

## **Tridge Group becomes part of Ericsson consulting and integration offering**

- Ericsson acquires Tridge Group in France, a specialist in business support systems (BSS)
- Expertise in billing solutions, including high-level technical consultancy and assistance, complementing Ericsson's existing capabilities
- Extended range of multi-vendor services for customers in telecoms, energy, media, internet sectors

Ericsson (NASDAQ:ERIC) today announced the acquisition of Tridge Group, a French software engineering company specializing in Business Support Systems (BSS). Tridge Group provides consultancy and systems integration services in BSS transformation to leading customers in the telecoms, media and internet sectors.

With this acquisition, 30 highly skilled consultants join Audilog Groupe Ericsson, the Ericsson France subsidiary specialized in systems integration. Tridge Group has recognized expertise in telecom billing solutions. With its strong competencies in business processes combined with a deep knowledge of the leading telecom platforms and technologies, Tridge Group has a clear competitive edge. Its capabilities span the entire billing chain, from tariff catalog management to bill issuing solutions including billing content, micropayment solutions and billing for third parties.

"Tridge adds unique expertise for consulting and systems integration in BSS. It will complement the already existing competencies we have in France with our subsidiary Audilog Groupe Ericsson in systems integration for operations support systems (OSS). This move reinforces our presence in consulting and systems integration services as well as prepaid and postpaid BSS." says Franck Bouétard, Head of Ericsson France.

"Tridge Group's customers will now be able to leverage Ericsson's strong industry presence in network infrastructure, mobile broadband, multimedia solutions and associated services," says Jean-Philippe Lutz, Managing Director of Tridge Group.

This acquisition is another step in Ericsson's commitment to be an integration partner, assisting our customers as their needs become more complex. It follows Ericsson's acquisitions in the BSS and OSS segment, with LHS (Germany) in 2007, and in services, with Pride (Italy) and Optimi (Spain) in 2010.

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