



Bouygues Telecom seals its upcoming arrival on the Public Initiative Networks of Covage

Paris, 21 September 2017 - Bouygues Telecom and Covage announce the signing of a framework agreement enabling Bouygues Telecom to provide its offerings on the Public Initiative Networks (PIN) managed by Covage.

Covage is currently the second leading operator of infrastructure in terms of FTTH connectable premises on PIN networks, with 210,000 at Q2 2017 ¹. Covage aims to roll out 284,000 FTTH connectable premises by the end of this year. Covage plans to connect 1.5 million households to its network in the long term. Bouygues Telecom's arrival on these networks will be gradual; the entry into force of the agreement for each PIN operated by Covage will first need to be approved by the relevant regional or departmental authority.

"Bouygues Telecom has worked with Covage for more than 10 years on networks for businesses," underlines Yves Legrand, EVP Technical Operations, Bouygues Telecom. "This new partnership is further proof of our ambitions in FTTH, namely to be present in all of France's PIN. These PIN will enable Bouygues Telecom to reach its target of 20 million premises marketed by 2022."

"We're very proud to welcome Bouygues Telecom to our Public Initiative Networks. This collaboration is based around the common goal of offering a network with the best possible quality of service in order to meet the quality requirements of Bouygues Telecom and those of its customers across the country. Our teams are working together for everything to be ready quickly," said Jean-Michel Soulier, Chairman of Covage.

Covage is rolling out fibre in many different departments of France:

- Calvados (Fibre Calvados and Côte Fleurie), Seine-et-Marne (sem@fibre77), Somme, Haute-Savoie,
- In the Paris region, with the following networks - Europ'Essonne, Sequantic and Seine Essonne THD - and in the Hauts-de-Seine department (THD-Seine),
- In northern France: in the Lille metropolitan authority and the Sivu Fibre network (Dunkerque); in eastern France, in the networks of Grand Nancy, Deux-Sarres and Moulins-les-Metz; and in western France, in the area covered by Solstice Grand Angoulême.

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About Covage

Covage is a very-high-speed infrastructure operator, specialising in the roll-out and operation of fibre optic networks in partnership with local authorities since 2006. Covage currently operates 41 public and private initiative networks, serving companies and public services, which are interconnected via its national transmission network. More than 200 French and overseas electronic communications operators use Covage's networks to provide services to their own customers.

Covage's growth is backed by two powerful shareholders: Cube Infrastructure Fund (a fund dedicated to infrastructures and specialising in services for local authorities) and Partners Group (a global private markets investment manager).

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About Bouygues Telecom

As a full-service electronic communications operator, Bouygues Telecom stands out by providing its 16.9 million customers access to the best technology has to offer on a daily basis. The very high quality of its 4G mobile network and of its fixed and Cloud services provides customers with simple solutions, enabling them to fully enjoy their digital lives, regardless of their location. Bouygues Telecom is proud of the innovations it has offered to its customers over the last 20 years. It continues to pursue the same strategy of providing the best new technologies to as many people as possible.

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