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TDC AND AINACOM INTO EXTENSIVE NETWORK COOPERATION

AinaCom Oy, a member of Aina Group, and TDC Oy have entered into an agreement on extensive network cooperation. AinaCom sells its metropolitan area's fixed telecommunication network and significant customerships related to it to TDC. AinaCom and TDC are also making a long-term service agreement on network services.

Aina Group got the metropolitan area network into its ownership year 2006 when acquiring Finnet Com Oy's share stock from Finnet Oy. AinaCom owns the fixed network also in Tavastia Proper.

"Our goal is to expand cooperation with TDC in the fixed network nationwide to be able to offer comprehensive data communication agreements to our corporate customers", states Aina Group Oyj's CEO Jaakko Nevanlinna.

"With this agreement TDC gets a fine partner in AinaCom and at the same time we will strengthen our position as a metropolitan area telecommunication network provider", says TDC Oy's CEO **Esa Parjanen**.

The agreement brings both partners synergy benefits and more power to enable business growth.

The transaction will take place on February 1. Three persons will move to TDC as so called old employees.

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