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## ERICSSON TRANSFORMS NETWORK CAPABILITIES FOR TELENO ASIA

- Ericsson and Telenor Group sign five-year network enhancement contract
- Agreement covers deployment of 4G/LTE networks and transformation of 2G and 3G networks in Thailand, Bangladesh and Myanmar
- dtac, Grameenphone and Telenor Myanmar subscribers to enjoy improved smartphone performance, including faster web browsing and downloads

Ericsson (NASDAQ: ERIC) has signed a five-year contract with Telenor Group for the design and implementation of 4G/LTE networks and the transformation of existing 2G and 3G networks in Thailand, Bangladesh and Myanmar.

The agreement includes hardware, software and services. Ericsson will install its multi-standard radio base station, the RBS 6000, which supports 3G and 4G/LTE in a single cabinet. Indoor small cell solutions will also be deployed, including the Radio Dot System and RBS 6402 to address the requirement of reliable mobility, security and performance in challenging indoor environments. Around the world, the small cell base station RBS 6402 is delivering speeds of up to 300 Mbps, with deployments in less than 10 minutes, enabled by self-organizing network (SON) features. In Radio Dot System deployments, mobile data throughput has improved by up to 5 times, dropped calls have been reduced to zero, and installation times are as low as 4 minutes per Dot.

In addition, micro radio base station RBS 6501 will also add extra capacity and seamless mobility in selected outdoor spaces.

The transformation will improve network capacity and enhance mobile broadband experiences for dtac (4G/LTE), Grameenphone (2G/3G) and Telenor Myanmar (2G/3G) subscribers. Consumers will enjoy improved smartphone and network performance, including faster web browsing and downloads.

dtac, Grameenphone and Telenor Myanmar are part of the Telenor Group, which is headquartered in Oslo, Norway.

Operators such as Telenor Group are looking to enable digital transformation of societies by extending internet connectivity to as many people as possible. By teaming with Ericsson, operators are able to bring vital infrastructure, new services and products that empower people, business and society.

Sam Saba, Head of Region South East Asia and Oceania, Ericsson, says: "This contract clearly demonstrates Ericsson's technology and services leadership, and further extends our long-standing relationship with Telenor Group.

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“Ericsson’s 3G and 4G/LTE network solutions will enable dtac, Telenor Myanmar and Grameenphone to deliver unique experiences for people, business and society, thus shaping and accelerating the Networked Society in Thailand, Bangladesh and Myanmar.”

Ericsson is today present in all high-traffic LTE markets, including the US, Japan and South Korea, and is ranked first for handling global LTE traffic – 40 percent of the world's mobile traffic is carried over Ericsson networks. Ericsson is number one in LTE market share within the world's top 100 cities. More than 220 Ericsson LTE RAN and evolved Packet Core networks have been delivered worldwide, of which 170 are live commercially.

#### NOTES TO EDITORS

##### **Ericsson at Mobile World Congress 2016**

During Mobile World Congress 2016 in Barcelona, Ericsson will showcase its unique industry insights, the latest innovation and inspirational discussions that enable powerful new business opportunities. We are in the midst of the societal transformation we call the Networked Society: a society in which mobility, broadband and cloud empower every person and every industry to reach their full potential. Opportunity is everywhere, and companies are transforming according to the role they have chosen to play in the value chains and ecosystems of the Networked Society.

Join us in our Hall (Hall 2, Stand 2N60) to learn about 5G, the Internet of Things and cloud, and to discuss the impact digital transformation can have on people, business and society.

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##### **About Telenor Group**

Telenor Group, headquartered in Oslo, Norway, is one of the world's major mobile operators with 200 million mobile subscriptions, full-year revenues of NOK 128 billion in 2015 and a workforce of about 36,000. Telenor Group has mobile operations in 13 markets and in an additional 14 markets through ownership in VimpelCom Ltd. For more information, please visit [www.telenor.com](http://www.telenor.com)

##### **About dtac**

Total Access Communication PLC, or dtac, is one of the leading mobile operators in Thailand with approximately 28 million subscribers. Founded in August 1989, dtac has invested more than THB 130 billion over the past decade in strengthening its business by continuously

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upgrading its technology and improving service quality. For more information, please visit [www.dtac.co.th](http://www.dtac.co.th)

#### **About Grameenphone**

Grameenphone is the leading telecommunications operator in Bangladesh. Starting operations in March 1997, Grameenphone was the first operator to introduce GSM technology in Bangladesh. It pioneered the then-breakthrough initiative of mobile-to-mobile telephony, and is the first operator to cover 99 percent of Bangladesh's population with networks.

As of January 2016, Grameenphone had more than 56 million subscribers and more than 15 million internet users. For more information, please visit [www.grameenphone.com](http://www.grameenphone.com)

#### **About Telenor Myanmar**

Telenor Myanmar is one of the leading telecommunications operators in Myanmar. Telenor obtained licenses in Myanmar in February 2014 and launched mobile voice and internet services using 2G and 3G GSM technology in the same year. Telenor today serves more than 14 million customers in Myanmar through a 100% 3G GSM network spanning more than 4,600 towers, and through more than 66,000 points of sales nationwide. For more information, please visit [www.telenor.com.mm](http://www.telenor.com.mm)

#### **About Ericsson**

*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, business and society to fulfill 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 approximately 115,000 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 2015 were SEK 246.9 billion (USD 29.4 billion). Ericsson is listed on NASDAQ OMX stock exchange in Stockholm and the NASDAQ in New York.*

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