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WiMAX Telecom offers voice calls

Austria's WiMAX Telecom claims to offer the world's first commercial voice telephone service over WiMAX technology (802.16d). "WiMAX FON" offers the voice quality of fixed telephone lines and uses normal telephone handsets. With number portability, consumers can take their old numbers with them onto the new platform. The WiMAX Telecom service extends over 15 km. The standard package in Austria offers 120 free fixed line minutes per month for E9.90, with additional fixed line calls costing from E0.02 and calls to mobiles E0.22. The company currently operates in Austria, Switzerland, Slovakia and Croatia, with ambitions of expanding in East and Central Europe.

Two vie for Namibia's MTC

The protracted auction of a 34% stake in the sole Namibian mobile operator MTC has resulted in a shortlist of two - South Africa's MTC and Portugal Telecom, reports Business Day. MTC is seeking to appoint a strategic partner, managing director Bengt Strenge was quoted saying. While the country pledged to the WTO in 1999 to liberalise telecoms, basic legislation has still not made it to parliament. In March 2005, MTC had 360,000 subscribers, and it provides services in 87% of the country.

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