

## Turnkey WiMAX Network

### Alcatel deploys the first commercial WiMAX network in Austria

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Paris, - Alcatel (Paris: CGEP.PA and NYSE: ALA) today announced that it has won a contract with WiMAX Telecom GmbH, a subsidiary of Swiss WiMAX Telecom AG, for the supply and installation of a turnkey WiMAX network. WiMAX Telecom GmbH was the sole provider to obtain the nationwide rights to the WiMAX frequencies in Austria at the auction of October 4, 2004. This is the first commercial broadband wireless access system using the new WiMAX standard in Austria.

The first phase of deployment is scheduled for completion in September 2005. It will enable a representative panel of users in the Southeastern counties of Styria and Burgenland's to benefit from wireless broadband access to the Internet with symmetric data throughput of up to 2Mb/s per user.

After making high-speed data services a reality for local households, SMEs or public services in such suburban and low-density environments, WiMAX Telecom will connect enterprise and residential users on a larger scale and will provide broadband wireless access to any kind of unwired professionals in urban and suburban environments over the Austrian territory.

Under the terms of this contract, won in an open tender, Alcatel will supply WiMAX Telecom with its end-to-end WiMAX solution including the base stations as well as the CPEs ( Customer Premises Equipment ).

Dov Bar-Gera, active Chairman of WiMAX Telecom commented: "After extensive evaluation of various vendors' proposals, we are confident we will benefit from Alcatel's flexible and comprehensive solutions as well as professional services, including network design, optimization and operation. Thanks to Alcatel's end-to-end commercial solution installed within a short time frame, we will now be able to reach the consumers who are still looking for their first mobile broadband communications experience in Austria." Bar-Gera added: "Having a reliable partner for our Austrian deployment provides us with the best starting point in our international roll-out strategy, as we also plan to introduce WiMAX solutions in Slovakia, where we recently gained a WiMAX license."

Marc Rouanne, Chief Operating Officer of Alcatel's mobile activities, said: "We are glad to partner with WiMAX Telecom in this project as it clearly recognizes Alcatel's as a leading vendor of WiMAX networking solutions. Thanks to its leading position in fixed and mobile broadband access together with its expertise in turnkey, end-to end optimization and integration project, Alcatel is committed to provide WiMAX Telecom's customers with a seamless broadband access experience, whether in the office, at home or on the pause."

#### **About WiMAX Telecom**

WiMAX Telecom AG is the 100 % owner of the Austrian WiMAX Telecom GmbH and the Slovakian WiMAX Telecom s.r.o.. WiMAX services will include fast internet and VoIP-telephony for private as well as business customers. In Austria WiMAX Telecom is starting its wireless service in September 2005 in Burgenland and Styria. For more information: [www.wimaxtelecom.at](http://www.wimaxtelecom.at)

#### **About Alcatel**

Alcatel provides communications solutions to telecommunication carriers, Internet service providers and enterprises for delivery of voice, data and video applications to their customers or employees. Alcatel brings its leading position in fixed and mobile broadband networks; applications and services, to help its partners and customers build a user-centric broadband world. With sales of EURO 12.3 billion and 56,000 employees in 2004, Alcatel operates in more than 130 countries.