Play and Ericsson extend Radio Access Network (RAN) partnership

* **Play extends its collaboration with Ericsson** for the rollout of 5G and the upgrade of its RAN sites, confirming Ericsson as one of their network partners
* Ericsson’s locally manufactured ‘**Made in Poland**’ radio technologies will be deployed as part of the network upgrade
* Play is constantly **investing in latest technologies,** developing its radio network

Ericsson (NASDAQ: ERIC) and P4, operator of the Play brand in Poland, have signed a new deal to extend their radio access network (RAN) partnership into Poland’s 5G era. The extension, which becomes the first RAN contract between Ericsson and Play since Play’s takeover by the iliad Group last year, includes the upgrade of RAN sites nationwide with leading 5G technologies from the Ericsson Radio System portfolio.

The deal means that Play customers will benefit from innovative 5G applications and services, as well as a much-improved mobile broadband experience. Play continuously improves its network to the latest generation of radio equipment and provides its base stations with all owned frequency bands. The operator also upgrades them to the MIMO 4x4 standard significantly increasing the quality and capacity of Play's radio network. With this deal, Play also increases the share of Ericsson equipment in its radio network and secures diversification of its supply chain.

As part of the deal, Ericsson will deploy its locally manufactured ‘Made in Poland’ Ericsson Radio System technologies, such as Massive MIMO, which deliver industry-leading performance on the smallest site footprint with the lowest energy consumption. The deal also includes the launch of advanced radio software capabilities such as Ericsson Spectrum Sharing, 5G Carrier Aggregation and Ericsson Uplink Booster, which will strengthen the overall mobile broadband experience for Play’s customers throughout the network. The industry-leading Ericsson Radio System is designed to fit all site types and traffic scenarios, even as networks grow in scale and complexity, from 2G, 3G, 4G and 5G.

Ericsson and P4 already have a strong history of co-innovation, having cooperated to achieve one of the first deployments of Ericsson Spectrum Sharing in the world. This collaboration continues today through a local R&D partnership which leverages a combined 1,700 radio experts, enabling Play to benefit from a faster to market of new radio features and services.

Jean-Marc Harion, CEO of P4, said “Network development and investment in the field of new technologies is a high priority for Play, as it translates into comfort of using services for our customers. I am glad that we cooperate together with Ericsson, so we provide the most innovative network solutions on the market.”

”Ericsson Poland is pleased to strengthen the partnership with P4 and provide the most advanced technology to modernize their network. Ericsson invests significantly in Poland with mobile software R&D and 5G production and I am proud that our Made in Poland products will be deployed by P4 for the benefit of their Polish customers”, said Martin Mellor, Country Manager Ericsson Poland.