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Vodafone and Hi3G agree national roaming framework

Vodafone and Hi3G signed a letter of intent today to conclude negotiations concerning access to Vodafone's GSM network in Sweden, otherwise known as 'national roaming'. National roaming will allow Hi3G's customers to use Vodafone's GSM network in areas where Hi3G lacks coverage.

"We have agreed on the overall plan for the agreement," says Jon Risfelt, Vodafone's President and CEO in Sweden. "I am delighted that we have been able to reach this agreement through commercial negotiations."

"We have succeeded in reaching this letter of intent on our own without the involvement of a third party, and this amply illustrates our joint willingness to solve some of the major issues faced by our industry," says Chris Bannister, Managing Director of Hi3G.

Vodafone and Hi3G will commence negotiations as soon as possible. Both parties have agreed that a final version of the agreement should be ready no later than this summer.

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