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HiQ reviewing operators' UMTS licence applications on behalf of the Swedish National Post and Telecom Agency

HiQ has been assigned to review the operators' licence applications for the UMTS standard on behalf of the Swedish National Post and Telecom Agency (Post- och telestyrelsen – PTS).

UMTS licenses are much sought after on the telecoms market by operators. In the autumn, many of the Nordic countries will be selecting licence candidates. In Sweden, four licenses will be issued in September. PTS, which is responsible for the selection process, has appointed HiQ to produce an analysis of the various applications.

“UMTS is a technology that enables third generation mobile telephony systems to have better bandwidth in the air. A mobile world requires fast, secure routes if communication is to work. Without smoothly running communication, all new services cannot be used effectively. The business benefits of the technology must be in focus,” says Lars Stugemo, CEO, HiQ International.

HiQ will be reviewing the license applications from both a technical and commercial viewpoint.

“HiQ's consultants have been working with mobile communications and mobile data for over 10 years. Thanks to working with suppliers, operators and users, we have a longstanding experience of both the technology and the business,” Stugemo concludes.

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