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Free Mobile, the fourth 3G mobile operator in France

ARCEP (*French electronic communication and post regulatory authority*) announced this morning that Free Mobile's application for the allocation of the fourth 3G mobile telecommunication licence in Mainland France has been successful.

Iliad is pleased with this decision. The allocation of the licence will enable the Group to extend to mobile communication the technological and pricing innovation dynamics that turned it into a leader for landline telecommunications. The introduction of a fourth network operator will facilitate the emergence of profitable MVNOs and ease mobile multimedia usage take-off, for the benefit of consumers.

Free Mobile's roll-out will be socially and economically responsible, by favouring as much as possible the sharing of broadcasting towers, as provided by regulations and in accordance with commitments made by existing operators.

This major industrial project will drive investment and create jobs in France and give a boost to the telecom branch, which will be involved from the launch of deployment in the days following the allocation of the licence.

By becoming a major mobile multimedia player, in addition to its landline operator activities (ADSL and FTTH), Iliad is now in a position, like its main competitors, to become a major contributor to convergence.

The Iliad Group is a major player in the French telecommunications and Internet access market via Free and Alice (4,420,000 ADSL subscribers as of 30 September 2009), Onetel and Iliad Télécom (fixed telephony providers) and IFW (Wimax). The Iliad Group is listed on Euronext Paris under the ticker ILD.

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