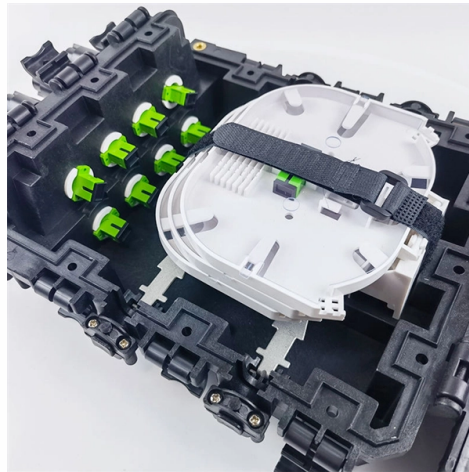


Have the telecommunications towers in North Africa been dismantled



Overview

IHS Holding Limited has agreed to be acquired by MTN Group Limited in an all-cash transaction valued at approximately \$6.2 billion, marking one of the largest digital infrastructure deals in Africa and effectively reversing years of tower divestments by the continent's biggest. In this deep-dive into the challenges facing Africa's towercos, Christopher Greaves, head of research for Africa at TowerXchange, examines the latest series of problems that the industry faces, and how its different players are adapting. TowerXchange Meetup Africa and the Digital Infra Power. Following recent quality of service breaches, MTN Ghana and Telecel Ghana have been ordered to build a combined 1,150 new cell sites in 2026. The announcement came on April 12 during the launch of the One Million Coders Programme, with MTN committing to 800 sites at most and Telecel taking on 350. The ETC. A telecommunications tower stands in Kajiado, Kenya, Saturday, April 25, 2026. (AP Photo/Brian Inganga) NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Rising diesel prices linked to the Iran war are adding urgency to a shift already underway across Africa to move cellphone towers off fossil fuels and onto solar power. Pan African Towers draws serious acquisition interest as DPI and Verod explore a high-value exit amid Nigeria's growing telecom infrastructure needs Pan African Towers may be on the verge of a major sale, as strong buyer interest swirls around the Nigerian telecom infrastructure provider.

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