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Sistema Shyam TeleServices Ltd Raises INR 1280 Crore

~ INR 1280 Crore raised through issuance of Non Convertible Debentures~

Gurgaon, 12th January 2012 – Sistema Shyam TeleServices Limited (SSTL) that nationally operates its telecom services under the MTS brand with over 15 million wireless customers, today announced the raising of a loan amounting to INR 1280 Crore through Non Convertible Debentures (NCD). Deutsche Bank is the lead banker of the issue.

According to Sergey Savchenko, Chief Financial Officer of Sistema Shyam Teleservices Ltd. “It was quite challenging to raise such significant funds with such long tenor under current uncertain regulatory environment in India, but business has to continue and grow. This is the next step after raising INR 920 Crore loan from Barclays Bank and ICICI Bank in September last year and we currently have several other facilities in pipe-line. We are planning to utilize the proceeds to further scale up our telecom operations and repayment of maturing loan. **Adding further, Sergey said** “We are very thankful to our banking partner – Deutsche Bank for its trust and support.”

The entire amount of INR 1280 Crore has been received by SSTL. The 8 year Debt is payable by 2019.

About Sistema Shyam TeleServices Ltd

Sistema Shyam TeleServices Ltd. (SSTL) is a venture, involving equity participation by Sistema {LSE: SSA} of Russia, the Russian Federation and the Shyam Group of India. Sistema is the majority shareholder in the company which operates its telecom services under the MTS brand. MTS is well recognized in India and worldwide for its commitment to high quality and innovative telecom solutions. MTS has recently been ranked by Millward Brown as 80th most valuable brand in the world. In a short span of time, MTS in India has secured over 15 million wireless subscribers and under the MBlaze brand provides mobile broadband services to more than 1,200,000 customers in over 200 cities across the country.

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