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## **Virgin Wi-Fi Usage Hits Half a Million**

HALF a million travellers have already logged onto the new high speed wireless internet service on Virgin's West Coast Main Line, with the number of monthly users increasing, to over 90,000.

The figures, announced by transport based data communication provider Nomad Digital, represent a significant milestone for the route which sees around 25.4 million passengers every year.

And the Hotspot service, provided by Nomad Digital and partner T-Mobile, which allows Virgin rail travellers internet access, email and other applications, will be improved soon with the introduction of Nomad's pioneering aggregation solution, which will enable simultaneous use of multiple data channels, so increasing the available bandwidth to passengers.

Customers who subscribe to the T-Mobile Broadband 'pay monthly' service can access the internet at no extra cost. First Class passengers receive complimentary access, while other passengers can purchase Hotspot passes online from their Wi-Fi enabled devices.



Nigel Wallbridge, Chairman of Nomad said: "We are delighted with the popularity of this service which replicates the success we have had in providing the world's first ever rail broadband Wi-Fi on the London to Brighton route, on all Heathrow Express trains and on public transport systems in the US, Continental Europe and the Middle East. The introduction of bandwidth aggregation will allow us to give an even better service to passengers."

Graham Leech, Executive Director Commercial for Virgin Trains, said: "The Hotspot service allows Virgin Trains passengers to make even better use of their time when travelling. These developments show our commitment to keep improving the service."

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### **Notes to editors**

#### **About Nomad Digital**

UK based Nomad Digital is a privately owned company which was formed in early 2002 by Graeme Lowdon and Nigel Wallbridge. Nomad Digital is focused on the provision of specialty mobility networks and was the first company in the UK to trial WiFi on board trains. Nomad has developed the world's first deployment of a communication system to trains using IEEE802.16 (WiMAX) and is the largest operator of a pre-WiMAX network in the UK. ([www.nomadrail.com](http://www.nomadrail.com))