

## Press release

### **Mobistar and KPN Group Belgium collaborate to expand network infrastructure**

**Brussels, 8 October 2009 – Mobistar and KPN Group Belgium (BASE) have announced a collaboration agreement to jointly expand their mobile telecommunication networks. This agreement will have a positive impact on network coverage in view of new environmental standards.**

Mobistar and KPN Group Belgium have signed an agreement to jointly acquire and build new sites for their respective mobile telecommunication networks. The collaboration concerns the sharing of pylons, masts, cables, utilities, safety precautions and transmission systems. Sharing of the radio-infrastructure does not fall under the agreement. The operators will operate the shared sites on their own account.

This type of collaboration agreement is very much encouraged by European and national policymakers, benefits the telecommunication industry and end users and will allow more efficient investments in infrastructure. This collaboration will result in a more rapid deployment of mobile telecommunication networks and better services for the customers of both operators. The shared use of network sites will result in better network coverage and reduce the ecological footprint of the operators.

Both operators leave the door open to other operators to possibly join them in and to follow the example of Mobistar and KPN Group Belgium.

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Mobistar (EURONEXT BRUSSELS: MOBB) is one of the main actors in the world of telecommunications in Belgium and Luxembourg, active in mobile telephony, fixed telephony, ADSL and on other markets with a strong growth potential. The company develops innovative products and services for the residential and the business market. Mobistar is listed on the Brussels Stock Exchange and is part of the France Télécom group.

KPN Group Belgium is a wholly-owned subsidiary of KPN Mobiel N.V., the mobile telephony division of Koninklijke KPN N.V. KPN provides mobile speech and data services in Germany (E-Plus), Belgium (BASE) and The Netherlands (KPN, Hi and Telfort). Late March 2009, BASE employed 573 staff whilst holding down a mobile telephony customer market share of ca. 24%. In 2008, KPN Group Belgium effected a 647 million euro turnover. The company has its head office in Brussels and has positioned itself as a product and service innovator by adopting a segmented multi-brand approach. KPN Group Belgium markets the brands BASE, Ay Yildiz, Zoniq, BASE business and simyo.be.

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