



Ultra-fast Internet increases range and speed

- Companies controlled by Zygmunt Solorz-Żak are accelerating the expansion of the mobile network in LTE/HSPA+ technology. The plan for 2012 assumes that almost 50 per cent of the population will be covered by LTE and 90 per cent by HSPA+.
- Cyfrowy Polsat and Polkomtel are presenting new offers which will dynamically increase the number of customers using ultra-fast Internet
- The new modem introduced by operators enables the LTE signal to be received with a speed of up to 150 Mb/s

Currently 35 per cent of the population of Poland is in the LTE network range, which means an increase of 6 percentage points compared with August 2012. The high rate of network expansion is to be maintained. Currently over 1,300 base stations make up the network of transmitters. The second phase of infrastructure expansion assumes that the number of stations will be 3,400, and it will be completed in 2014. Several hundred stations in LTE technology will come into being this year. Companies from the NFI Midas Group are responsible for expanding the mobile network, in cooperation with Polkomtel, which is making its infrastructure available for the new LTE/HSPA+ stations.

“The size of the data transfer carried out in the NFI Midas Group network is close to 800,000 GB monthly. This means that customers of Cyfrowy Polsat and Polkomtel are monthly consuming double the amount of transfer in LTE/HSPA+ technology than half-a-year ago. We hope the dynamic increase in consumption will continue”, says Wojciech Pytel, Member of the Management Board of Polkomtel and President of the Management Board of NFI Midas. *“The introduction of new equipment enabling customers to transfer data even faster will have a positive influence on consumption. Today our offer includes modems that make it possible to receive data with a speed of up to 150 Mb/s,”* adds Dominik Libicki, President of the Management Board of Cyfrowy Polsat.

The introduction of an ultra-fast Internet in the operators’ offer is a response to web users’ constantly growing demand. According to IDATE, by 2020 the average daily mobile transfer of data will increase 20-30 times. The low penetration of landline Internet access in Poland, as compared with other EU states, means that LTE/HSPA+ technology is a natural substitute in regions where there has been only a weak development of ground infrastructure.



Together with the new modem, both operators have introduced better offers for their customers. Cyfrowy Polsat will offer new conditions as of 25 October, and Polkomtel from 2 November.

About LTE technology

The Internet through LTE technology is the market standard of the future. In the past two years alone, the number of countries in which this type of network is functioning commercially has doubled, and currently 351 operators supply the Internet through that technology in 104 countries. Companies from the NFI Midas Group are the first in the world to start providing access to the Internet through LTE technology using the 1800 MHz band, which is currently a European standard and is functioning in 8 countries. Currently throughout the world over 100 items of equipment are functioning on the 1800 MHz band, and the biggest producers are introducing this technology to their flagship models. Today, Cyfrowy Polsat and Polkomtel are the only operators providing access to that technology to end customers in Poland.

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