

Paris, 11 September 2006 - 10.30 am

## **Free's fibre-to-the-home (FTTH) service will be opened up to the competition**

In a bid to serve the interest of consumers, Free plans to open up its FTTH network, whose roll-out was announced this morning, to all operators.

Once this network is up and running, Free will hold talks with all interested operators with a view to offering them FTTH leasing agreements.

The leasing price will enable operators to replicate Free's commercial offerings.

Whereas all of Europe's traditional operators have expressed reservations about making any future optical fibre networks available, Free is demonstrating its commitment to unfettered competition by proposing a wholesale offering.

In areas where Free has not planned to deploy FTTH, local authorities interested to have a fibre network will be able to deploy a fibre network which will be opened up to all operators.

*Free is a subsidiary of Iliad.*

*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 1,905,000 broadband subscribers as at 30/06/2006), OneTel and Iliad Telecom (fixed telephony operators) and Kertel (prepaid phone cards), as well as IFW (WiMax). The Iliad Group was established in 1991 and currently has more than 1,300 employees. The Iliad Group is listed on the Euronext Paris Eurolist under the mnemonic code ILLD.*