ZTE Completes World’s First MSF LTE/EPC Interoperability Tests

MultiService Forum Tests Conducted in China and Germany

19 July 2010, Shenzhen, China – ZTE Corporation ("ZTE") (H share stock code: 0763.HK / A share stock code: 000063.SZ), a leading global provider of telecommunications equipment and network solutions, today revealed that it has successfully completed the world’s first MSF LTE/EPC Interoperability tests. ZTE is one of various equipment vendors to participate and succeed in the MultiService Forum tests.

The tests were held by China Mobile and Vodafone in China and Germany respectively. ZTE took part in both China and Germany site tests by providing its advanced equipment sets including LTE eNodeB equipment, Evolved Packet Core (EPC), and IP Multimedia Subsystems (IMS) components.

All the core network vendors underwent two different scenarios of tests: single and interconnected laboratory. The objective is to assess the performance of equipment from multiple vendors under different implementation conditions. The end goal is to enhance the maturity of EPC inter-working in a multi-vendor environment, and to promote core network development in the LTE eco-system.

In the experiment carried out in the Vodafone Germany laboratory, ZTE was the exclusive supplier of eNodeB wireless equipment, and it successfully passed single laboratory and interoperability tests with Starent, Bridgewater, NEC and other vendors.

ZTE also joined the tests held at China Mobile’s Beijing laboratory that measured end-to-end interoperability of the main LTE interfaces. In addition, the Company also concluded all three roaming experiments between the two laboratories and realized the industry’s first IMS LTE call under a multi-vendor interconnection setting.

ZTE has taken the lead in LTE development and has achieved significant breakthroughs in the industry. To date, ZTE has deployed seven commercial LTE networks and nearly 50 LTE trial networks for leading telecom operators in Europe, North America, Asia-Pacific and MEA. With an aim to advance the telecommunications market into 4G, ZTE will continue to drive innovation and introduce market-leading and cost-efficient solutions to the market.
About ZTE
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