

Zim's Econet forced to reconnect NetOne

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After switching off interconnection with state-owned mobile operator NetOne, Zimbabwe's largest mobile operator, Econet Wireless, has been forced to reverse its decision by the Southern African country's high court. Econet claims it is owed US\$20m by its rival. Econet cut links with its rival last Thursday, claiming NetOne had failed to pay interconnection fees - the rates operators charge each other to field calls on their networks - since May 2009.

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