

Ericsson and Combellga to introduce wireless broadband in Russia

Ericsson has been awarded a contract by leading Russian operator Combellga for a wireless broadband access network. The solution leverages Ericsson's global leadership in wireless transport networks, in which it holds a 40 percent market share for microwave-based 'first mile' systems. This is more than twice as much as its closest competitor.

The contract includes base station hubs covering the major parts of Moscow and allows Combellga to cost-efficiently expand their fiber-based services with Ericsson's wireless access system. Rapid installation enables the operator to offer services over the expanded network by year-end.

Ericsson's wireless solution enables Combellga to provide 'fiber-like' bandwidth on-demand, at user speeds up to 37 Mbps. Here wireless microwave technology specifically targets network access – which is the most common 'bottleneck' for users in realizing the benefits of broadband services. Ericsson's system is specifically optimized to simultaneously provide bursty IP-based services and quality voice services.

"Ericsson's MINI-LINK access solution fits our growing ATM network like a glove," says William Svedberg, COO of Combellga. "This is the most efficient way we can rapidly increase our presence in the region, offering broadband datacom services, leased lines and telephony to our customers, fast and at competitive prices."

"The Combellga expansion is another good example of how our leading microwave solutions help operators to save both time-to-customer and network costs," says Eddie Ahman, President of Ericsson in Russia.

Ericsson is shaping the future of Mobile and Broadband Internet communications through its continuous technology leadership. Providing innovative solutions in more than 140 countries, Ericsson is helping to create the most powerful communication companies in the world.

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About Combella

Combella is one of the leading Russian wireline operators. The company runs the largest dedicated optical network in Moscow. While initially focusing on offering top-quality services to non-Russian clients, Combella is today aggressively expanding its Russian client base. Its larger clients include banks, embassies and a range of international companies with Russian offices. See <http://www.combella.ru/eng/>

About Ericsson in Russia

Ericsson has been present in Russia since 1881 and currently there are 300 employees in the country. The company has supplied mobile and wired systems to more than 50 regions in Russia. Among customers are all top five Russian GSM operators. This year, Ericsson's market share for GSM systems in the country have increased faster than any other supplier. In wireline networking, more than 70 percent of all long-distance and international traffic is handled by Ericsson switches. See <http://www.ericsson.ru/>

About MINI-LINK

Ericsson's MINI-LINK point-to-multipoint access offerings combine the company's strengths in mobile, microwave, transport and IP/ATM. Open standards mean that the solutions can easily be integrated with other vendors' products. These robust wireless broadband access solutions, already delivered to more than 45 operators, leverage Ericsson's global leadership in microwave access systems - with its proven MINI-LINK point-to-point product family, deployed in more than 110 countries.

For more information about Ericsson's wireless broadband access - LMDS, see: <http://www.ericsson.com/transmission/wba/>

For information about Ericsson's innovative range of other multi-service access solutions, see: <http://www.ericsson.com/multi-servicenetworks/BuildArticle.asp?ArticleId=9941CA53-7097-11D5-A2B3-009027A4E7C1&SelectedStructureNodeId=913CBC61-5B3A-11D5-A8AB-0002B315F24E>

About LMDS

Local Multipoint Distribution Services - is a generic name for services over wireless access networks operating in frequency bands between 24 to 31 GHz. Many countries, especially in Europe are currently licensing LMDS spectrum. Here microwave technology is deployed to provide wireless access to wired networks - this is why the term 'fixed wireless' is also used in the industry as a broader term for such systems.