GENBAND Showcases RCS Voice over LTE Capabilities at MSF/ETSI/GSMA Interoperability Test Event

A2 Communications Application Server powers RCS and VoLTE services during test event

Frisco, Texas, October 10, 2012 — GENBAND, a leading developer of IP infrastructure and application solutions, today announced its participation in the Rich Communication Suite (RCS) Voice over LTE (VoLTE) Interoperability Test Event organized by MSF, ETSI and GSMA. The A2™ Communications Application Server is functioning as the VoLTE application server and RCS application server during the tests, which are being conducted using LTE radio access network infrastructure equipment.

The RCS VoLTE IOT Event is being hosted by China Mobile at the China Mobile Research Institute Laboratory in Beijing, China and by Telecom Slovenia Group in Sintesio, Kranj, Slovenia. The GENBAND Application Server is being deployed in both locations.

“Today service providers are actively examining options for offering the latest RCS VoLTE capabilities and this leading interoperability test event is an ideal forum for GENBAND to showcase the comprehensive carrier-ready capabilities of our A2 Application Server,” said B.G. Kumar, President of GENBAND’s Multimedia Business Unit. “As customers look to deploy RCS VoLTE services, they can rely on the A2 platform to provide the most comprehensive set of IP applications, including business VoLTE services, extensive fixed and mobile services, and support for web clients.”

As the VoLTE application server for the event, the A2 Communications Application Server is providing MMTEL voice service, integrated SCC (service centralization and continuity) and MRF (media resource functionality). It is also supporting the Ut interface, enabling VoLTE clients to control MMTEL services user settings. Acting as the RCS application server, the A2 is supporting OPTIONS-based capability discovery, video sharing, image-sharing and instant messaging via session and pager mode.

GENBAND’s market-leading application server is the only application server that has fully integrated multimedia applications for voice, video, conferencing, instant messaging, presence, collaboration and mobility. The A2 is also the only application server that works in TDM, IP and IMS networks simultaneously for hybrid network deployments. The A2’s integrated wireless mobility manager allows
for mobile integration with any mobile phone for services such as fixed mobile convergence, voice over LTE, Mobile Office and mobile unified communications.

“The RCS VoLTE Interoperability event reflects the MSF’s commitment to carrier-driven interoperability events that validate key emerging standards and technologies, including key network interfaces that ensure multi-vendor deployment strategies for RCS/LTE/EPC/IMS technology,” said Kyu-Ouk Lee, MSF President. “We are pleased that GENBAND is participating at the 2012 event.”

Backed by major operators China Mobile, Verizon and Telecom Slovenia, the event builds on the success of the previous MSF VoLTE Interoperability Event that took place in September 2011. Continued support of interoperability events reflect the commitment of the MSF, ETSI and GSMA to conduct important carrier-driven events that benefit all members in their quest to keep in front of the pace of change in a quickly evolving industry.

About the MSF
The MultiService Forum (www.msforum.org) is a global association of service providers, system suppliers and test equipment vendors committed to developing and promoting open-architecture, multiservice Next Generation Networks. Founded in 1998, the MSF is an open-membership organization comprised of the world's leading telecommunications companies. The MSF's activities include developing Implementation Agreements, promoting worldwide compatibility and interoperability of network elements, and encouraging input to appropriate national and international standards bodies.

About GSMA
The GSMA represents the interests of mobile operators worldwide. Spanning more than 220 countries, the GSMA unites nearly 800 of the world’s mobile operators, as well as more than 200 companies in the broader mobile ecosystem, including handset makers, software companies, equipment providers, Internet companies, and media and entertainment organisations. The GSMA also produces industry-leading events such as the Mobile World Congress and Mobile Asia Expo.

For more information, please visit the GSMA corporate website at www.gsma.com or Mobile World Live, the online portal for the mobile communications industry, at www.mobileworldlive.com

About ETSI
ETSI produces globally-applicable standards for Information and Communications Technologies (ICT), including fixed, mobile, radio, converged, aeronautical, broadcast and internet technologies and is officially recognized by the European Union as a European Standards Organization. ETSI is an independent, not-for-profit association whose more than 700 member companies and organizations, drawn from 62 countries across 5 continents worldwide, determine its work programme and participate directly in its work. For more information please visit: www.etsi.org

ETSI Plugtests are interoperability test events that cover a wide range of telecommunications, Internet, broadcasting and multimedia converging standards. For more information, please visit: www.etsi.org/plugtests
About RCS VoLTE Event 2012
The MSF, ETSI and GSMA are working in partnership to host the RCS VoLTE 2012 Event to be held in the Fall 2012. The event builds on the major success of the previous MSF VoLTE Interoperability Event that took place during September 2011 and reflects the MSF’s, ETSI’s and GSMA’s drive to continue to deliver major carrier driven events that benefit all its members in their quest to keep pace with an ever faster moving industry. The MSF/ETSI/GSMA VoLTE Interoperability test event will focus on validating core network interfaces to ensure multi-vendor deployment strategies for VoLTE and RCS technology and will validate the MSF/ETSI testing scenarios developed to incorporate 3GPP LTE/EPC technology and GSMA technical recommendations, focusing on Voice over LTE and RCS, with the support of hosts China Mobile in Beijing and Telecom Slovenia Group at the Sintesio lab in Kranj, Slovenia. http://www.msforum.org/interoperability/RCSVoLTE.shtml

About GENBAND
GENBAND is a global leader of IP infrastructure solutions, enabling service providers and enterprises around the world to evolve communications networks through IP innovation. The Company offers market-leading Switching, Applications, Networking and Service solutions, with products deployed in over 600 customer networks spanning more than 80 countries. GENBAND is headquartered in Frisco, Texas, and has vast resources in R&D, sales and support spanning more than 50 countries. To learn more, visit us on the web at www.GENBAND.com.

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