

Press Release

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Telia International Carrier first with Scandinavian network ring

Telia International Carrier's Scandinavian network, "Scandinavian Ring" is now ready to operate. The ring, which links up Copenhagen, Oslo, Stockholm, Gothenburg and Malmö, has taken a year and a half to complete and makes Telia International Carrier the first carrier to connect the Scandinavian capitals with broadband.

Initially Telia International Carrier has nine customers in the ring, all international telephone operators, with several other clients about to join. Break even point has already been reached and 20-year contracts secure long-term prosperity. The ring is open for voice operators and others who want to buy fibers, ducts or wavelengths.

The Scandinavian Ring is part of Telia International Carrier's global net, The Viking Network. The transmission technique used in this optical backbone is supplied by Lucent Technologies and is built around the DWDM function, i.e. the forwarding of information by the use of laser in different colors.

- We believe in an open market and to make profit on the entire value chain. To be first with our own network on our market is essential for a leading carrier in Europe, says Lars Rydin, Telia International Carrier.

- International transmission and supplying wavelengths is one of Telia's most important fields. And the fact that Lucent, a leading supplier within this business area, has the confidence to work together with Telia during the extremely quick construction of the Scandinavian Ring is very positive for us, says Hans Rundberg, CEO of Lucent Technologies, Sweden. Now the rest of Europe and the USA is left, even here Lucent is Telia's supplier.

The Scandinavian Ring facilitates a quick establishment on the Scandinavian market for international operators. The Ring is a co-operation with Skanova which is Telia's newly established company for netservices in Sweden.

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About Telia International Carrier

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.

About Lucent Technologies

Lucent Technologies designs and delivers the systems, software, silicon and services for next-generation communications networks for service providers and enterprises. Backed by the research and development of Bell Labs, Lucent focuses on high-growth areas such as broadband and mobile Internet infrastructure; communications software; communications semiconductors and optoelectronics; Web-based enterprise solutions that link private and public networks; and professional network design and consulting services. For more information on, visit www.lucent.com.

Telia is the leading Scandinavian 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.
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