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DragonWave wins deal to support Russia's first 4G network

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DragonWave Inc. ([TSX:DWI](#)) has been chosen to support the extension of Russia's first mobile WiMAX network beyond the major cities of Moscow and St. Petersburg, the company announced Tuesday.

Ottawa-based DragonWave said it's won a deal to provide its Horizon Compact packet microwave radios to high-speed wireless Internet provider Yota, following a test-run deployment with the Russian firm in 2008.

"Within two and a half months of beginning commercial operations, Yota already has 100,000 active users. This is obviously one of the world's most aggressive network operators, and we are thrilled to have been chosen to be one of Yota's strategic partners," said DragonWave CEO Peter Allen in a statement. "The Horizon Compact's track record for successfully enabling mobile 4G networks is growing globally."

Yota launched the network in 2007 and performed a trial with the Horizon Compact the following year, with commercial operations beginning in June 2009.

DragonWave's solution will provide backhaul links with 400-megabits-per-second capability in support of Yota's unlimited high-speed Internet service, online music, TV and video services to business and residential users, the company added.

