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New cablecom software enables reduction in the power consumption of set-top boxes

From now on cablecom digital tv customers will benefit twofold. Thanks to new, innovative software, the power consumption in stand-by mode of set-top boxes with recording functions has now been reduced to less than 1 watt. This means that cablecom is giving its customers an energy-saving option for digital television. At the same time the new software makes digital television even more convenient and offers improvements in navigation.

The software update on the devices concerned has been carried out in stages from the end of November until this day. Cablecom digital tv customers with more recent HD DVR set-top boxes will also have the opportunity to save energy when watching digital television. With the new software the power consumption in stand-by mode on these devices can be reduced to less than 1 watt. This applies to the around 130,000 HD DVR set-top boxes that have been installed. The power-saving mode is unfortunately not possible in older models.

As soon as the new software has been added to the set-top box, customers will receive information on the stand-by mode settings on their TV screens. For instance, they will be told that the factory setting is for stand-by mode to be activated if no button on the remote control has been pressed for about 210 minutes. Power-saving mode can also be switched off or adapted to individual requirements if so desired. Customers have the option of switching the set-top box to "hot" or "cold" stand-by mode. From the standard operating mode, called "hot", the device can be switched on again in three to five seconds. From the "cold" mode, also called stand-by, when only about 1 watt of electricity is consumed, the set-top box will start in about 30 seconds. In both cases, the set-top box will reliably make programmed recordings.

Digital television without an additional device

In addition to the new power-saving mode, since 1 June 2010 cablecom has also been offering digital television without a set-top box. With the DigiCard, customers can make use of all the benefits such as high definition television (HD), without a device having to use any additional power. It is also possible to record programmes on external devices. The DigiCard is the optimum solution for customers with two or more TV systems.

More convenient navigation

With this software update cablecom digital tv customers who own one of the more recent HD DVR set-top boxes will be able to enjoy, amongst other things, these two new features:

- With the skip function and the left and right arrow buttons on the remote control customers can now also jump to a defined time in a recorded programme. The following intervals are available: 10, 30, 60, 300 and 600 seconds. The skip function can be used in recordings, in the cache, in Video on demand films and in TV on demand.
- Anyone watching TV on demand who then pauses the current programme will now be informed when changing channels that any previously recorded content will be lost. Customers can cancel the channel change and continue to use delayed viewing for the current programme.

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About cablecom

Cablecom – a UPC Broadband enterprise – is the largest cable network company in Switzerland, providing its customers with offers in the areas of cable television, broadband Internet, and fixed network and mobile telephony. As of 30 September 2010, the enterprise had more than 1.5 million television customers, of whom 432,000 were in the digital area, as well as 501,000 Internet customers and 321,000 telephony customers. Cablecom also provides voice, data and value-added services for business customers. Cablecom provides cable network operators with plant engineering and construction as well as with application and transmission services for telephony and Internet. Cablecom's own network connects around two million households and supplies all of the major cities in Switzerland. As of the end of December 2009, the company, which employs around 1,400 people, achieved sales of more than 1 billion Swiss francs. Cablecom is a national subsidiary of UPC Broadband, the European cable network group owned by Liberty Global Inc.

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About Liberty Global

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