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Motorola predicts the launch of WiMAX networks in 2007

Looks like most mobile phone developers are acknowledging the importance of the greatly anticipated WiMAX networks. [Samsung](#) has clearly stated that in their opinion [WiMAX](#) is the future of wireless networks. "4G is WiMAX. We're very clear about that", said Philip Garrison, mobile strategist for Samsung Telecommunications America. Motorola seems to agree by predicting that 2007 will be the year of WiMAX, when an increasing number of commercial launches of WiMAX networks is expected. "When we look back one year ago and reflect on all that the industry has accomplished, it is truly astounding the pace at which next generation broadband solutions are evolving. WiMAX no longer is just a promise, a potential. Now it's here, it's real, and [Motorola](#) is at the forefront of delivering this technology," said Dan Coombes, senior vice president and chief technology officer, Motorola Networks & Enterprise. WiMAX provides increased bandwidth and stronger encryption as well as reduced cost, improved flexibility and portability and will clearly play an important part in the evolution of future wireless networks and represent a step forward for wireless network technology. "Technology and market acceptance of WiMAX is underway in key pockets of the globe," said Godfrey Chua, analyst at IDC citing his recently released report "Worldwide WiMAX Infrastructure 2006-2011 Forecast". "Growth is being driven by the increased utility of broadband access in general, and with major equipment vendors such as Motorola leading the way and helping to encourage the expansion of the market ecosystem, we expect WiMAX infrastructure spending to be one of the fastest growing within the wireless segment. Spending will be propelled to \$3.59 billion by 2011, growing at a compound annual growth rate of 31 percent."