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## MOBINIL (EMOB.CA)

**12-Month Fair Value: EGP 194**

**Last Close (28 July, 2010): EGP 156.05**

**Recommendation: Buy - Risk Level: 4**

- Mobinil reported its 2Q2010 results with revenues declining by 7% YoY and by 1% QoQ to EGP 2.53 billion. The quarterly revenues come in 4% below our forecast of EGP 2.63 billion.
- However, Mobinil's subscriber base grew by only 27 thousand during 2Q2010 to 26.1 million, this compares to net additions of 767 thousand in 1Q2010. Mobinil's management attributed this to the continued shortage of dials and a new subscribers' registration process. Management expects the dials shortage to continue during 2H2010 and will continue its efforts to solve the issue with the regulator. Furthermore, in 2H2010 the operator intends to work aggressively to increase its share of the net additions and maintain its market leadership position, via a more efficient utilization of its spare capacity (Mobinil had 31 million dials at the end of 2Q2010). We view the 2Q2010 low addition of new subscribers as worrying and will be monitoring the matter closely especially that Vodafone Egypt exhibited strong growth in its number of new additions during the same quarter.
- During 2Q2010, Mobinil made attractive offers on Blackberry post-paid services (75% off for three months), unlimited roaming (offering an EGP 1 per minute receiving rate), Ma'alem promotion (double credit on pre-paid recharges), and an unlimited mobile broadband daily promotion (24 hour unlimited internet access for EGP 5 per day). In July 2010, the operator has also introduced new offers such as "New El Masry promotion" and "New Student Line". We believe these offers will help Mobinil grow or at least maintain its subscriber base.
- EBITDA for the quarter declined by 17% YoY, but increased by 8% QoQ to EGP 1.1 billion. The quarterly EBITDA comes in 4% below our forecast of EGP 1.14 billion. The 2Q2010 EBITDA margin declined to 43% versus 48% in 2Q2009, however, it was an improvement over the 40% margin in 1Q2010. The YoY decline in EBITDA margin is attributable to the increased competition in the mobile market, while management accredits the QoQ improvement in EBITDA margin to improved cost efficiency. Accordingly, 2Q2010 net profit declined by 29% YoY to EGP 381 million.
- The 1H2010 CAPEX declined by 18% YoY to EGP 813 million, representing 16% of sales versus 19% in 1H2009. Mobinil re-confirmed the acquisition of LINKdotNET, which will help the company to enhance its competitiveness and value proposition to its customers. The transaction is expected to close in August 2010.
- Although Mobinil's results come in slightly below our forecasts in terms of revenue and EBITDA, we view the on-going dials shortage as a negative for Mobinil's growth and express our concern over Mobinil's substantial loss of market share of new additions. While we maintain our fair value per share for Mobinil (EGP 194 per share) which is now 24% above the last close (which implies a "Buy" recommendation); we foresee short term pressure on the share price. If the situation worsens during the third quarter we will revise our forecasts downwards.

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### Related Research

- Mobinil Analyst Comment - 05 July 2010
- Mobinil Update - 19 May 2010

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RECOMMENDATION		UPSIDE (DOWNSIDE) POTENTIAL		
BUY		MORE THAN 20%		
ACCUMULATE		BETWEEN 5% AND 20%		
HOLD		BETWEEN -10% AND 5%		
REDUCE		BETWEEN -25% AND -10%		
SELL		LESS THAN -25%		
RISK LEVEL				
LOW RISK		HIGH RISK		
1	2	3	4	5

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