Telia Carrier establishes two new PoPs in St. Petersburg, Russia to bolster its network backbone in the region

Stockholm/St. Petersburg, Russia – 21 February 2017 – Telia Carrier today announced that it has established two new points of presence (PoP) in St. Petersburg, Russia to meet customer demand, and add more depth and diversity to the company's network in a region experiencing major traffic growth.

Telia Carrier continues to add granularity to its network with the two new PoPs, ensuring that customer needs are met in a high traffic region and expanding the reach of its top-two ranked global IP backbone, AS1299. The new PoPs add to Telia Carrier's historical commitment to the region and follow the company's recent announcement of a new route from Stockholm to St. Petersburg via Tallinn. Following the build-out, the global wholesale carrier will offer IP transit, Ethernet and wavelength services from two new data center facilities in St. Petersburg - Miran and Selectel. As a result, content providers and operators, primarily within Russia and the Baltic states, can now choose from Telia Carrier's compelling portfolio of 100G+ services at these sites. Content providers in particular stand to benefit from improved access to a rapidly growing cloud and content services market in Russia.

"More content and cloud providers are adding a local presence in the Russian market to provide services for millions of new customers. These providers all demand low latency, high capacity backbone services to support the delivery of rich content to the end user," **said Ilya Bulaev, sales director – Russia & CIS, for Telia Carrier**. *"These two new PoPs reinforce Telia Carrier's depth of presence in the European and Russian markets, and enable content providers to enter new markets with extremely high capacity network service offerings."*

"Several dozen communications providers are already present in Selectel's data centers." **Said Kirill Malevanov, technical director Selectel**. *"We'd like to add more in the future, as new providers create new opportunities for our clients to develop their network infrastructure. Telia Carrier, a leading Tier 1 provider, can offer interesting solutions pertaining to IP transit and VPN services."*

Telia Carrier's global fiber backbone is the first to be 100G-enabled in both Europe and North America. It is also the first network to successfully transmit 1 Tb/s on its US network. According to Dyn Research's global backbone rankings, AS1299, Telia Carrier's global IP backbone is currently ranked top-two. Telia Carrier's rapid growth and ascension through the rankings was highlighted in Dyn's 'Baker's Dozen, 2015 edition' report. The company enables worldwide connectivity by connecting more than 220 Points of Presence (PoPs) across Europe, North America, Asia, and the Middle East including over 70 PoPs in North America alone.

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