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New *iGR* study forecasts that global spending on LTE infrastructure will total over \$710 Billion over the next five years

Study forecasts both infrastructure build spending and operational costs

AUSTIN, Texas, November 7th, 2014 – Global LTE deployments are steadily progressing. The North American market currently leads other markets in regard to number of LTE subscribers, but this will change over the next five years, as other regions continue to deploy LTE. LTE is now available in all regions of the world, with established networks in the U.S., Japan, parts of Asia Pacific and, increasingly, Europe.

Once the LTE networks are deployed and the subscriber base starts to grow in each country, more devices will become available and usage of the network will increase. When this happens, operators will have to start increasing their networks' capacity. Operators around the world are continually balancing their network spending between coverage and capacity. The engineers strive to provide sufficient coverage to be competitive and sufficient capacity to meet the needs of the growing subscriber base, while minimizing unnecessary build spending.

"Over the next few years, as the number of subscribers using LTE increases, so the corresponding network spending increases, both on network builds and operating costs," said Iain Gillott, president and founder of *iGR*, a market research consultancy focused on the wireless and mobile industry. "*iGR* expects that the total LTE network spending of all global mobile operators will total \$710 billion over the next five years."

iGR's new market study, [Global LTE Network Infrastructure Spending Forecast, 2013-2018](#), forecasts total global LTE infrastructure build spending and total global LTE operating costs for the years 2013 through 2018. The build spending is also forecasted by network component. In addition to the global level, the report forecasts the spending for each of the following six regions: North America, Latin America, Europe, Middle East and Africa, Asia-Pacific, and Japan.

The following key questions are answered in the new market study:

- What is the status of LTE deployments in each global region?
- What is the forecast for the number of LTE connections and how much mobile data will the LTE networks carry both globally and for each region of the world?
- Which global regions are spending the most to build LTE networks?
- When does infrastructure build spending begin to decrease in each global region?
- What share of LTE infrastructure build spending will be spent on each type of network component, including Radio, Fronthaul/Backhaul, MME/S-GW, and Packet Core, in the next five years?
- How much will LTE operating costs be in the next five years?
- How big is the overall LTE infrastructure opportunity – both build spending and operating costs – in the next five years?

The information in this report will be valuable for:

- Mobile network operators
- LTE network infrastructure vendors
- Financial and investment analysts.

The new report can be [purchased](#) and downloaded directly from *iGR*'s website at www.iGR-inc.com. Alternatively, contact Iain Gillott at (512) 263-5682 or at iain@iGR-inc.com for additional details.

About iGR

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iGR researches a range of wireless and mobile products and technologies, including: smartphones; tablets; mobile wearable devices; connected cars; mobile applications; bandwidth demand and use; small cell and het-net architectures; mobile EPC and RAN virtualization; DAS; LTE; VoLTE; IMS; NFC; GSM/GPRS/UMTS/HSPA; CDMA 1x/EV-DO; iDEN; SIP; macro-, pico- and femtocells; mobile backhaul; WiFi and WiFi offload; and SIM and UICC.

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