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**DRAKA COMTEQ STARTS CONSTRUCTION OF FTTH NETWORK FOR 40,000
HOUSES / BUILDINGS IN AMSTERDAM IN COMBINATION WITH BAM /
VAN DEN BERG INFRASTRUCTUREN**

A combined contracting company established by Draka Comteq Telecom BV and Van den Berg Infrastructuuren, a subsidiary of BAM Infratechniek, starts to connect around 40,000 houses / buildings to a fibre optic network in Amsterdam (area's Zeeburg, Oost/Watergraafsmeer and Osdorp). This network is based on a Fibre To The Home (FTTH) concept developed by Draka Comteq for city environment applications which has been further optimized for the specific requirements of this unique project. The project is another clear sign of Draka Comteq's continued leadership in the FTTH area.

Councillor Maarten van Poelgeest will perform the opening ceremony for the start of the construction at 12 October. The size of the project amounts to around €30 million and the combination expects to finalize the work by the end of 2008.

The preparations of the networks have been coordinated by engineering consultants Arcadis which also prepared the contracts for installation, services and maintenance of the network. The activation and exploitation of the network will be done by BBned, a supplier of broadband services to providers.

Glasvezelnet Amsterdam is a joint effort of five housing corporations, private investors and the city of Amsterdam. With the installation of this fibre optic network, Amsterdam secures and reinforces the development of the ICT-sector and offers an open platform for the development of new services in the economy, health care and education. Optical fibres can transport huge amounts of information at high speed in both upload and download directions and offer future-proof, stable and highly reliable communications networks for services in video, data communication, internet and telephone.

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