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Latvia State Radio And Television Centre in successful WiMAX trial

Latvia State Radio And Television Centre, one of the WiMAX frequency holders in Latvia, has deployed an NEC WiMAX trial solution in the Riga area. This deployment of this next generation wireless technology is a precursor to LVRTC's rollout of service across their licensed areas throughout Latvia. The deployment includes two base stations and a number of end-user devices of various types, to show the reach, handover and throughput of NEC's Mobile WiMAX system.

"We have now completed the first trials and the results have been very successful. This means that we will progress with our plans to deploy WiMAX in several other locations in Latvia," said Maris Rutkis, Technical Director and Board Member of LVRTC.

The system, operating in the 3.5GHz band and complying with the IEEE 802.16e standard, was deployed in the greater region of the Latvian capital Riga and covers a broad range of subscribers and offering a wide range of services.

"WiMAX is ready to take the next step into widespread implementation. We are seeing more and more of these full-scale pilots and it is clear that WiMAX delivers a high-capacity, low-cost technology for large scale wireless services," says Mats Almgren, Managing Director at NEC Scandinavia.

Supporting high speed data access and VoIP as well as mobile services, NEC's WiMAX portfolio implements all of the elements of Mobile WiMAX that make it the wireless technology of choice for next generation networks.

"NEC sees this deployment as a natural growth of our long standing relationship with LVRTC on broadcast and radio technologies, and now we have seen what a network innovator such as LVRTC can do with our WiMAX technology," said Richard Hanscott, VP Network Solutions, NEC Europe.

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About LVRTC

Latvia State Radio And Television Centre is a joint-stock company. The Republic of Latvia being represented by the Ministry of Transportation owns all shares of the company. LVRTC is set to strengthen the already significant role of technologically advanced service provider in the field of telecommunications to offer quality and reliable services to internet providers, mobile operators and public institutions. LVRTC is an established leader in providing analogue terrestrial radio and TV broadcasting in Latvia, seeing the future in digital broadcasting and multimedia services. For additional information please visit LVRTC home page at: <http://www.lvrtc.lv>

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