

## **1&1 Drillisch builds mobile radio sites in rural areas - Contract signed with federal ministries**

**Maintal, September 06, 2019.** 1&1 Drillisch concluded an agreement with the Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure (BMVI) and the Federal Ministry of Finance (BMF) on the construction of mobile radio sites in so-called "white spots". The company is thus helping to close existing supply gaps, especially in rural areas.

With the construction of hundreds of antenna sites, 1&1 Drillisch is making a contribution to improving mobile communications coverage in rural regions. At the same time, 1&1 Drillisch benefits from the agreement on installment payments for the costs of the recently acquired 5G frequencies.

"With the construction of additional mobile communications sites, we are contributing to nationwide mobile communications coverage and making a contribution to ensuring that rural areas in particular are supplied with state-of-the-art technology. We very much welcome the fact that this expansion is taking place in cooperation with the three other network operators. This is a first step that impressively demonstrates the benefits of cooperation for consumers and network operators. Cooperation in mobile communications infrastructure will become even more important in the coming years, because no network operator will be able to build a high-performance 5G network for the whole of Germany alone," says Ralph Dommermuth, CEO of 1&1 Drillisch AG. "By signing the contract with the federal government, we are underscoring our common goal of making Germany a lead market for 5G. At the same time, the agreement fits in with our long-term financing strategy, which provides for the majority of the expenses for the construction of a modern 5G network to be met from current income," Dommermuth continued.

### **About 1&1 Drillisch**

1&1 Drillisch AG is a listed telecommunications provider based in Maintal. The company belongs to the United Internet AG group and is one of the largest network-independent telecommunications providers with around 14 million customer contracts. In June 2019, the company successfully completed its participation in the 5G frequency auction and purchased frequencies for the construction of an efficient and state-of-the-art network. In addition, 1&1 Drillisch has secured long-term access to the Telefónica network through an MBA MVNO agreement.

1&1 Drillisch offers its customers a comprehensive portfolio of services and products in the areas of broadband and mobile communications. In addition to pure mobile communications and DSL products, customers also receive attractive bundled products from mobile communications and fixed networks, supplemented by applications such as home networking, online storage, video-on-demand and IPTV TV. With its two wholly-owned subsidiaries 1&1 Telecommunication SE and Drillisch Online GmbH, 1&1 Drillisch has a strong marketing approach that addresses the market comprehensively and target-group specifically: While 1&1 covers the premium segment, the Group's established online brands under the umbrella of Drillisch Online GmbH such as smartmobil.de, yourfone, winSIM, DeutschlandSIM or simply appeal to a price-conscious target group.

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