

## **Press Release**

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### **Telia connects Dublin to the Viking Network**

**Telia International Carrier has signed an agreement with the global telecom group Cable & Wireless regarding capacity on the distance between Dublin and London.**

The agreement means that Telia International Carrier is buying capacity in the submarine cables "Solas" and "Lanis". The deal comprises a two way 2.5Gbps. wavelength diversely routed between London and Dublin. The cable deal is part of the strategy to connect Ireland with Telia's European net.

- The deal with Cable & Wireless is an important step towards Telia International Carrier's goal regarding the Viking Network's expansion in Europe. Through the deal we have increased the present network in England and Ireland, says Lars Rydin, CEO of Telia International Carrier.

The Viking Network is a wholly owned optical fiber network which supplies the customer with high capacity for IP- and telecommunication all over Europe as well across the Atlantic.

Cable & Wireless is already leasing infrastructure and bandwidth in Telia International Carrier's Scandinavian high capacity network, the Scandinavian Ring.

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#### **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.

<p>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.</p>
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