

# 12th October 2001

Welcome to another edition of "News from Holland".

## Delta 171

The organisation behind the Delta 171 project have been given a 'no' from the Dutch ministry who are responsible for the licences. Delta got a temporary licence for the year, allowing them to start with building of the transmitting site. As they have not started yet the responsible minister will not give a new licence for 2002. They have been given the ultimatum to either start at once or they will be forced to go to court to get an official decision.

## Veronica

The organisation behind former commercial radio and tv station, who sold their licences to the HMG Group have been allowed again to use the name Veronica for a new radio and television station in a proposed joint deal with satellite station The Box.

When the deal will come Veronica will fill the hours from 18 hrs up till 1 in the night. Also talks have been going on with the Wegener Publishers Group to step into Radio10FM. Wegener have been trying to sell the radio station for over a year, so as they can invest more in publishing.

## Three Minute Silence observed

On September 14th most stations observed the three minute silence at midday.

## DAB Investment

Under minister for media, Van der Ploeg, will be giving 20 million guilders to the public broadcasters to give them support for research for the new media technologies. This investment is for 2002 and will go up to 45 million Euros in 2005. This funding has been clearly earmarked for DAB experiments, new internet plans and

satellite improvements.

#### Dutch Radio Group plan for two stations

The Dutch Radio Group, a sister company of the publishing group - Imca Investment Group, are planning two radio stations, during the forthcoming frequency auction. The two stations - a pop station Aloha Radio (named after a famous glossy Dutch music magazine) and a 24 hour news service - Nieuws FM.

#### Radio Day

The next 'Radioday' will be held in Amsterdam on March 2nd, next year. Guests will include Brian Anderson and Johnny Lewis and Hans ten Hoge as well as technician Pieter Damave of RNI will be there. More info can be got from Hans Knot at: [Hknot@home.nl](mailto:Hknot@home.nl)

#### Easy FM

Deejay and jingle producer Ferry Maat who started his career with RNI in 1971, wants to start his own radio station in the Netherlands. He all ready has a licence to start Easy FM, a station like Radio 390 in the sixties. Research is being conducted to determine the financial possibilities for such a station in the advertising world. If this research is positive Maat wants to start the station early 2002.

More from Holland next month.