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## **O<sub>2</sub> opens mobile telecommunications network for Voice-over-IP services**

**MUNICH. Telefónica O<sub>2</sub> Germany clears the way for Voice-over-IP (VoIP) on the mobile phone. All O<sub>2</sub> customers can now use mobile internet telephony services like Skype with the current internet packs from O<sub>2</sub>. Thanks to these, they always have their costs under control.**

For the mobile use of internet telephony services, the mobile phone surf flat rate Internet-Pack-M from O<sub>2</sub> can, for example, be recommended. The flat rate allows customers to surf the internet at a volume of up to 200 MB and up to HSDPA speed. Subsequently, customers can continue to surf at reduced speed. The monthly costs amount to €10. For those, who need more volume, they can book O<sub>2</sub>'s Internet Pack L with the full speed to 5GB. The monthly costs amount to 25 Euro.

“We operate one of the most modern and most rapid mobile data networks in Europe and our customers are to experience it without limitations, no matter whether they surf, email, use instant messaging or make phone calls”, says Lutz Schüler, Managing Director Marketing & Sales, Telefónica O<sub>2</sub> Germany. “By opening our mobile high-speed network for VoIP services, we set new standards in the area of the mobile internet.”

In Germany, the mobile data network of O<sub>2</sub> reaches almost 100 percent of the population. Large parts of Germany are supplied with HSDPA at speeds of up to 7.2 MBit/s and the rapid upload technology HSUPA. The company has already been awarded for the best choice of mobile phones several times and offers a great variety of devices for the mobile internet. Presently, the Android Mobile Phone Samsung Galaxy is, among others, exclusively available from O<sub>2</sub>. In the fourth quarter, O<sub>2</sub> will exclusively launch Palm Pre on the market.

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