and including Bell Aliant's cash distributions

#### Results in line with guidance



## What's changed at Bell since July 2008

#### Focus on cost...

- New organizational structure
- Removed 3 layers of management
- Reduced wireline workforce by ~3,500
- Renegotiated IT contracts
- Campus consolidation
- New capital governance process
- Exited non-core businesses

# ... balanced with investments in strategic imperatives

- Changed culture to pay for performance
- New HSPA wireless network build
- Launched new satellite for HD capacity
- Accelerated Fibre-to-the-node (FTTN)
- Expanding fibre to the building for MDUs
- Rolled out new service initiatives
  - Same Day/Next Day
  - Express Install
  - Full Install
- Launched new brand received best new brand award in Québec market
- ✓ Announced *The Source* acquisition
- ✓ Announced expanded Bell TV distribution
- ✓ Announced Virgin acquisition



