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Press Release

Bouygues Telecom meets with parent association to discuss antenna mast near school in Lyon

On 6 November 2008, Jean-Bastien Guiral (Bouygues Telecom Director for the Centre-Alpes region), François Zwick (Bouygues Telecom Director of Facilities Management and Public Relations) and Patrick Nicole-Williams (Bouygues Telecom Public Relations Director) were joined by Georges de Palol (from technical inspection specialist Apave) at a meeting with a parents association at the Gerson primary school in Lyon.

The meeting was organised to provide a framework for constructive dialogue and to present measures taken by Bouygues Telecom to address concerns of parents whose children attend the school.

Bouygues Telecom provided the following information during the meeting:

- The antenna was built in 1999 on a privately-owned building.
- It was modified in 2006/2007 to integrate the UMTS standard, in compliance with the requirements dictated by mobile operator licences.
- In conformity with a French administrative decree issued on 03/05/2002, stipulating that “exposure within schools should be as low as possible while maintaining quality of service”, the primary lobe of the antenna is located above the school building.
- All necessary authorizations (leaseholders, the city of Lyon, the urban development office and the ANFR frequency management agency) were obtained.
- In April 2008, at the request of Lyon municipal authorities, radiofrequency field measurements were carried out.
- At the request of Lyon municipal authorities and even though the exposure was not only in compliance with all requirements but well below regulatory levels, Bouygues Telecom agreed to modify the engineering of the antenna at the end of August 2008 in order to address the concerns of parents.
- In August 2008, technical inspection firm Apave performed measurements before and after re-engineering of the site. The results of the field measurements were between 1.1 V/m and 1.4 V/m for mobile operator frequencies (compared with 3.5 V/m for FM radio).

These elements confirm that this antenna respects all applicable standards. In particular, measurements of electromagnetic fields confirm that the values are well below the required minimum limits.

On the basis of these elements, Bouygues Telecom wants to once again reassure the parents of children at the Gerson primary school that the antenna on rue François Vernay does not constitute any risk whatsoever for their children.

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