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Free is unbundling Limousin

Free is the first operator to sign an agreement with the Limousin Regional Council's Backbone Network for the provision of optical fibres allowing the inhabitants of the region to access the Freebox multiplay service offering

Free is very pleased to have been able to sign this unbundling agreement at the initiative of the Limousin Regional Council, which had been very quick to realise that the region needed to have an optical fibre network in order for its economic growth to flourish.

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

Beaubreuil	Pont Neuf
Beaune les Mines	Vaillant
Bregere	Berthelot
Noriac	Jaubert
Panazol	Tulle
Perrin	Guéret

This unbundling of the Limousin region 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:

- 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,
- 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 landline phone numbers within mainland France¹ as well as to landlines in 25 international destinations (including the USA, Canada, China and the United Kingdom, etc.),
- a television service offering access to more than 200 digital channels, 100 of which are included in the package, as well as a wide range of innovative audiovisual services: Video on Demand, High Definition (HD) TV, Digital Terrestrial Television (DTT)², Mediacentre, Multidevice, etc.

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

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), 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 and special numbers

² Subject to ability to receive the Freebox HD TV service, with a suitable level of bandwidth and High-Definition and DTT-enabled equipment and accessories.