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Free is extending the unbundling of the local loop to the area around Arras

This morning Free signed an agreement enabling it to extend its multi-play service offering to the area around Arras

This agreement covers the provision by Arras Network of an optical fibre network allowing Free to extend access to its triple-play services (Internet, telephony and television) to the surroundings of Arras.

Three main distribution frames (MDF) are to be unbundled by Free under the terms of this agreement:

- Beaumetz les Loges
- Fampoux
- Vimy

The signature of this agreement with Arras Network is a signal that Free is determined to pursue its strategy of helping to bridge the digital divide and providing as many people as possible with access to the information society. It is also a demonstration of its intention to expand the local loop connectivity of its network, particularly through the use of infrastructures rolled out under the terms of public service outsourcing contracts.

As a result of this unbundling of the local loop, new subscribers will now, for a charge of €29.99 per month, be able to receive:

- very high speed broadband Internet access at up to 24 Mbit/s download and up to 1 Mbit/s upload,
- a telephony service which includes unlimited calls to France Telecom and Freebox landline phone numbers within mainland France¹ as well as to landlines in 14 international destinations (including the USA, Canada, China and the United Kingdom, etc.),
- a television service offering access to 200 digital channels, 100 of which are included in the package, as well as a wide range of innovative audiovisual services: High Definition (HD) TV, Mediacentre, Multidevice, etc.
- the opportunity to choose the full unbundling option (Total Freebox) which means that they will no longer have to pay separate rental charges for their telephone line.

<http://adsl.free.fr>

Offer subject to the suitability of the telephone line. ATM bandwidth.

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), Onetel 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 excluding short numbers, special numbers and third party LLOs