Bouygues Telecom acquires a 70 MHz block of 3.5 GHz spectrum, doubling its portfolio of frequencies

Paris, 1 October 2020 - Bouygues Telecom is particularly delighted to announce that it has acquired a 70 MHz block of 3.5 GHz spectrum for an amount that compares favourably with other amounts observed in Europe. It is comprised of a 50 MHz block obtained during the first stage of the process and an additional 20 MHz block obtained during the spectrum auction that has just finished. This new block of 3.5 GHz spectrum will be used to roll out a 5G new-generation mobile phone network.

Acquired for €602 million, the new block of frequencies will give Bouygues Telecom an equal position in this frequency band dedicated to 5G and will double its portfolio of frequencies.

The extra spectrum capacity is an ideal complement to the portfolio of frequencies in the 700, 800, 1800, 2100 and 2600 MHz bands already used by Bouygues Telecom for 4G, which now equates to nearly a quarter of all the frequencies available on the market. This will serve to provide the best 5G experience to its BtoB and BtoC customers.

Following on from the success of its 4G network, Bouygues Telecom reiterates its ambition for 5G, a technology that will initially help to support the strong growth in usage, and then facilitate the creation of a whole raft of new services that will benefit both society and industry.

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