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Freebox multi-play comes to Caen la Mer

This afternoon, Free and Caen.com signed an agreement for the unbundling of the district of Caen La Mer and the official launch of the Freebox multi-play service

This agreement covers the provision by Caen.com of an optical fibre network allowing Free to provide its unbundled broadband services to the inhabitants of the administrative district of Caen La Mer. Four main distribution frames (MDF) have been unbundled by Free under the terms of the agreement: Ifs, Colombelles, Carpiquet and Mondeville.

For a charge of €29.99 per month, new subscribers in this unbundled area will now be able to benefit from the Freebox services, which include:

- very high speed broadband Internet access over ADSL 2+ (up to 24 Mbit/s download and up to 1 Mbit/s upload),
- a telephony service which includes unlimited calls within France* and to 14 international destinations,
- a television service offering access to 200 digital audiovisual channels, 100 of which are included in the package, as well as a Video on Demand (VoD) service,
- the new HD Freebox provided free of charge throughout the duration of the subscription.

Furthermore, as a result of the unbundling of the local loop, new subscribers will be able to make substantial savings by choosing the full unbundling option (Total Freebox) which means that they will no longer have to pay separate rental charges for their telephone line.

With Free, these new subscribers will also benefit from all the innovative services associated with the Freebox, which include a WiFi MiMo (Multiple In Multiple Out) modem router offering Internet access over ADSL2+, as well as numerous telephone services (customised Ring Back Tone, etc.), and also a multimedia platform giving access to 200 broadband, high definition (HD) television channels, the 18 digital terrestrial television** channels (DTT tuner) and a whole range of other audiovisual services: the Freeplayer mediacentre, several radio stations, an Electronic Programme Guide (EPG), a multidevice tuner and Video on Demand (VoD).

This agreement demonstrates once again the value of the synergies created by public initiatives (action taken by local authorities to encourage the rollout of regional backbones) and private initiatives (ongoing rollout of unbundling by alternative operators), which are the only way to ensure the expansion of local loop unbundling throughout the country and, therefore, to boost competition, which will make it possible for everyone to access the most innovative services at the best possible price.

For more information about the Freebox services: <http://adsl.free.fr>

Offer subject to the suitability and technical characteristics of the telephone line. ATM bandwidth.

** Calls are free from the Freebox to a France Télécom landline or another Freebox number in mainland France, excluding short numbers, special numbers and third party LLOs*

*** provided they are located in a DTT coverage area and have appropriate means of receiving the signal.*

About Free

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.