

## **Southwest China expands communications with Ericsson mobile network**

**Ericsson has won a contract valued at close to USD 100 million (SEK 835 million) with Sichuan Mobile Communications Co. for the expansion of their GSM network in the Sichuan province.**

Within the contract, network capacity will be expanded from some 600,000 users to more than 1.4 million users, with GSM system hardware and software delivered by Ericsson's joint venture Nanjing Ericsson Communications Co. Ltd.

In addition, Ericsson will provide a range of service solutions and technical support to further optimize the mobile network. Together with Sichuan Mobile Communications Co., Ericsson will also establish an Operations and Maintenance center in Chengdu to further develop and support the operator's network and services in the province.

"We are very satisfied with the performance of the Ericsson GSM system since the very first contract. We are confident to continue our network expansion with Ericsson and look forward to introducing new generation features and services for our customers," says Li Hua, Managing Director of Sichuan Mobile Communications Co.

"The Sichuan province is an important economic driver in the southwest region of China. Being selected for this expansion once again shows Ericsson's leading position in mobile infrastructure. We will supply our latest GSM system products and services to benefit the operator and its users in this very important province of more than 85 million people," says Jim Gill, Executive Vice President of Ericsson (China) Co. Ltd.

Ericsson China has more than 3,800 employees, 23 offices in different parts of the country and eight joint ventures that provide a full range of communications solutions and services.

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