

France Telecom enters into exclusive talks for the attribution of a license in Togo

A memorandum of understanding was signed today in Paris by the Togolese government and France Telecom in the presence of Mr Faure Gnassingbé, President of the Togolese Republic and Didier Lombard, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of France Telecom. This memorandum opens up the way for exclusive negotiations with regards to the attribution of a new global operator license in Togo under the Orange brand.

The country's telecommunications infrastructure would benefit from the arrival of Orange thanks to the advanced technologies and experience of one of the world's leading operators. Such development would facilitate the lives of the local population and foreign investors at a moment when Togo is embarking on a nation-wide reconstruction programme.

With six million inhabitants and a mobile penetration rate of around 25%, Togo offers significant growth prospects in the telecommunications sector. France Telecom's ambitions in Togo are perfectly aligned with the Group's overall development and innovation strategy in Western Africa.

About France Telecom

France Telecom, one of the world's leading telecommunications operators, serves more than 177 million customers in five continents as of September 30, 2008, of which two thirds are Orange customers. The Group had consolidated sales of 52.9 billion euros in 2007 and 39.9 billion euros for the nine first months of 2008. As of September 30, 2008, the Group had 117.6 million mobile customers and 12.4 million broadband Internet (ADSL) customers. Launched in June 2005, the NExT program (New Experience in Telecommunications) will enable the Group to pursue its transformation as an integrated operator and make France Telecom the benchmark for new telecommunications services in Europe. In 2006, Orange became the Group's single brand for Internet, television and mobile services in the majority of countries where the company operates, and Orange Business Services the brand name for services offered to businesses worldwide. France Telecom is the number three mobile operator and the number one provider of broadband Internet services in Europe and one of the world leaders in providing telecommunication services to multinational companies.

France Telecom (NYSE:FTE) is listed on Euronext Paris (compartment A) and on the New York Stock Exchange.
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