



Press release

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Within the framework of inspections to ensure that Bouygues Telecom is meeting the obligations stipulated in its UMTS license, French telecom regulator ARCEP has noted that Bouygues Telecom has not opened all of the 3G services on 30 April 2007, as required by the authorisation.

This is due to the fact that the acquisition of Nortel's 3G business by Alcatel-Lucent required Bouygues Telecom to postpone deployment in zones initially contracted to Nortel until the signature with Alcatel-Lucent of an amendment to the original contract dated 15 March 2007.

Furthermore, in order to deliver the best possible service quality for its customers, Bouygues Telecom has chosen to invest in a 3G network with high-density site coverage. This impacts the pace of deployment for equivalent expenditures.

ARCEP has asked Bouygues Telecom to respect the obligations in the authorisation by 30 November 2007, which means ensuring commercial availability of 3G services, including voice and data services, for an area corresponding to 20% of the population.

Bouygues Telecom will comply with this request.

Bouygues Telecom is deploying the HSDPA version of the 3G network, which delivers better performance than first-generation UMTS and supports greater bandwidth than that required in the authorisation.

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