

## **Ericsson and NCC in cooperation for build-out of infrastructure including 3G**

**Ericsson and NCC have concluded a long-term, agreement regarding the build-out of telecom and data communication networks, including 3G. The companies will jointly offer turnkey system solutions, including service and maintenance, for the build-out of these networks.**

“I view this agreement with Ericsson as a first important step in the effort to secure NCC’s role as a leading player in the development, expansion and servicing of the information infrastructure of the future,” says Jan Sjöqvist, NCC’s Chief Executive Officer. “We’re currently implementing considerable investments within NCC TeleCom to enable a focusing of operations and a mobilizing of resources within this high-priority area. NCC TeleCom will serve as an essential bridge for the NCC Group’s progress in the new economy.”

“Ericsson is the world leader of UMTS technology and NCC is a leading actor in management of large and complex projects, which gives us a market advantage with major opportunities for both companies,” says Melker Norlund, Vice President, Division Global Services, Ericsson.

In the agreement that has now been concluded, Ericsson and NCC will jointly market, offer, build and maintain communication systems within the telecommunication area, as well as data and image transmission. This will also involve considerable exchanges of knowledge between the partners, including the joint development of processes and procedures.

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### **About UMTS**

Ericsson began research on WCDMA more than ten years ago, and initiated the first WCDMA testbed already in 1995. Ericsson currently has 17 WCDMA trial systems in operation in countries throughout Europe, Asia-Pacific and North America. The company is in a unique position of leadership in mobile systems; larger than its nearest two competitors combined and the only supplier to offer mobile systems in all existing standards, from the first generation through the third generation.

Based on WCDMA technology, Ericsson's 3G system to be supplied can also be referred to as UMTS, a European denomination for 3G. UMTS stands for Universal Mobile Telecommunications System.