

Ericsson and LHS announce global distribution agreement for billing and customer care

Ericsson has signed a global distribution agreement with the LHS Group Inc., (NASDAQ: LHSG). The agreement further strengthens Ericsson's telecom management solutions, enabling the company to distribute LHS's Business Support and Control System (BSCS) to network operators around the world.

Under the agreement, Ericsson will provide BSCS as part of a turnkey solution for fixed and mobile telecommunications operators worldwide. Ericsson will provide BSCS services, including integration, maintenance and support together with LHS.

"Ericsson's strategy is to offer only the 'best of class' billing and customer care systems. LHS's billing system is widely respected in the industry and makes an effective complement to our current portfolio. The BSCS system's ability to support both mobile and fixed operators, together with its multiple language and currency, makes it ideal for our wide range of different customers around the world," says Bo Carlgren, General Manager, Telecom Management Solutions, Ericsson Radio Systems.

"We feel privileged to work with Ericsson on a global basis. Ericsson is recognized as a global leader with an exceptionally high level of technical expertise. We are very pleased to jointly provide telecommunications solutions for customers worldwide," says Per Axelsson, LHS Senior Vice President, Global Partner Sales.

Telecom Management Solutions (TMS) is an Ericsson Mobile Systems unit delivering business solutions and consultancy services to network operators around the world. TMS provides expertise in both commercial and technical aspects of network operations.

LHS is a leading provider of client/server modular customer care and billing software and services for the telecommunications industry. Its over 100 systems are installed in more than 50 countries, operating in 13 languages. In addition to its Atlanta headquarters, LHS has major offices in Frankfurt, Germany; Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; and Zurich, Switzerland.

Ericsson's 100,000 employees are active in more than 130 countries. Their combined expertise in fixed and mobile networks, mobile phones and infocom systems makes Ericsson a world-leading supplier in telecommunications.

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