



AGREEMENT BETWEEN OMNITEL AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF CATANIA FOR THE PERMANENT MONITORING OF ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELDS

"Cassiopea" is the name chosen for the project produced in association with the University of Catania and Wavetek Wandel Goltermann

Catania, 17 January 2000 - Cassiopea, the world's first permanent electromagnetic field monitoring project, is the joint work of Omnitel, as always a staunch supporter of environmental and health protection, and the Municipality of Catania.

The project sets out to provide concrete and scientifically certain replies to the demand for information from citizens through a simple and reliable service to ascertain that the data recorded is in line with the levels laid down by law on electromagnetic fields.

The system, which will become operational in April, provides for the installation of 15 electromagnetic field monitoring stations, situated near to areas of dense pedestrian traffic and inside public and private buildings where persons reside for long periods of time. The data recorded on the monitoring sites, operating 24 hours a day, will be transmitted over Omnitel's GSM network to a server controlled by the Municipality of Catania, which will make them public through the usual information channels (the press, Televideo, the internet, etc.).

The Cassiopea project, furthermore, also employs the services of the University of Catania, which has laid down the optimum criteria for the installation of the structure, and Wavetek Wandel Goltermann, a world leader in the field of the design, manufacture and distribution of solutions, measurement systems and services for the telecommunications market.

However the Municipality of Catania will see to the communication of the scientific findings to the general public. However, the City Council does not only want to divulge this data to citizens but also intends to set up a scientifically correct database, available to the world's scientific community, on the levels of the population's electromagnetic exposure.