
BHARTI AIRTEL SELECTS ERICSSON TO ROLL OUT 4G IN DELHI

- Ericsson rolls out its first 4G (LTE-FDD) network in Delhi for Bharti Airtel
- Ericsson to provide its multi-standard radio equipment from the Ericsson RBS 6000 base station family

Bharti Airtel, India's leading telecom services provider has chosen Ericsson (NASDAQ: ERIC) to roll out 4G (LTE-FDD) network for its subscribers in Delhi. This four-year agreement marks the first LTE-FDD rollout by Ericsson in Delhi.

Ericsson will enable Bharti Airtel to meet growing customer demand for mobile broadband services while delivering superior network performance. On 4G, Airtel subscribers will be able to enjoy an improved smartphone experience, with faster web browsing, downloads, video on demand, and many other services.

Abhay Savargaonkar, CTO, Bharti Airtel, says: "The Delhi market is currently experiencing a rapid increase in the uptake of data-centric services. As market leaders, we at Airtel are deeply committed towards delivering the best data experience for smartphone users and have made investment in high speed 4G network to improve the data experience of the customer. We are delighted to partner with Ericsson to offer a world-class 4G experience for our customers in Delhi."

As part of the contract, Ericsson will provide its multi-standard radio equipment from the Ericsson RBS 6000 base station family for macro and small cell networks. The agreement also includes deployment of Ericsson's LTE RAN software for Bharti Airtel. The solution works seamlessly with the existing 2G and 3G networks deployed by Ericsson. In addition to Delhi, Ericsson has also partnered Bharti Airtel to deploy LTE networks in 4 other circles.

Paolo Colella, Head of Region India, Ericsson, says: "We are proud to be partnering with Airtel for the 4G roll out in Delhi. Our global leadership and expertise made it possible to roll out the LTE network in record time. LTE will be a key enabler in realizing Ericsson's vision of the Networked Society and our high capacity LTE network infrastructure will enable Airtel subscribers to enjoy a seamless, high-speed mobile broadband experience."

Ericsson is the market leader in LTE network technology. 40 percent of the world's LTE smartphone traffic is currently served by Ericsson networks. Ericsson is present today in all high-traffic LTE markets including the US, Japan, South Korea, Singapore, Australia and Canada, and has also been selected by the top 10 LTE operators, as ranked by LTE subscriptions worldwide. According to the India appendix of Ericsson Mobility Report, LTE

subscriptions in India are expected to reach more than 230 million by 2020, forming around 17 percent of the total subscription base.

NOTES TO EDITORS

About Bharti Airtel

Bharti Airtel Limited is a leading global telecommunications company with operations in 20 countries across Asia and Africa. Headquartered in New Delhi, India, the company ranks amongst the top 4 mobile service providers globally in terms of subscribers. In India, the company's product offerings include 2G, 3G and 4G wireless services, mobile commerce, fixed line services, high speed DSL broadband, IPTV, DTH, enterprise services including national & international long distance services to carriers. In the rest of the geographies, it offers 2G, 3G wireless services and mobile commerce. Bharti Airtel had over 312 million customers across its operations at the end of December 2014. To know more please visit, www.airtel.com

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