

Ericsson upgrades 3 Scandinavia's HSPA services to 7.2Mbps downlink

Ericsson (NASDAQ:ERIC) has upgraded 3's network with enhanced mobile broadband services with downlink speeds up to 7.2Mbps and uplink speeds of 1.4Mbps. The "turbocharged" network is live in major Swedish cities from today.

The upgrade gives 3's customers even faster access to mobile broadband services including internet surfing, video, TV, music and faster uploading of data. Users will see little or no difference between using a fixed connection at home or via HSPA from anywhere else.

Peder Ramel, CEO of 3 Scandinavia says: "We are proud to be one of the first operators in the world to upgrade Turbo 3G service to even higher speeds. The Ericsson technology allows us to take mobile broadband to the next level.

Mikael Bäckström, President of Ericsson Nordic and Baltics, says: "With this upgrade, 3 is the one of the first operators to offer consumer and enterprise customers richer services at unparalleled speeds. We are proud to be supplier to 3's successful Turbo 3G service.

Under this agreement Ericsson will provide hardware, software and services related to HSPA 7.2 and Enhanced Uplink. 3 and Ericsson will continue to extend network coverage and upgrade to higher HSPA speeds throughout 2007.

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About Ericsson's HSPA solution

Ericsson's HSPA solution is a part of Ericsson's Full Service Broadband offering and enables already today download speeds of up to 14.4Mbps and upload speeds of 1.4Mbps. The advanced technology lets operators more than double their system capacity and cuts response times for interactive services. On average, users will be able to download 20 times faster than with a GSM/GPRS connection. Future evolution steps will increase the HSPA download speed to 42Mbps and the upload speed to 12Mbps. Ericsson offers HSPA support on many frequency bands ranging from 850MHz to 2.6GHz.