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### ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR WEST AFRICA

**23 October 2015; Lagos, Nigeria:** IHS Towers, the largest mobile telecommunications infrastructure provider in Africa, Europe and the Middle East, has proudly sponsored the 2015 Business Leader of the Year Award at the CNBC All Africa Business Leaders Awards in Lagos, Nigeria.

The Lifetime Achievement Award for 2015, now in its fifth year, was won by His Highness Muhammad Sanusi II (CON), Sarkin Kano, an individual who personifies excellence on the African continent and who has a long and storied history of distinguished public service in the Nigerian financial sector.

Presenting the award last night, Mohamad Darwish, IHS Towers Co-founder and IHS Nigeria Deputy CEO said: *“Similar to IHS, those short-listed for the Lifetime Achievement Award have faced significant challenges along the way that will have tested their leadership capabilities as they’ve continued to build their businesses. However, all will have contributed in one form or another to the tremendous progress Africa has made over the past few years. You have all played a part in growing the continent’s economy and put in place the systems, processes and cultures for sustained growth. You all possess the core values of a successful business leader, including innovation, ingenuity, knowledge and foresight, the core values that are imperative to creating successful and sustainable pan-African businesses. These qualities I have highlighted are non-better exemplified by this year’s winner, His Highness Muhammad Sanusi II (CON), Sarkin Kano.”*

IHS is an African telecoms success story and one of the most attractive asset backed infrastructure businesses in the global telecom sector. Through mobile infrastructure, IHS is accelerating a mobile enabled economy across sub-Saharan Africa.

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IHS is the largest mobile telecommunications infrastructure provider in Africa, Europe and the Middle East. Founded in 2001, IHS provides services across the full tower value chain – colocation on owned towers, deployment and managed services. Today IHS has operations in Nigeria, Cameroon, Côte d’Ivoire, Zambia and Rwanda. IHS currently owns and operates over 23,100 towers in Africa.

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#### **About the CNBC All Africa Business Leadership Awards**

The All African Business Leadership Awards (AABLA) is the leading African award honouring excellence in business leadership on the continent. Established in 2011, the AABLA received over 100 entries from across the continent in 2015. The AABLA is presented in partnership with CNBC Africa. Sponsors of the AABLA include Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela Traditional Administration, Bosch, Carducci, IDC, Jaguar Land Rover, Lancaster University Ghana, EcoBank, IHS and Sea Harvest. Partners include Cinemark, Forbes Africa, Independent Newspapers, Arik Air, Liquid Thought and Tomodachi.