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Afghanistan Gets Set for the Launch of the 5th Annual RAPL Green Field

April 5th 2016 - The Afghanistan Football Federation (AFF); Roshan, Afghanistan's leading total communications provider; and MOBY GROUP, Afghanistan's largest media conglomerate are proud to announce the commencement of the fifth annual Roshan Afghan Premier League (RAPL) Green Field. This marks the kick-off of RAPL regional tournaments which will take place across eight regions of Afghanistan. The opening ceremony will take place on Friday April 8, 2016 in Kabul.

We are looking forward to improving upon last year's jubilation for the league which was tangibly felt throughout the country. The 2015 RAPL season saw millions of Afghans cheer on young footballers from across the country as they competed for pride, love of football, and the prestigious RAPL trophy.

"Roshan has been a sponsor of RAPL since its inception and it's about giving Afghans an opportunity to show their skills, and shine on a national stage. But, more importantly, it is initiatives like this that will give Afghan youth, who form the majority of the population, an opportunity to compete on the global stage in major international tournaments." said **Altaf Ladak, COO of Roshan**.

"AFF is extremely happy as the start of 5th annual RAPL season is upon us. We will make our best efforts to repeat the successful experience of the last four RAPL seasons.

One nation, one voice is the motto of RAPL and this league has made it possible to see its tangible effects on the ground. This league has shown to the world that football can have great impact and unite people.

AFF in collaboration with MOBY Group and Roshan has successfully implemented the last four RAPL seasons. This year, we hope to have a more exciting and successful season." said **Keramuddin Karim, President of AFF**.

"The RAPL has become a symbol of hope for Afghanistan as it is the largest professional sporting event in the country every year. The young men and women of the RAPL inspire optimism in the current generation in Afghanistan," said **Shafic Gawhari, CEO of MOBY Group Afghanistan and RAPL Commissioner**.





ABOUT THE ROSHAN AFGHAN PREMIER LEAGUE (RAPL)

The 2016 RAPL Green Field marks the start of season five of Afghanistan's first and only professional football league. The league is fully supported by FIFA and the Asian Football Confederation. All playing rules and regulations are in accordance with those set forth by FIFA and the AFC. All RAPL matches are broadcast LIVE on TOLO TV and Lemar TV, as well as on radio stations Arman FM and Arakozia FM. The matches are also available via cable TV, and online. Follow the competition on www.AfghanPremierLeague.com.

ABOUT ROSHAN

Roshan (Telecom Development Company Afghanistan Corp) is Afghanistan's leading total communications provider with over 6.5 million active subscribers and a network that covers over 287 districts and cities in all of the country's 34 provinces.

Roshan is a true Afghanistan success story, serving as a catalyst for economic growth and actively contributing to the country's long-term development. Since its inception in 2003, Roshan has invested over \$600 million in Afghanistan and is the country's single largest investor and taxpayer, contributing approximately five percent of the Afghan government's overall domestic revenue. Roshan directly employs around 900 people, 19 percent of whom are women, and provides indirect employment to more than 35,000 people.

Roshan is deeply committed to Afghanistan's reconstruction and development. The Aga Khan Fund for Economic Development (AKFED), part of the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN), is a major shareholder of Roshan and promotes private initiatives and building economically sound enterprises in the developing world. Also owned in part by Monaco Telecom International (MTI) and TeliaSonera, Roshan brings international expertise to the country and is committed to the highest standards of network quality and coverage for the people of Afghanistan.

To learn more about Roshan visit www.roshan.af or <http://www.facebook.com/RoshanConnects>. You can also follow on twitter [@RoshanConnects](https://twitter.com/RoshanConnects).

ABOUT THE AFGHAN FOOTBALL FEDERATION (AFF)

Roshan Afghan Premier League is owned by the Afghan Football Federation ("AFF"). The AFF is the controlling body for the sport in the country, and was admitted to FIFA in 1948. The Afghanistan Football Federation is a Non-Governmental Association which began serving football activities for Afghanistan in 1922. The federation is nonprofit body who wanted to establish an environment in which people who are interested in football could join and be a part of the wider football community. The federation continues to organize all types of football (Soccer, Beach Soccer, Mini Soccer, Street Soccer, etc) within Afghanistan through various tournaments, leagues, championships and courses. The Afghanistan Football Federation is recognized by the Federation of International Football Association (FIFA) and their staff (AFF) are professionally qualified by them.





ABOUT MOBY GROUP

MOBY GROUP was launched in 2002 by the Mohseni family with the establishment of the first private radio station, Arman FM, in post-conflict Afghanistan. Since then, the group has evolved into a leading media and entertainment company employing over 1,000 employees spanning across a diversified portfolio of 17 businesses and seven markets. Headquartered in Dubai Studio City, the group's operations serve over 300 million people from Central Asia to North Africa. Since its inception, MOBY GROUP has developed unique skills and expertise in launching and building media businesses in high-growth, emerging, and frontier markets. The group's strategy is to build on its successes in its existing markets and identify new opportunities and markets that have historically been neglected, underdeveloped or inefficiently managed. The group also seeks to expand its reach regionally and globally through new initiatives via online and digital platforms.

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