



OMNITEL VODAFONE: 163 COUNTRIES COVERED BY INTERNATIONAL ROAMING

ROAMING IN SOUTH KOREA AND EQUATORIAL GUINEA LAUNCHED TODAY

Milan, April 19, 2002 - Omnitel Vodafone provides roaming services in more countries than any other Italian operator. Since last April the number of mobile operators with whom Omnitel has signed agreements has almost doubled from the 140 of March 2001 to the current 272.

Thanks to such agreements the number of countries in which customers can continue to use their GSM Omnitel number has risen to 163.

Brazil, El Salvador, Jamaica, Mexico, Yemen, Nigeria and Sudan are among the countries where Omnitel is currently the only Italian operator capable of providing roaming.

Today sees the launch of roaming services in collaboration with South Korea's SK Telecom and Getesa which serves Equatorial Guinea. From 9.00am local time Omnitel Vodafone customers can use their SIM cards to make and receive calls in these countries.

Similar initiatives have extended roaming to Brunei and Greenland.

Omnitel Vodafone is also the first Italian operator to offer **GPRS roaming** in a number of European countries such as France, Germany, Great Britain, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland. This provides customers with access via GPRS to e-mail, intranet and personalised information services.

In areas not covered by land-based mobile networks, Omnitel Vodafone provides *satellite roaming* with Globalstar. The service is available to all subscribers equipped with a *dual mode* handset, meaning phones capable of using both satellite and GSM networks.