

Ericsson and T-Mobile expand strategic partnership in the Netherlands

Leading Dutch operator T-Mobile Netherlands has signed a four-year strategic-partnership contract with Ericsson (NASDAQ:ERIC). The agreement, which follows T-Mobile's acquisition of Orange in the Netherlands, will result in the continuation and expansion of existing contracts, cementing Ericsson's position in the Dutch market.

Under the contract, Ericsson will continue to manage end-to-end network operations for the former Orange network. Ericsson will also take on responsibility for streamlining T-Mobile Netherlands' overall network infrastructure by dismantling the former Orange mobile networks.

Ericsson will step up the expansion of T-Mobile Netherlands' WCDMA network, including the building and acquisition of more than 900 new sites by 2010. Ericsson will also deliver more than 2000 MINI-LINK microwave transmission units to help boost capacity and to enable the efficient handling of packet data in T-Mobile's transmission network.

Jan Kuijpers, Director of Technology for T-Mobile Netherlands, says: "We are pleased to continue and expand our partnership with Ericsson. This plays an important role in the further rollout and optimization of our network."

Nils de Baar, President of Ericsson Netherlands, says: "This strategic partnership is an important milestone in Ericsson's relationship with T-Mobile. It underlines our strong market position and means Ericsson is now a supplier to all Dutch operators."

Ericsson is the world's leading provider of technology and services to telecom operators. The market leader in 2G and 3G mobile technologies, Ericsson supplies communications services and manages networks that serve more than 195 million subscribers. The company's portfolio comprises mobile and fixed network infrastructure, and broadband and multimedia solutions for operators, enterprises and developers. The Sony Ericsson joint venture provides consumers with feature-rich personal mobile devices.

Ericsson is advancing its vision of 'communication for all' through innovation, technology, and sustainable business solutions. Working in 175 countries, more than 70,000 employees generated revenue of USD 27.9 billion (SEK 188 billion) in 2007. Founded in 1876 and headquartered in Stockholm, Sweden, Ericsson is listed on the Stockholm and NASDAQ stock exchanges.

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About T-Mobile

T-Mobile Netherlands had a turnover of EUR 1.318 billion in 2007. Since October 1, 2007, the mobile and internet activities of Orange Netherlands have been part of T-Mobile Netherlands. Together Orange and T-Mobile serve 5.2 million customers in the Netherlands (March 2008).

T-Mobile offers products and services for the consumer market as well as for business users. In the Netherlands, T-Mobile owns a state-of-the-art mobile network for voice and data services as well as a fast-growing number of hot spot locations where users have access to high-speed mobile internet connections. T-Mobile Netherlands is part of T-Mobile International, one of the world's leading companies in mobile communications.

About Ericsson microwave transmission

Ericsson is the market leader in microwave transmission and has delivered more than 1.5 million microwave radios all around the world. The portfolio consists of the well-established MINI-LINK family strengthened by the Marconi LH trunk radio. It enables deployment and evolution of networks in a step-by-step way, supports any legacy and results in lowest cost of ownership. Ericsson offers a complete range of managed microwave transmission solutions and services for mobile, fixed and converged networks. The flexible hardware, outstanding production capacity and ability to offer complete turnkey site solutions provides operators with quick and efficient rollout of networks.