GENBAND Sponsors First Ever MSF/GSMA VoLTE Interoperability Test Event

Barcelona, February 14, 2011 – GENBAND, a leading developer of IP infrastructure and application solutions, today announced sponsorship of the first ever MSF/GSMA VoLTE (Voice over LTE) Interoperability Event, scheduled for September 2011. The test event will be hosted by MSF and GSMA Operator members Vodafone and China Mobile in the Vodafone Test and Innovation Centre in Dusseldorf, Germany, and the China Mobile Research Institute Laboratory in Beijing, China.

“GENBAND is committed to innovating and offering best-in-class infrastructure that supports a single common industry standard, while enabling more cost effective, modular network transformation,” said Mehmet Balos, Chief Marketing Officer of GENBAND. “We are pleased to support the MSF/GSMA VoLTE Interoperability test event, which goes one step further to validating key emerging standards and technologies.”

The MSF/GSMA VoLTE Interoperability test event will focus on validating key network interfaces to support multi-vendor deployment strategies for LTE/EPC/IMS technology. A key objective of the testing is to validate the GSMA technical recommendations for IMS-based VoLTE. The interoperability event includes test scenarios to validate VoLTE basic interoperability, roaming and interconnection, non-LTE Access to EPC (e.g. GERAN/UTRAN), handover/relocation and Self Organizing Networks (SON).

“GENBAND’s commitment to the VoLTE IOT, alongside Vodafone and China Mobile, highlights the significance of this technology for the telecommunications industry “said Jim McEachern, MSF President. “The MSF and GSMA are working together to validate the standards that support it.”

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.

To learn more about the MSF/ GSMA VoLTE event, please visit the VoLTE webpage at www.msforum.org.
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