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As part of the trial of high-definition broadcasting of digital terrestrial television authorised by the CSA, the World Cup is going to be available in high definition on the HD Freebox

The HD Freebox was launched on 20 April last, allowing users to benefit from the very latest technological innovations available with its multiservice offering - High Definition (HD), digital terrestrial television (DTT) tuner, WiFi MiMo and Mobile Telephony over WiFi - all for 29.99 euros.

The independent broadcasting authority, the Conseil Supérieur de l'Audiovisuel (CSA), has authorised the trialling of the broadcast of high-definition digital terrestrial television content in Paris, Lyons and Marseilles.

Consequently, subscribers with an HD Freebox living in Paris, Lyons and Marseilles¹, having already been able to watch the French Open in high definition, will also, as from 9 June, be able to watch the World Cup football matches with the benefit of high-definition quality.

These matches will be broadcast on HD Freebox channels 550 and 551.

Free is a subsidiary of the Iliad Group.

The Iliad Group is a major player in the Internet and telecommunications markets in France through its subsidiaries Free (the leading alternative broadband operator with 1,783,000 broadband subscribers as at 31/03/2006), One.Tel and Iliad Telecom (fixed telephony operators) and Kertel (prepaid phone cards), as well as IFW (wireless local loop). The Iliad Group was established in 1991 and currently has more than 1,000 employees. The Iliad Group is listed on the Euronext Paris Eurolist under the mnemonic code ILD.

¹ Subject to ability to receive the HD Freebox TV service, with a suitable level of bandwidth and High-Definition and DTT-enabled equipment and accessories. Subject to the technical and geographical conditions of the HD DTT trial defined by the CSA.