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**RECORD NUMBER OF COMPANIES WILL DEMONSTRATE VOIP
INTEROPERABILITY, SERVICES AT MSF'S GMI 2004 EVENT**

Four Global Sites Will Host Simultaneous Live Test

FREMONT, Calif. – June 2, 2004 - The Multiservice Switching Forum (MSF) announced today that, to date, a record 26 companies will participate in the Forum's Global MSF Interoperability (GMI) 2004 event. By comparison, in 2002, 15 companies participated in the first-ever GMI event. GMI 2004 will be conducted live October 4-16 at four carrier test labs, Qwest in the United States, BT in the United Kingdom, NTT in Japan and KT in Korea.

"The companies that have committed to participating in GMI 2004 are the who's-who of the telecommunications industry," said Roger Ward, president of the MSF. "With GMI 2004, the MSF will continue to lead the way as carriers and vendors collaborate to deploy VoIP networks with enhanced services."

GMI 2004 will test state-of-the-art network elements key to supporting a fully integrated VoIP solution such as application servers, media servers, service brokers, call agents, bandwidth managers and other control and management systems against the specific protocols defined in MSF Interoperability Agreements (IAs).

"A sign of maturing technology is vendor and product interoperability and the upfront work being conducting by the MSF can help move VoIP to primetime," said Kevin Mitchell, directing analyst at Infonetics Research. "As carriers around the globe seek to profit from new technologies like VoIP, Implementation Agreements like those

promulgated by the MSF provide a framework to ensure that key components of next gen networks can interoperate smoothly.”

Companies committed to participating in GMI 2004 include:

Alcatel	ETRI	LG Electronics	Nortel Networks	Siemens
BT	FeelingK	Marconi	NTT	Softfront
Cisco	Fujitsu	MetaSwitch	Operax	Sonus Networks
Convedia	KT	Navtel	Qwest	Spirent Communications
Empirix	Leapstone	NCS	Samsung	VocalData
Ericsson				

The MSF also will invite additional companies in specialized equipment and technology categories to ensure the robustness of the global interoperability demonstration.

Companies interested in participating in GMI 2004 should contact Julianne Fitzpatrick, jfitzpatrick@msforum.org, or visit www.gmi2004.com for details. GMI 2004 is sponsored by Navtel and Siemens.

About Multiservice Switching System Technology

Multiservice Switching Systems of the future will be based on a distributed, open architecture which incorporates a variety of switching methods - frame, cell or packet-based - designed to support voice, video, private line and data such as ATM, Frame Relay and Internet Protocol (IP) services. Such technology may use a broad range of access technologies, including traditional Time Division Multiplexing (TDM), Digital Subscriber Line (xDSL), wireless data, and cable modems. MSF Implementation Agreements define the requirements of the interfaces between key functional and physical components found in practical deployments of such systems.

About the Multiservice Switching Forum

The Multiservice Switching Forum (MSF) is a global association of service providers and system suppliers committed to developing and promoting open-architecture, multiservice switching systems. 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, 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/>.

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