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The Conseil d'Etat has rejected the appeal against the WiMAX licence held by IFW

At the end of 2005, Neuf, one of whose principal shareholders is SFR, asked the French regulator ARCEP (Autorité de Régulation des Communications électroniques et des Postes) to revoke the wireless local loop licence held by IFW, which covers the whole of mainland France.

Following ARCEP's ruling that there were no grounds for this demand, Neuf then referred the matter to the French supreme administrative court, the Conseil d'Etat, again asking for the revocation of IFW's licence. The France Telecom/Orange Group submitted an application to be joined in the proceedings in support of Neuf's appeal.

This appeal has today been rejected by the Conseil d'Etat, which supported ARCEP's findings with respect to this case.

IFW and the Iliad Group have taken formal note of the lengthy delay which has been caused by these deliberately obstructive proceedings and will be taking all appropriate legal measures.

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), 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.

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