Deutsche Telekom positions itself as a global telematics provider in a competitive environment characterized by converging technologies and globalization. We are increasing our value added and consequently our shareholder value via a determined focussing of our growth strategy on four strategic pillars: mobile communications, data communications/systems solutions, online communications and network access.

**January.** Deutsche Telekom establishes the company Kabel Deutschland GmbH and initiates the sale of its broadband cable network in order to fully exploit, together with investors, the potential of the broadband cable network as a network infrastructure for multimedia communications.

**February.** Via T-Mobil, Deutsche Telekom increases its shareholding in the Austrian mobile communications company max.mobil to 81 percent. This majority holding is later increased to 91 percent.

**March.** The success story of ISDN, one of the most important growth drivers at Deutsche Telekom, began 10 years ago. At the time of CeBIT 1999, 4.4 million ISDN basic accesses and 10.6 million basic channels in Germany provide the ideal entry into the multimedia era. The number of ISDN channels increases to more than 13 million by the end of 1999.

**April.** At its Press Conference on Deutsche Telekom’s Financial Statements the most successful year of the T-Aktie on the stock exchange is presented.

**May.** At the shareholders’ meeting, Dr. Ron Sommer gives the shareholders an outline of the cornerstones of the issue strategy for the forthcoming increase in capital. The issue is structured as a pan-European offer with a strong focus on private investors by providing a bonus and loyalty scheme.

**June.** The new tranche of Deutsche Telekom, with an issuing price of EUR 39.50, is twice oversubscribed. The issue comprises 250 million shares plus a 25-million-share greenshoe option and around 5.8 million employee shares. The proceeds of the flotation total approximately EUR 11 billion. This provides Deutsche Telekom with additional freedom in order to be able to continue its expansion strategy.

**July.** Deutsche Telekom bundles its development activities under the roof of its newly established subsidiary T-Nova. This creates the necessary preconditions for a thorough exploitation of synergy and innovation potential in the whole of the Group.

**August.** Deutsche Telekom acquires the British mobile communications provider One 2 One. It thus continues to pursue its rigorous internationalization strategy in the growth area of mobile telephony in one of the European Union’s most important telecommunications markets.

**September.** Deutsche Telekom is included in the newly formed index family of Dow Jones Sustainability Group Indexes (DJSGI) as the world’s leading enterprise. The basis for the company’s share being accepted in this new index, that is subdivided into three regions and 68 industries, includes the company’s focus on its shareholders’ needs, long-term and sustainable growth, as well as a high degree of global competitiveness.

**October.** Pressing ahead with its internationalization strategy, Deutsche Telekom initiates a takeover of the mobile telephony shareholdings of MediaOne International in PTC, Poland, Westel 450 and Westel 900, Hungary, as well as a controlling majority in the Russian firm RTDC. In addition, Deutsche Telekom acquires the maximum shareholding currently possible for foreign investors of 35 percent in the Croatian company Hrvatske Telekomunikacije. HT operates a largely digitized fixed network and two nationwide mobile communications networks, and is the leading provider of Internet and data services in Croatia.

**November.** Deutsche Telekom takes over the French telecommunications firm SIRIS establishing a strong presence in the strategic growth areas of data communications/IP and network access.

**December.** T-Online enters the Austrian market and in cooperation with the firm max.mobil. offers a comprehensive information platform for a multitude of topics via the portal www.t-online.at.