



## **Free Broadband Subscribers Will Get Access to IFW Wimax Offer !**

### **IFW, an Iliad Subsidiary, Will Expand Wimax Service by Opening Access to all 1.6 million Free Subscribers**

IFW, an Iliad subsidiary, exploits a Wimax licence in each French region over the 3.5 Ghz frequency. This licence was given back by Neuf Télécom. IFW invested to develop its network in order to make sure it conformed to ARCEP requirements, as detailed in the licence.

ARCEP verified recently that IFW was indeed respecting the aforementioned requirements.

A Wimax service, based on the infrastructure deployed over the last 2 years, will be extended to Free broadband subscribers in the coming weeks.

Technically speaking, Free broadband subscribers, once equipped with a CPE compatible with IFW network, will be able to enjoy wireless Internet access in most of France's metropolitan areas. France will thus become the leading European Wimax territory with over 1.6 million addressable users.

IFW will carry on its network deployment in order to expand broadband access in remote areas and will focus on further evolutions of the Wimax technology, notably 802.16e, in order to bring innovative services to the French consumers. In addition, IFW will continue to promote a dialogue with local authorities and operators with a clear underlying logic of the most harmonious territorial footprint.

The Group's stated goal to capitalize on its experience to promote wireless broadband access at the most attractive financial conditions to the end-user is met with strong opposition from other operators. It has been brought to the Group's attention that cancellation of IFW's Wimax licence was demanded to ARCEP. Following ARCEP's justified refusal, an action was brought in front of the Conseil d'Etat, France's highest administrative court. IFW will support ARCEP and will present its comments to the Conseil d'Etat.

This experimental service will be subject to availability. Alvarion 802.16d hardware.

*IFW and Free are Iliad's subsidiaries*

*Iliad is a leading alternative broadband operator in France via its subsidiary Free. Iliad is also a key player in traditional telecommunications with Onetel (a fixed telephony provider) and Kertel (the leading alternative prepaid card provider). Founded in 1991, the Group employs over 1,100 people. Iliad is listed on Euronext Paris under the ticker ILD.*