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## Proven Increase in Cancer Incidence Around Telephone Exchange Center Hausmannstätten

Well-known Environmental Health Expert from Salzburg Rejects Allegation

„As an epidemiologist, I am committed to the science and correct interpretation of the data, resulting from a study." That is how the environmental health expert from Salzburg, Gerd Oberfeld, responded when mobilkom austria AG accused him of attributing an increased incidence of cancer to an allegedly non-existent C-Network in Vasoldsberg and Hausmannstätten municipalities.

The data as provided by Gerd Oberfeld is fact: Within the scope of the scientific study, a significant increase in incidence was documented in the area around the telephone exchange center Hausmannstätten, for all types of cancer the increase was found to be up to 8 times higher. Breast cancer and brain tumor were especially prevalent.

During the preliminary research of the study by Gerd Oberfeld, a retired technician from the Post and Telecommunication Administration of Styria confirmed that a transmitter of the C-Network was operating at this location of the telephone exchange center Hausmannstätten. Furthermore, the informant could specify the precise power output of the transmitter as well as the number of channels.

Other possible factors - that could have caused such a significant increase in cancer incidence - could not be detected by Gerd Oberfeld.

During the preliminary research of the study, Gerd Oberfeld was told by the Federal Ministry of Transport, Innovation and Technology (BMVIT) that to the knowledge of the federal ministry data for networks, which are not in operation anymore, are deleted and therefore the BMVIT does not have this kind of information available. Additional investigations among the residents and neighbors clearly showed that they did notice such a transmitter during the years in question.



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It is interesting to note that the mobilkom austria AG only seems to explore the contents of the study as long as the quotes are taken out of context. The allegation that, for example, a 121 times higher risk was calculated, is firmly rejected by Gerd Oberfeld. In the study, this increase was discussed exclusively for brain tumor cases in the highest exposure category. The „quoting of partial results out of context" for reasons of mass impact is not considered a serious review of the study contents and therefore can hardly form the basis for an objective discussion, says Gerd Oberfeld.

The legal counsel of mobilkom austria AG has served Gerd Oberfeld with the demand to retract the conducted investigations and at the same time has threatened to take legal action for damages in the case of non-compliance.

Gerd Oberfeld is unable to find any fault on his part. The significant increase in cancer cases around the telephone exchange center Hausmannstätten is fact, which cannot be argued away. If the increase was caused by something else than the mobile phone network, this should surely be reviewed from a scientific perspective. At this point in time, however, Gerd Oberfeld has no reason to doubt the accuracy of the information available to him. So far the mobilkom austria AG was unable to supply sufficient proof for its claim that there had been no C-Network transmitter at the telephone exchange center in Hausmannstätten.

The statement by the mobilkom austria AG that Austria needs a reliable policy for mobile phone technologies, which would investigate feared risk, without increasing panic and fear-mongering, is very much applauded by Gerd Oberfeld. It is high time that the fears and concerns of affected populations are respected, but also include scientific findings that have already been pointing in a similar direction for years, and that we search for solutions together. We may finally find a joint point of departure in this right direction!

At the following phone number: 0662/8042-2969,
Dr. Gerd Oberfeld is available for answering inquiries from 2 pm to 4 pm.

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## Proven Increase in Cancer Incidence Around the Telephone Exchange Center Hausmannstätten

## Re: Environmental Health Expert from Salzburg Rejects Allegations by forum Mobilkommunikation (FMK)*

Salzburg (OTS) – Information provided by a credible witness revealed to me beyond question that at the location of the telephone exchange center Hausmannstätten (south of Graz), a mobile phone transmitter of the C-Network was in operation. Since I was already aware of the explosive power of this information at that time, I only used part of the information provided to me out of consideration for the former employee of the Post and Telecommunication Administration. This, however, does not change anything about the authenticity of the scientific investigations. I, hereby, firmly reject the allegation of abusing or exploiting a former employee of the Post and Telecommunication Administration.

The provided data is fact: Within the scope of the scientific study, that had been commissioned by the provincial government of Styria, a significant increase in incidence was found within a 200-m radius around the telephone exchange center Hausmannstätten, for all types of cancer the increase was found to be up to 8 times higher. Breast cancer and brain tumor were especially prevalent.

It is high time that the fears and concerns of affected populations are respected, but also include scientific findings that have already been pointing in a similar direction for years, and that we search for solutions together. We may finally find a joint point of departure in this right direction!

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## C-Network Study: Disclosure of all RF Radiation Sources at the Telephone Exchange Center Hausmannstätten Required

## Re: Environmental Health Expert Oberfeld Rejects Allegations by the Forum Mobilkommunikation (FMK)*

Salzburg (OTS) – At the moment, I have no reason to retract the cancer study.

Qualified and unquestionable statements by a credible witness, who also was a former employee of the legal predecessor of the mobilkom austria AG, confirm that a mobile phone transmitter of the C-Network was operating south of Graz at the location of the telephone exchange center Hausmannstätten.

It is now up to the Federal Ministry of Transport, Innovation and Technology (BMVIT) and Mobilkom Austria AG to disclose the RF radiation sources at the location Hausmannstätten during the time period from 1984 to 1997. To clarify the causes of the highly significant increase in cancer incidence within the 200-m radius of the telephone exchange center Hausmannstätten is not only in the interest of the affected families, but also in the public interest.

The allegation that an entire branch would be indirectly accused of lying is hereby firmly rejected. At the same time, I also reject the allegation that implies "non-existent" sources of danger as a cause of cancer.

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## Hausmannstätten Cancer Study Not Retracted

## Re: Offer to Talk Refused by Mobilkom Austria

Salzburg (OTS) – Within the time period allotted by Mobilkom Austria AG, the legal representative of Dr. Oberfeld submitted a detailed official statement.

Without considering or evaluating the submitted arguments, Mobilkom filed an injunction suit - which apparently had already been prepared in advance. Mobilkom did not take up the offer to talk.

It appears as if Mobilkom is not interested in discussing the contents of the arguments. At no point in time, Dr. Oberfeld was given evidence of the non-existence of the C-Network transmitter as alleged by Mobilkom. This current legal action is obviously meant to put great pressure on Dr. Oberfeld, forcing him to retract the study he conducted according to the highest scientific standards. Dr. Oberfeld will not simply condone it.

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