



MTI Wireless raises \$5 mln from private investors at \$40 mln company value

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Tel Aviv Stock Exchange-listed MTI subsidiary MTI Wireless yesterday evening signed a \$4 million investment agreement. The agreement is in addition to a \$1 million investment by its parent company. The private placement was at an estimated company value of \$40 million.

The placement was led by the Catalyst Fund of the Cukierman and Co. Investment House. Company chairman Edouard Cukierman told "Globes", "After long negotiations, a \$4 million investment agreement was signed last night." He said that the investors are the Catalyst Fund, which he heads, Mizrahi Investments and a German international concern, the Otto Group. The Otto Group has previously invested in Israeli companies such as VCON and Astra.

Cukierman said that the Catalyst Fund usually invests in mature stage companies approaching IPO, usually in Europe. The Cukierman and Co. investment house specializes in issues on the Swiss, German and French stock exchanges, which hints at MTI Wireless plans for issue. Cukierman confirmed that the company is scheduled to issue on one of these stock exchanges when market conditions are ripe.

MTI Wireless makes flat antennae for the wireless sector. Company revenues totaled \$5 million in 2000, and it posted a negligible loss of \$150,000. The Catalyst Fund expects the company's revenues to double in 2001 and that the company will reach break-even point