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## **Tele1 Europe, Telia and Utfors constructing a broadband network in the northern coast of Sweden, Norrland**

**Tele1 Europe (NASDAQ: TEUR, Stockholm Stock Exchange: TEUR), Telia and Utfors have now begun the joint construction of a broadband network along the coast of northern Sweden, Norrland. The long-distance network consists of a total of 1100 km of fibre-optic cable and stretches from Haparanda in the north to Norrtälje in the south. The entire project involves an investment of approximately SEK 300-600 million, a cost that is being shared by the three broadband players.**

- We are three market players who have decided to work together. We believe in Norrland and consider the market potential in the region to be high. We are very pleased about our collaboration and the development will be made possible through the joint excavations, says Anders Brismo Managing Director Tele1 Europe AB, Lars-Gunnar Johansson vice area manager Telia Carrier & Networks and Jan Werne, Managing Director at Utfors in a joint statement.

The build-out will begin in about two week's time, when excavations will begin at two locations simultaneously, Haparanda in the north and Norrtälje in the south. The coast of Norrland will then gradually be connected to the new technology with an anticipated completion around the turn of the year 2000/2001.

Access to the technology will provide industry in Norrland with an improved basis on which to develop and the operators' investment will also lead to the creation of many new jobs.

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