

PRESS RELEASE

Telenor Mobil to lose market share to Netcom in Norway's mobile operator space, according to new mobile operator market research report from IEMR

Vancouver, October 16, 2008 – IE Market Research Corp. (IEMR), the Canadian-based provider of market intelligence services, announced today the release of its 4Q08 Norway Mobile Operator Forecast.

"The 4Q08 Mobile Operator Forecasts demonstrate IEMR's capability to gather information from a variety of global resources and model it into accurate and timely forecasts for our clients," said Nizar Assanie, Vice President of Research at IEMR. "Clients will find the information easily accessible, comprehensive, and exceptionally relevant to enable them to make sound business and investment decisions about mobile operators and vendors strategies".

IEMR's Norway Mobile Operator Forecast covers up to 65 financial and operational metrics on two wireless operators. Notable highlights of the 4Q08 Norway Mobile Operator Forecast include:

- The number of total subscribers in Norway will increase from 5.47 million in 2008 to 5.73 million in 2010. The wireless penetration level will reach 120.7% in 2010 (unchanged from our previous forecasts).
- We maintain our previous market share forecasts. Our model predicts that Telenor Mobil's market share will decrease from 56.8% to 54.9% while Netcom's market share increases from 43.2% to 45.1% during the forecast period, 2008 – 2010.
- The pure duopoly of Telenor Mobil and Netcom will continue to allow for the high levels of ARPU in Norway. In 2010, the average ARPU in Norway is expected to be US\$ 61.68 per month. This will be the highest ARPU in our coverage list.
- We forecast that Telenor Mobil and Netcom will have similar EBITDA margins at around 36.1% in 2010.

IEMR's Global Mobile Operator Forecast covers up to 65 operational metrics of 213 mobile operators in 50+ countries, making up 80% of the world's population. Forecasts are based on our proprietary, country-specific forecasting models. These models deploy multiple regression analysis and cross-impact matrices that estimate relationships between subscriber data, technology use and deployment data, overall economic and demographic changes expected in a particular country; and relate these to company operational and financial metrics.

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* Available only for Netcom (CY04 – CY07)

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