Telkom CEO Sipho Maseko scores R27 million payday

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Telkom has published its integrated report for the 2018 financial year, revealing what the telco group paid its top executives.

According to the report, Telkom CEO Sipho Maseko was paid a total package of R27.2 million for the 2018 financial year, comprising a basic salary of R8.05 million, a short-term incentive bonus of R7.58 million and a long-

Former CFO, and new CIO Deon Fredericks scored a total pay of R13.6 million for the period, taking the total pay to the top two executives to R40.8 million.

Telkom paid a further R113.2 million to 10 prescribed officers, including those who have since left the company, and those who have moved up the ranks.

Deputy CFO Tsholofelo Molefe, who has been appointed as the new CFO of the group, was paid R7.2 million, while retired chief information officer (CIO) Len de Villiers earned R14.3 million.

Other executives who have parted ways with the company - Brian Armstrong and Attila Vitai - were also paid handsomely, taking R13.6 million and R24.3 million, respectively.

The tables below outline the executive pay:

FY2018 emoluments per executive director

	GP*	STI R	Fringe and other benefits R	LTI (vested shares) R	Total FY2018 R	Pension TRF 13%** R
Executive directors						
SN Maseko	8 050 000	7 580 163	11 997	11 551 650	27 193 810	901 600
DJ Fredericks	5 565 000	4 123 055	11 997	3 888 066	13 588 118	593 299
Total	13 615 000	11 703 218	23 994	15 439 716	40 781 928	1 494 829

Guaranteed package includes basic salary, company contribution toward TRF and flexible allowance.

FY2018 emoluments per prescribed officer

Company			Fringe and	LTI		Pension -
	GP*	STI	other benefits**	(vested shares)	Total R	TRF13%***
BC Armstrong ^{1,3}	1 250 336	-	4 736 586	7 581 727	13 568 649	79 771
LM de Villiers ^{1,4}	3 387 101	2 295 218	1 424 527	7 182 060	14 288 906	460 646
NM Lekota	3 392 000	2 640 079	-	-	6 032 079	356 160
LTS Maloba ²	1 354 703	686 560	1 10	-	2 041 263	115 513
TBL Molefe ²	4 085 000	3 142 969	-		7 227 969	308 009
IM Russell	5 000 000	0	11 997	2 461 014	7 473 011	390 000
AN Samuels	5 000 000	3 816 500	11 997	1 643 012	10 471 509	377 000
A Vitai ^{1,5}	6 004 900	4 634 525	3 209 501	10 454 219	24 303 145	70
I Mophatlane ^{1,3}	2 100 082	-	8 231 682	8 610 684	18 942 448	105 004
T Seopa ^{1,3}	2 018 441	-	3 791 836	3 020 953	8 831 230	152 190
Total	33 592 563	17 215 851	21 418 126	40 953 669	113 180 209	2 344 293

^{*} GP includes basic salary, company contribution towards TRF and flexible allowance.

In May, Telkom reported a 6.55% drop in operating profit for the year ended March 2018, to R4.939 billion, with revenue flat at R41.018 billion.

The group reported a 19.2% decrease in profit after tax to R3.158 billion. This, it said, was mainly attributable to an increase in the taxation expense and a 3.6% decrease on earnings before interest, taxation, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA) of R10.544 million

This resulted in an 18.4% decrease in headline earnings per share (HEPS) to 597 cents.

Mobile growth was strong, with consumer revenue up 5.9%, driven by a 47.2% growth in mobile service revenue for the year ended March 2018. The growth in the mobile business was supported by 30.2% growth to 5.2 million subscribers, with the blended average revenue per user (ARPU) increasing by 10.2% to R98, Telkom said.

^{**} Fringe and other benefits includes motor car insurance, relocation benefit, separation package, notional completion bonus and leave payments.
*** Company pension contribution.

Exited as prescribed officer: BC Armstrong - 30 June 2017; LM de Villiers - 31 March 2018; A Vitai - 31 March 2018; I Mophatlane - 31 July 2017; STM Seopa - 31 October 2017.

² Appointed as prescribed officer: LTS Moloba - 13 November 2017; TBL Molefe - 1 April 2017.

³ Separation and leave pay included in fringe and other benefits for BC Armstrong; I Mophatlane; and T Seopo.

⁴Notional completion bonus and leave pay included in fringe and other benefits for LM de Villiers.
⁵Notional completion bonus, relocation benefits and leave pay included in fringe and other benefits for A Vitai.