

Ericsson to supply UMTS radio network to Xfera in Spain

Ericsson has been selected by Xfera móviles, the new mobile operator awarded one of four Spanish UMTS licenses, to supply the 3G radio access network. The initial contract is valued at more than USD 250 million.

Under the agreement, Ericsson will in accordance with the operator's rollout plan deploy a turnkey radio access network across approximately half the national territory of Spain, including such urban centers as Barcelona, Bilbao, and Valencia.

Xfera is an independent third-generation mobile operator established in April 2000 following the award a 3G operating license.

"This contract again confirms our customers' belief in Ericsson's 3G solutions and our proven ability to deploy networks," stated Ingemar Naeve, President of Ericsson Spain.

The Xfera contract reinforces Ericsson's leading position in 3G. Ericsson has to date been named a supplier in 17 out of 22 UMTS agreements in the world.

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