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## TELE2 SELECTS ERICSSON FOR MOBILE BACKHAUL NETWORK EXPANSION

- Global frame agreement commenced December 2012
- Tele2 to use Ericsson MINI-LINK microwave radio solutions across its European operations
- Professional support services and training will also be provided

Tele2 has signed a frame agreement with Ericsson (NASDAQ: ERIC), commencing December 2012, for the expansion and upgrade of its mobile backhaul network throughout Europe.

Ericsson will provide Tele2 with its industry-leading MINI-LINK series of microwave radio solutions as well as professional support services and training.

Robert Puskaric, President of Region Northern Europe and Central Asia at Ericsson, says: "We have supplied MINI-LINK microwave products to Tele2 for several years and are pleased to be able to continue to support Tele2's expansion. Ericsson's MINI-LINK microwave product range will provide Tele2 with a future-proof solution that supports both older technologies, such as GSM and 3G, and large volumes of IP data traffic in next-generation LTE networks."

The widespread use of mobile devices, such as smartphones and tablets, has led to a dramatic increase in mobile network traffic.

One of the key features of Ericsson's MINI-LINK family of products is flexibility; they can be used both to create all-IP networks and in networks that are evolving from TDM to packet technology. The hybrid MINI-LINK TN and MINI-LINK CN can transport native Ethernet and native PDH (plesiochronous digital hierarchy) data over the same hop, which gives cost-effective migration from TDM to packet technology.

Ericsson is the microwave equipment market leader, having delivered more than 2.8 million microwave systems to more than 600 customers – including operators, governmental bodies and agencies – in more than 160 countries worldwide.

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*Our offering comprises services, software and infrastructure within Information and Communications Technology for telecom operators and other industries. Today more than 40 percent of the world's mobile traffic goes through Ericsson networks and we support customers' networks servicing more than 2.5 billion subscribers.*

*We operate in 180 countries and employ more than 100,000 people. Founded in 1876, Ericsson is headquartered in Stockholm, Sweden. In 2011 the company's net sales were SEK 226.9 billion (USD 35.0 billion). Ericsson is listed on NASDAQ OMX, Stockholm and NASDAQ, New York stock exchanges.*

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