

## **Media Information Dr. Gerd Oberfeld**

**On November 3, 2008**, a settlement—resulting from the fact-based exchanges in the legal action between Dr. Gerd Oberfeld and Mobilkom Austria AG—was reached. In this settlement, Dr. Gerd Oberfeld acknowledges that there was no C-Network mobile phone transmitter installed at the telephone exchange center Hausmannstätten. Austrian mobile phone service providers as well as the FMK use this settlement as an opportunity to claim that Dr. Gerd Oberfeld would have admitted in this settlement that the cancer study was wrong, that it supported the creation of myths, that the fundamentals of the scientific method were not followed, and thus the study had been retracted. If reading the actual settlement text from November 3, 2008, however, one realizes that all these claims do not correspond to the settlement closure agreed upon.

It is correct that Dr. Oberfeld acknowledges that there was no C-Network mobile phone transmitter installed at the Hausmannstätten telephone exchange center. As part of his investigations, Dr. Oberfeld had been informed by a witness that there had been a C-Network mobile phone transmitter installed at the Hausmannstätten telephone exchange center. These and other statements by witnesses caused Dr. Oberfeld to perform the study and provided the basis for the scientific conclusions. Within the framework of the legal action, this evidence could not be confirmed. However, it is incorrect to state that Dr. Oberfeld closed the legal settlement because Mobilkom Austria AG would have been able to provide evidence to the contrary. Likewise, the settlement of today certainly does not question the scientific conclusion that mobile phone radiation can be a cause of disease as could be demonstrated in several studies. Dr. Oberfeld has no problems with correcting former assumptions, and based on that, to conduct further analyses and scientific investigations. Dr. Gerd Oberfeld always was of the opinion that the issue “Mobile Phone Radiation – Potential Causes of Disease” should definitely be resolved in a fact-based manner; Dr. Oberfeld welcomes any willingness by mobile phone service providers to participate in this process.

As a next step, Dr. Gerd Oberfeld intends to investigate across Austria whether in other locations with telephone exchange centers incidence of disease occurred. If so, Dr. Gerd Oberfeld will then extend his scientific investigations to these locations. Results remain to be seen.

Since, in their press releases, the mobile phone providers or the FMK, respectively, indicated their interest in participating in an objective mobile phone debate, Dr. Oberfeld assumes that they do have an interest and will also participate accordingly. Based on the settlement reached today, there is a unique opportunity to support the scientific investigations with total transparency and sincerity.

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