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## ERICSSON AND BT PUT 5G TO WORK IN REAL-WORLD APPLICATIONS

- Ericsson, BT and King's College London partner on development of 5G projects in support of mission-critical services, commercial and consumer markets
- Extending Ericsson's industry and academic collaborations, and leveraging the 5G for Europe network, this collaboration will focus on driving 5G technology to boost market demand and adoption
- Exploring 5G technologies and capabilities such as low latency communication and network slicing will be essential to build rapid and reliable mission-critical services

Together with university research partner King's College London, Ericsson (NASDAQ: ERIC) and BT have signed a multi-year collaboration agreement on 5G testing and development. King's College contributes with low-latency use cases and specialized knowledge in communication technologies, robotics and haptic control.

The collaboration will focus on creating 5G use cases in commercial and consumer markets, with particular focus on mission-critical services such as medical applications. It will involve research into the technical and economic aspects of key 5G-enabling technologies.

With the ambition to be first to market with 5G services in the UK, BT has worked with Ericsson to build a 5G Proof of Concept Center at the BT Labs in Adastral Park, Ipswich. With access to the [5G for Europe](#) core network – linking multiple centers and universities across Europe – Ericsson and BT are testing the network architecture needed to most efficiently deliver commercial 5G services.

Howard Watson, CEO, BT Technology, Service & Operations, and BT Group CIO, says: "The initial focus of the collaboration is on Proof of Concept solutions and trials of services needing both high availability and low latency – both key features of the forthcoming 5G technology."

In 2016, BT bought EE, the United Kingdom's leading 4G network provider. Together, we have the opportunity to build on our existing infrastructure to create a truly converged fixed and mobile network. We look forward to working with Ericsson and Kings College London as we examine the possibilities of 5G, and what it can deliver in terms of flexibility, scalability and the high bandwidths that our customers will require in the future."

Anders Lindblad, Senior Vice President and Head of Business Unit IT & Cloud Products, says: "5G is the foundation for expanding the potential to all Industries. The cooperation with BT to trial services using 5G technology demonstrates Ericsson's commitment to drive

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market demand and adoption. By establishing network slices in the context of 5G will be like virtual networks on-demand, and will be crucial for the mission-critical services being trialed.”

A demonstration of these capabilities will be on display outside Ericsson’s Hall 2 at Mobile World Congress.

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