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52% coverage: half of Germany has LTE

Target: LTE roll-out in all 81 major German cities by next spring

- Vodafone reaches 17 million households with 4G mobile broadband
- Most areas of 67 major cities already have “realLTE”

Düsseldorf/Berlin 30 August 2012. Celebrating the half-way milestone at the IFA consumer electronics and home appliances fair in Berlin, Vodafone has now passed the 50% completion mark in its LTE network upgrade project. The telecommunication services provider already has 4G broadband services in place on half of the German territory and it already reaches around 17 million households with LTE. The new mobile broadband technology is moving from rural regions into the cities and the upgrade project is progressing fast. LTE is available in all or extensive areas of more than 67 major cities such as Düsseldorf, Leipzig, Erfurt, Munich, Hanover and Nuremberg. Over 500 German communities are now connected to the LTE network. There are plans for extensive network upgrades in Berlin, Hamburg, Frankfurt am Main and Dresden this year. Vodafone is aiming to provide LTE in all 81 major German cities by spring 2013. The company is developing its German-wide LTE network in the 800 megahertz frequency range. This frequency band not only provides excellent coverage but also better indoor reception. So Vodafone can give its customers the optimum broadband experience both in the home and on the move. A few weeks before the IFA the Düsseldorf-based communication services provider welcomed its 200,000th LTE customer.

“Our LTE project has been a complete success. We have LTE coverage in 50% of Germany and almost 70 cities are connected to the network - so we currently reach around 17 million households. We also have the biggest LTE hardware portfolio, offering our customers a choice of 12 devices,” said Jens Schulte-Bockum, who will be taking over as Vodafone Germany’s CEO in October. “We’re making substantial investments in LTE and we’re also enhancing our 2G and 3G networks’ performance.



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It's going to be the most comprehensive network upgrade in Germany in recent years."

Vodafone intends to provide a nationwide LTE service in the near future. License conditions on LTE coverage and roll-out in rural regions have been met in 14 of the 16 federal states, where LTE is now available practically everywhere. Jens Schulte-Bockum explained why Vodafone has pressed ahead with the development of the 800 megahertz band: "This realLTE offers clear advantages to customers because LTE on 800 MHz offers far better coverage and indoor reception," said Jens Schulte-Bockum. The 800 megahertz band is on the same frequency as analogue TV, which was also available everywhere.

Mobile broadband is now giving people in rural regions which didn't previously have a broadband service with internet that is at least as fast as conventional DSL. LTE is moving from the country to the cities, enhancing mobility and replacing cable-based solutions.

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