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## **Tele2 Russia acquires Telecom Eurasia from ZAO SMARTS for approximately SEK 160 million**

Stockholm - Tele2 AB, ("Tele2"), (Stockholm Stock Exchange: TEL2 A and TEL2 B), Europe's leading alternative telecom operator, today announced that it has acquired Telecom Eurasia from ZAO SMARTS. Tele2 will pay in cash approximately SEK 160 million on a cash and debt free basis.

Telecom Eurasia operates an 1800 MHz GSM licence in the region of Krasnodar with a population of 5.1 million. Krasnodar borders to Rostov, which is one of the most successful regions of Tele2 Russia. The current customer base is 20,000. The acquired company will be integrated into Tele2's existing operations and will benefit from Tele2's successful brand and product strategies in Russia.

Johnny Svedberg, Market Area Director Russia & Baltic, comments: "The acquisition of Telecom Eurasia is an additional step in our continued expansion in Russia. This will give us the opportunity to be a part of the positive development in one of Russia's most populated regions, which also has been appointed host for the 2014 Olympic Winter Games. After completion of the transaction, Tele2 Russia will be present in 17 regions with total population coverage of 41 million."

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