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Bezeq is currently upgrading its ATM network for which it provides services to ISPs, business customers, and ADSL broadband Internet users.

The upgrade will place Bezeq on equal footing with Europe's leading communications companies, and will lead to closer cooperation with other such companies, thereby enabling the application of future and innovative technologies.

Bezeq expects the upgrade to be completed by the end of 2002.

"The upgrading is being done at night, so as to inconvenience customers as little as possible," explained Paul Weissbach, Vice President of Engineering. "By upgrading the ATM system and bringing it up to international standards, we are enabling our customers to be among the first in the world to enjoy the best of existing services and technologies," said Weissbach.

The work involved in the upgrade, which has already started, will be carried out intensively today and tomorrow. First to be upgraded are dozens of nodes in the ATM network which are dispersed all over the country. ATM operation will be halted only during the night, between 1 a.m. and 7 a.m., for short periods (up to half an hour).