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DRAKA COMTEQ RECEIVES MAJOR FTTH CONTRACT FROM ILIAD TO CONNECT EVERY HOME IN PARIS

Draka Comteq B.V. has been chosen by the group Iliad, the leading French Internet and telecommunications provider for triple play solutions, to supply a state-of-the-art Fibre-To-The-Home (FTTH) network in Paris. The project, which is expected to take 24 months to complete, will make super-fast broadband available to some 2.1 million people living in the area, offering them very high transmission speeds. The group Iliad plans to provide around one million total connections. Paris is just the first phase of what is expected a longer-term programme.

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Under the agreement, Draka Comteq will supply the group Iliad with two million kilometres of advanced optical fibre and innovative cables designed to be deployed rapidly and to resist the adverse conditions of sewer environments. Draka Comteq, which developed the solution specifically for Iliad, will also provide a suite of associated connectivity components, designed for safety and their ease of installation, as well as training.

"Draka Comteq is delighted to have been chosen by Iliad as its partner on this project," said Sandy Lyons, CEO of Draka Comteq. "This is a prestigious project in which we can continue to demonstrate our ability to understand and respond to the needs of our customers. It is especially pleasing since we were chosen for our technological leadership and ability to deliver a complete FTTH solution."

The agreement with Iliad comes on top of a number of other recent FTTH wins for Draka Comteq and demonstrates its position as the European leader in the field of FTTH solutions.

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