



## Press Release

### **PTCL & 1LINK sign agreement for hosting their Primary Data Center facility**

**Karachi, Nov 27, 2017:** Pakistan Telecommunication Company Limited (PTCL) has inked a Data Center Hosting agreement with 1LINK Guarantee Limited, which is the largest national payment network in Pakistan for Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) and Point of Sale (POS) network, for a term of three years. This initiative will be deployed at PTCL's Data Center facility in Karachi

The agreement was signed by Farooq Ahmed Jalali, EVP Digital Services, PTCL and Najeeb Agrawalla, CEO, 1LINK (Guarantee) Limited. Those who were present on the occasion were Dr. Daniel Ritz, President & Chief Executive Officer, PTCL, Umar Farooqi, General Manager, Digital Services, PTCL, Azimullah Khan, CIO, 1LINK (Guarantee) Limited, Bashir Khan, COO, 1LINK (Guarantee) Limited, Azeem Siddiqui, Head of IT, 1LINK (Guarantee) Limited, along with other officials.

Dr. Daniel Ritz, President & CEO PTCL, said, "PTCL's customer-centric strategy coupled with its modern & reliable network is the first choice for enterprises to avail one-window ICT solutions. 1LINK has conveyed its trust on PTCL by awarding its production site to us which validates the reliability of PTCL Data Centers in the region's telecom market."

Najeeb Agrawalla, CEO, 1LINK (Guarantee) Limited, said: "The synergy of PTCL with 1LINK is an ideal alliance to achieve 1LINK's goal to deliver exceptional client experience and inclusion of next-generation applications by virtue of PTCL's huge and resilient infrastructure. This agreement portrays 1LINK's full confidence on PTCL's network infrastructure and expertise in the field of ICT & Data Center Facility and opens the doors for further collaboration with PTCL on exciting customer centric products'

Farooq Ahmed Jalali, EVP Digital Services, PTCL, said, "We are glad to have 1LINK onboard and support them in achieving operational excellence and scoring benchmarks for financial industry on digitalization through introduction of technology based products and services. As the national telecommunication services provider, we are providing services of international standards to the entire business segment in Pakistan ranging from large enterprises to SME customers." **Ends**