
ERICSSON CHOSEN AS MAJOR LTE SUPPLIER BY TAIWAN'S FAR EASTONE

- Far EasTone has chosen Ericsson as a major supplier for its LTE radio and core network
- Users will enjoy an improved smartphone user experience, with faster web browsing and downloads and better network performance
- 4G CBS (Cell Broadcast System) to be implemented to help Taiwan Government and consumers for disaster warning services

Far EasTone, a telecommunications operator in Taiwan, has announced that it has chosen Ericsson (NASDAQ:ERIC) as its major LTE supplier. Ericsson will provide hardware, software and support services, rolling out a multi-access RAN and core network for both 3G and 4G services, as well as assisting with network optimization.

The agreement will see the LTE network rolled out market-wide, giving Far EasTone customers in Taiwan speeds of up to 150 Mbps/50 Mbps (downlink/uplink) with 20 MHz LTE frequency bandwidth for smartphone and mobile broadband use. To speed up the network rollout, the 700 and 1800 MHz bands will both be supported.

The deal will also see the implementation of Ericsson's 4G CBS (Cell Broadcast System) which will enable the Taiwanese government and consumers to avail of disaster warning services.

Yvonne Li, President of Far EasTone, says: "We are looking forward to this 4G implementation and offering our users an improved experience in terms of smartphone and mobile broadband usage in a very competitive market."

Jan Signell, Head of Ericsson Region North East Asia says: "We are pleased to extend our successful long-term partnership with Far EasTone by providing them with our LTE radio and core network. Far EasTone will now be able to offer its customers improved speeds and reliability, with the opportunity to expand as future needs grow. We are proud that we have partnered with Far EasTone to make their 3G network one of the best-performing networks in the world, and we are fully committed to providing a superior performing 4G/LTE network to Far EasTone and their customers."

Following its founding in 1997, Far EasTone Telecommunications (FET) quickly became a leading company in Taiwan, providing telecommunications and digital application services to customers.

Ericsson is the market leader in LTE. Today, 50 percent of the world's LTE smartphone traffic is served by Ericsson networks, which is more than double the traffic of our closest

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competitor. More than 190 LTE RAN and Evolved Packet Core networks have been delivered worldwide, of which more than 130 have gone live commercially. Ericsson is present today in all high-traffic LTE markets including the US, Japan, South Korea, Australia and Canada, and has been selected by the top 10 LTE operators, as ranked by LTE subscriptions worldwide.

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About Far EasTone

Far EasTone Telecommunications (FET) is a leading company in Taiwan which provides telecommunications and digital application services. FET honors “Trustworthy, Proactive, Innovative, Accountable, Collaborative” as its core values. Since its inception in 1997, “Closing the Distance” has always been the brand spirit of FET, and the Company continues to innovate and develop in the hopes to “Stand out in Competition, Support Innovative Operations and Uphold our Solid Commitment”.

Ericsson is the driving force behind the Networked Society – a world leader in communications technology and services. Our long-term relationships with every major telecom operator in the world allow people, businesses and societies to fulfil their potential and create a more sustainable future.

Our services, software and infrastructure – especially in mobility, broadband and the cloud – are enabling the telecom industry and other sectors to do better business, increase efficiency, improve the user experience and capture new opportunities.

With more than 110,000 professionals and customers in 180 countries, we combine global scale with technology and services leadership. We support networks that connect more than 2.5 billion subscribers. Forty percent of the world’s mobile traffic is carried over Ericsson networks. And our investments in research and development ensure that our solutions – and our customers – stay in front.

Founded in 1876, Ericsson has its headquarters in Stockholm, Sweden. Net sales in 2013 were SEK 227.4 billion (USD 34.9 billion). Ericsson is listed on NASDAQ OMX stock exchange in Stockholm and the NASDAQ in New York.

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