ZTE to test integrated Next Generation Network solutions at GMI 2008

Interoperability tests will enable ZTE to demonstrate the compatibility, flexibility and stability of its next generation network solutions

15 October 2008, Shenzhen, China - ZTE, a leading global provider of telecommunications equipment and network solutions, today announced its participation in the GMI 2008 (Global MSF Interoperability) event held by the MSF (MultiService Forum) to advance the development of next generation networks (NGN). ZTE will be proving the interoperability capabilities of its IMS, wireless broadband access Infrastructure and IPTV Solutions in three of the five networked MSF GMI 2008 host sites around the world (The USA, China and the UK).

GMI 2008 is a worldwide multi-vendor interoperability test environment organised by the MSF, where critical next-generation network elements are verified in a number of practical scenarios. The event will take place later this year, from October 20-31, spanning several worldwide locations that include Verizon, NCS and UNH-IOL in the United States, a joint BT/Vodafone lab in the United Kingdom and China Mobile.

“The GMI 2008 is a great opportunity to demonstrate the compatibility, flexibility and stability of ZTE’s’ end-to-end wireless and IMS solution – and help accelerate the roll-out of next-generation networks”, said Mr. Kevin Y. Qi, Managing Director of ZTE (UK) Limited.

The MSF tests aim to provide equipment vendors the opportunity to validate key service concepts that leverage an IMS/NGN infrastructure and FMC network architecture. This year, for the first time integration of high speed wireless access technologies will be included in the interoperability tests.
designed to prove MSF Interoperability Agreements for Next Generation Networks. Tests will be conducted over a number of wired and wireless broadband access networks, including ZTE’s offerings.

Interoperability verification tests will feature session control, innovative wireless access tile, IMS-based IPTV, quality of service (QoS) Control, service-oriented architecture (SOA), and location based services.

Previously, ZTE successfully participated in the GMI 2006 at Verizon’s lab, which focused on fixed mobile convergence supporting the IMS service framework.

About the MSF
The MultiService Forum is a global association of service providers and system suppliers committed to developing and promoting open architecture, multiservice networks. Founded in 1998, the MSF is an open membership organisation comprised of the world's leading telecommunications companies. The MSF’s activities include developing Implementation Agreements, promoting worldwide compatibility and interoperability, and encouraging input to appropriate national and international standards bodies. For more information about the MSF and its members, visit the MSF web site at http://www.msforum.org/

About GMI 2008
GMI 2008 – the Global MSF Interoperability event – will link major carrier, government, and academic labs on three continents in a major demonstration of multi-vendor interoperability between a significant number of Next Generation network and future wireless elements supporting Implementation Agreements developed in support of the MSF Release 4 Architecture and practical deployment scenarios of interest to major carriers. GMI 2008 will be held from October 20-31, 2008.
http://www.msforum.org/interoperability/GMI.shtml

About ZTE
ZTE is a leading global provider of telecommunications equipment and network solutions. The ZTE product range is the most complete in the world – covering virtually every sector of the wireline, wireless, service and terminals markets. The company delivers innovative, custom-made products and services to customers in more than 135 countries, helping them to achieve continued revenue growth and to shape the future of the world’s communications. ZTE commits around 10% of annual turnover to research and development and takes a leading role in a wide range of international bodies developing emerging telecoms standards. It is the fastest growing telecoms equipment company in the world, and is China’s only listed telecoms manufacturer, with shares publicly traded on both the Hong Kong and Shenzhen Stock Exchanges. ZTE was included in BusinessWeek’s 2006 ranking of China’s Top 20 Brands. ZTE was awarded the “Most Promising Vendor of the year” by Frost & Sullivan in its 2007 Asia Pacific ICT Awards, and was reported as the fastest growing telecom equipment and solutions provider
among the major telecom vendors worldwide by IDC in 2007. For more information, please visit www.zte.com.cn.