

advertisement

**HONDA**  
The Power of Dreams

# Business Times

**Best Bargains** REGISTER NOW  
  


Online

Tuesday, July 18 2006

- Home
- Market Data  
Economic Report  
2005/06
- StockWatch  
PDF Frontpages
- BizBriefs  
RSS XML
- IPOWatch  
Mobile
- CompanyProfile  
Compilations
- Enterprise50  
EmailAlert
- OtherNews

**In preparing the submission, Malaysia's smallest mobile operator and 61 per cent controlled by Norway's Telenor, is prepared to spend as much as RM500 million if it is successful**

## DiGi looks set to bid for WiMAX after 3G blues

By Francis Fernandez  
 ft@nstp.com.my

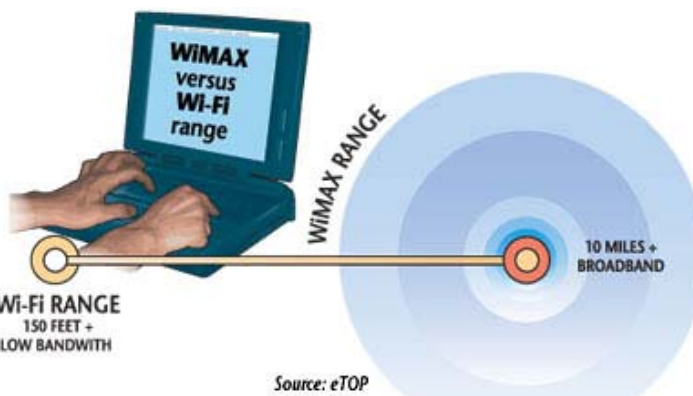
July 14 2006

### OtherNews

- KL stocks fall on continued oil, Middle East concerns
- Malaysia's sundry shops seek assistance
- EPF sustains good performance
- June inflation may rise due to higher power tariff

### Column

- TM still eyeing Middle East market
- ING Clarion not investing in Malaysia's REITs for now
- **BizFocus:** Taking AirAsia higher



DIGI.COM Bhd, the country's smallest mobile operator, may submit a bid as early as next week to the telecommunications regulator for a licence to offer high-speed wireless Internet services under a new technology.



**CONTACT US!**



**Free!**  
 Novus Push Mail  
 ...the push email solution for everyone

**HONDA**  
The Power of Dreams

FIND OUT MORE...

Business Times was told by the people involved in preparing the submission that DiGi, 61 per cent controlled by Norway's Telenor, is prepared to spend as much as RM500 million if it is successful.

The Worldwide Interoperability for Microwave Access technology, or commonly known as WiMAX, is similar to a long-range version of the popular Wi-Fi technology that lets

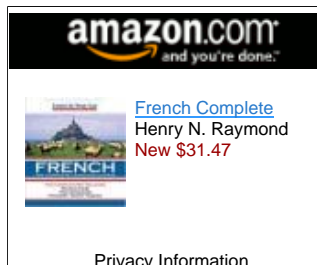
Google

Dictionary

Thesaurus



amazon.com  
and you're done.™

[French Complete](#)  
Henry N. Raymond  
New \$31.47

Privacy Information



thefinancials.com

**Currency Converter**

[add to your site \(free\)](#)

From: FROM

To: TO

Amt: 1

Rslt: 17-Jul

[resources](#)

computers near a small base station surf the Internet without wires.

But while Wi-Fi's range is limited to a few tens of metres, WiMax can, theoretically, work over tens of kilometres, allowing towns or cities to be blanketed with wireless coverage.

DiGi, which lacks a Malaysian licence to sell high-speed mobile services via a so-called third-generation, or 3G, permit is seeking alternative ways to offer movies and faster Web access on cell phones.

This is to avoid falling further behind rivals Telekom Malaysia Bhd and Maxis Communications Bhd, which have started 3G services

WiMAX can be used for several applications, including last-mile broadband connections, hotspots and cellular backhaul, and high-speed enterprise connectivity for business.

Although the licence for mobile-based WiMAX will be issued this year, building a complete infrastructure could take up to three years.

Industry executives estimate the time frame, could work in DiGi's favour as it would coincide with the time when most mobile phones in Malaysia are expected to have broadband Internet access.

DiGi has thus far resisted buying network capacity from MiTV Corp Sdn Bhd and Time Dotcom Bhd, winners of Malaysia's last two 3G licences in March, insisting that it will pursue alternative technologies to compete with Maxis and Telekom.

Currently, there are no companies with the spectrum rights to provide mobile-based WiMAX services in Malaysia, although tier two telephony service provider NasionCom Holdings Bhd has a licence to provide fixed-based WiMAX services.

NasionCom is in the early stages of building the country's maiden fixed WiMAX system at a cost of about RM200 million.

NasionCom and its tier two arch rival REDtone International Bhd are also said to be planning to submit bids for the mobile-based WiMAX spectrum rights.



Ads by Goooooogle

Home    Market Data    StockWatch    BizBriefs    IPOWatch    CompanyProfile    CEO Award    Enterprise 50  
 Digital Version    PDF Frontpages    RSS XML    Mobile    Economic Report    Email2Us  
 2004/05

NSTP Online News: NSTP e-Media | NST | Malay Mail | Berita Harian | Harian Metro | Computimes | Business Computing

Mail [webheads](#) for site related feedback and questions. Write to the [editor](#) or contact [sales](#) for other kind of help.  
 Copyright © The New Straits Times Press (Malaysia) Berhad, Balai Berita 31, Jalan Riong, 59100 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.  
 Powered by: Zope, Red Hat, Apache, Python, Perl  
[Privacy Statement](#)