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New opportunities for peace-keeping forces with WAP solution from Mandator

Mandator has developed a WAP application (Wireless Application Protocol) for the Swedish Defence Material Administration (FMV). In international peace-keeping work, where many different systems are used to indicate positions, this application should make communication in the field easier.

Military units from different countries use different systems of co-ordinates to state their position. Positions given may come from various sources such as GPS receivers, local maps or line systems. This is a problem, which was particularly evident in Kosovo where units from several countries were working together. Mandator's WAP service means that it will be possible to enter co-ordinates and convert these via the WAP telephone.

"It is hugely important to know where different units are located. Conversion between different systems of co-ordinates is one service which is highly suited to WAP technology", says Carl-Johan Eriksson at Mandator.

Mandator is also working on future WAP technology applications. Among other things, it will be possible to use WAP technology to determine such things as the location of mines or the accessibility of roads, or for various administrative services, such as entries in or access to centrally stored registers.

"We initially want to look at handling national and international GPS co-ordinates in a WAP environment. Thanks to this project, Mandator has identified possibilities and provided us with extra ideas in terms of future developments, says Lars Magnusson at the FMV.

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During spring 2000 Mandator AB and Cell Network AB are merging their operations to form one of the world's largest consulting companies with main focus on the Internet and other interactive media. The new company will be called Cell Network AB. Both Mandator and Cell Network are listed on the O-list of the OM Stockholm Stock Exchange. The combined company has around 1,800 employees in 13 countries.