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Telia provides Song Networks with global IP-capacity

New deal for Telia gives clients of Song Networks access to Telia International Carrier's global Internet backbone with coverage in Europe as well as in the US.

The agreement means that Telia International Carrier provides Song Networks with IPcapacity on TeliaNet, which is the IP-backbone built on Telias global optical fiber network, the Viking Network.

The deal comprises availability to Telia's extensive Internet backbone, managed every hour, all year around. The clients of Song Networks will have a maximum IP-bandwidth of 1 Gbps connection to the backbone with guaranteed security on all stretches.

- We are looking forward having one of Scandinavia's biggest operators as our client, says Erik Heilborn, President of Telia International Carrier. Our advantage is that we offer an nonoverbooked end-to-end connectivity all over Europe as well across the Atlantic and in the US with service around the clock and high security.

The Viking Network is Telia's wholly owned optical fibre network, which provides the customer with high capacity through the whole value chain.

- It was important for us to find a supplier who could guarantee security and quality in the network, says Tommy Ekström, CTO Song Networks Holding. Together with Telia's great experience the choice to cooperate came naturally.

Song Networks is an important player on the Scandinavian operator market. Song Networks offers broadband solutions for data, Internet, hosting and telephony to large and medium sized businesses in the Nordic region.

About Telia International Carrier

Telia's wholly owned subsidiary, Telia International Carrier, provides IP, Capacity, Voice, Infrastructure services and carrier neutral colocation solutions. 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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Telia is the Nordic leader in telecommunications. Over the past year, we have streamlined the Group, focusing our core businesses making the company more flexible. Our four core businesses are: Mobile communications, Internet services, International carrier operations and Fixed network operations. Telia is listed on Stockholmsbörsen. Sales Jan-Sep 2001 totaled MSEK 42,226 and the number of employees was 22,500.