

## **Ericsson chosen as UMTS supplier by Sonera**

**Ericsson has been selected by Finnish operator Sonera as a supplier for UMTS 3G network solutions in Finland. Under the three year agreement Ericsson will supply its 3G UMTS radio access network equipment and related support services.**

The UMTS contract with Sonera again underlines Ericsson's position as the world's leading supplier of 3G mobile systems. Ericsson has now been named as vendor in 21 third generation agreements announced to date.

The Ericsson UMTS 3G network solution will enable Sonera to offer new high speed mobile UMTS services with quality. Ericsson's understanding and industry leading knowledge of UMTS technology will also secure and support Sonera to continue its innovating role within mobile services and applications.

"Our long cooperation with Ericsson provides a solid basis for the building of efficient and reliable UMTS networks," says Senior Vice President Anni Vepsäläinen of Sonera. "Ericsson's network expertise makes an excellent complement to our vision, which emphasizes services and customer benefit."

"We are proud to be chosen by Sonera as their UMTS network supplier and support their forefront drive to rapidly expanding mobile Internet market," says Veli-Matti Mattila, President of Ericsson Finland. "This contract will continue the long and global working relationship as we have done so far with GSM and also recently with GPRS network systems."

The 3G services will run on top of optical high speed IP backbone network which Sonera has earlier purchased from Ericsson.

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**About Sonera**

Sonera (HEX: SRA, NASDAQ: SNRA) is an international forerunner in mobile communications and mobile-based services and applications. By combining service provision, Sonera aims to develop into a global communications operator and provider of transaction and content services. The company also provides advanced data communications solutions to businesses, and fixed network voice services in Finland and its nearby areas. In 1999, Sonera's revenues amounted to EUR 1.85 billion and profit before extraordinary items and taxes was EUR 0.5 billion.