

## **Press Release**

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### **Telia sells optical fiber network to Infigate**

**Telia International Carrier has sold an optical fiber network to German based Infigate GmbH. The network covers the eight largest German cities. The deal, which also includes the long-term lease of a conduit on the Munich-Vienna route amounts to DEM 38 million. (ap USD 17 mil.)**

The optical fibre network connects the cities of Munich, Stuttgart, Frankfurt, Cologne, Düsseldorf, Hamburg, Hannover and Berlin. In addition, Infigate leases colocation space and maintenance services.

On the Munich-Vienna route, Infigate will purchase a duct as well as colocation and maintenance services.

"This contract once more stresses our position as a leading European supplier of infrastructure for carriers and internet service providers", says Rüdiger Weckwerth, managing director of Telia International Carriers German subsidiary. "Telias German backbone covers 23 cities and offers connectivity to Telias Viking Network, one of the few globally fully redundant networks with highest quality"

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#### **About Telia International Carrier:**

Telia's wholly owned subsidiary, Telia International Carrier, provides IP, Capacity, Voice and Infrastructure services. Today, the company is the leading European carrier of transatlantic IP traffic to the USA.

Its wholly owned multi-fibre optic network - the Viking Network - provides high capacity bandwidth and offers end-to-end connectivity round the world. The network is a giant investment-intensive venture designed to expand Telia International Carrier to cover Scandinavia, Europe and the USA by 2001. The infrastructure in Europe is designed as a multi-duct network connecting all significant cities with communication, supporting IP, Voice and Data. By the end of 2001, the network will cover 40,000 route kilometres throughout Europe and the USA, connecting 50 major cities.

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<p>Telia is the leading Nordic communication company challenging technology to liberate you in life and business. In 1999, Telia's sales totaled SEK 52,121 million and the number of employees was approximately 30,600. Telia is quoted on the A-list of the Stockholm Stock Exchange.</p>
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