

## Ericsson provides GSM to Digicel in El Salvador

Ericsson and Digicel have signed a contract for the delivery of a complete, turnkey GSM 900 solution in El Salvador. The contract, valued at USD 33 million for the initial phase, includes network infrastructure, services and handsets. The network will when completed provide nationwide coverage.

"In line with providing top quality mobile services and a broad variety of value added products to our customers, we are very pleased to have selected Ericsson as our preferred vendor of GSM systems in Central America," stated Fuad El-Hibri, Chairman of the Board of Digicel. "Ericsson's experience and commitment to the turnkey project will enable us to rapidly roll-out GSM service in El Salvador, and to easily expand into other Central American countries."

Digicel's customers will have immediate access to the global telecommunications community, including in the United States, through global roaming. There are currently more than 450 million GSM subscribers worldwide.

"We are very pleased to introduce our world-leading GSM solution in El Salvador, and are looking forward to working with a new customer that has already proven its ability in other markets," declared Urban Gillstrom, President for Ericsson in Central America.

"This contract further strengthens Ericsson's position as the leading supplier of mobile systems in El Salvador and Central America, and is a further strengthening of the trend toward GSM in the Americas," added Gillstrom.

Ericsson is the leading communications supplier, combining innovation in mobility and Internet in creating the new era of mobile Internet. Ericsson provides total solutions covering everything from systems and applications to mobile phones and other communications tools. With presence in 140 countries, Ericsson simplifies communications for customers all over the world.

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