

## **Press Release**

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### **Telia Receives Licenses in the Czech Republic**

**Telia International Carrier has been granted two licenses from the Czech Telecommunication Office to establish and operate a network and to provide telecommunications services in the Czech Republic.**

Telia International Carrier offers wholesale Internet, voice, managed capacity and infrastructure services through their office in Prague. Both licenses provide Telia with access to the Czech market for twenty years.

-Since the Czech authorities have very high demands on new telecom operators, and since the Czech Republic has just implemented a new regulatory framework, we are both happy and proud to have received these licenses, says Lars Rydin, President of Telia International Carrier.

The services are realized through a fixed telecommunications network covering the entire Czech region. Telia International Carrier already holds a license that enables it to provide leased-line-based services.

-Telia's strong global presence combined with new technology brings many opportunities for growth in the Czech telecommunications and IT markets. Because of its position between the large markets in the West and growth markets in the East, the Czech Republic is ideal to build upon, says Robert Barnes, Country Manager of Telia International Carrier, Czech Republic.

About Telia International Carrier:

Telia's wholly owned subsidiary, Telia International Carrier, provides IP, Capacity, Voice and Infrastructure services. Today, the company is the leading European carrier of transatlantic IP traffic to the USA.

Its wholly owned multi-fibre optic network - the Viking Network - provides high capacity bandwidth and offers end-to-end connectivity round the world. The network is a giant investment-intensive venture designed to expand Telia International Carrier to cover Scandinavia, Europe and the USA by 2001. The infrastructure in Europe is designed as a multi-duct network connecting all significant cities with communication, supporting IP, Voice and Data. By the end of 2001, the network will cover 40,000 route kilometres throughout Europe and the USA, connecting 50 major cities.

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<p><b>Telia is the leading Nordic communications company challenging technology to liberate you in life and business. In 2000, Telia's sales totalled SEK 54,064 million and the number of employees was 29,868. Telia is quoted on the A-list of the Stockholm Stock Exchange.</b></p>
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