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## IMPROVED MOBILE DATA ACCESS FOR JAPANESE USERS

- Japan's Softbank Mobile invests in its HSPA Evolution network to boost quality and capacity for smartphone and tablet users
- Rapid growth in data usage boosts Softbank Mobile's revenues
- Operator upgrades its radio access network for Japan's three largest cities

Leading Japanese operator Softbank Mobile invests in capacity to ensure a high-quality user experience by upgrading its HSPA radio access network with Ericsson's (NASDAQ: ERIC) latest radio base station solution, RBS 6000. The upgrade will bring major benefits to the data-hungry users of smartphones and tablet computers who are the key contributors to the operator's financial success.

Digitally savvy Japanese are using mobile data to stay in touch, including always-connected social network services and popular "moba-gee" mobile games over those social networks. Softbank Mobile is determined to maintain customer satisfaction for high-capacity data subscribers as the company now earns more from data than from voice services.

Junichi Miyakawa, Executive Vice President and CTO of Softbank Mobile, says: "We are the first operator in the world to have higher revenues from data than from voice. Ericsson's solution for this coverage and capacity upgrade will satisfy our data-hungry subscribers. We want to ensure that our network performance remains among the world's best so we can make the most of both the data and subscriber growth we are enjoying."

Under the contract, Ericsson is deploying and integrating new radio base stations for the Tomeiha area which includes Japan's biggest cities: Tokyo, Nagoya and Osaka. This area covers 50 percent of the Japanese population and represents one of the densest areas in the world in terms of data traffic usage. The upgrade project has already begun, and is due to be largely completed by the end of the financial year 2010, which ends on March 31, 2011.

"With this Ericsson solution, Softbank Mobile will upgrade its network with the latest technology, enhancing data capacity and coverage, while improving energy efficiency and creating a sustainable path for future technology," says Fredrik Alatalo, President of Ericsson Japan. "We are committed to supporting Softbank Mobile as it caters for Japan's data-savvy subscribers."

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