MSF WELCOMES KOREA TELECOM, ETRI EXECS TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS, PUBLISHES NEW SERVICE ARCHITECTURE DOCUMENTS

Swedish Software Firm Operax Becomes Newest Member of MSF

Fremont, Calif., July 22, 2003 – Following its most recent meeting in Ottawa, Canada, the Multiservice Switching Forum (MSF) announced today that Hongbeom Jeon, managing director of Korea Telecom’s Technology Investigation & Evaluation Center and Byung-Sun Lee, softswitch team leader at Korea’s Electronics and Telecommunications Research Institute (ETRI) have been elected to the MSF board of directors.

“We are very fortunate to have Lee and Jeon join our board at this time,” said Roger Ward, MSF president. “As the MSF continues to serve an international community, the participation of carriers and vendors in Asia is key to our success. With the addition of Korea Telecom and ETRI to our board, the MSF has added two of the technology leaders in the Asian telecom industry.”

“The MSF is leading the next generation telecommunications movement by providing viable implementation agreements for carriers,” said Hongbeom Jeon. “Korea Telecom recognizes that we can benefit from the MSF by collaborating with other carriers and vendors and by helping shape the future of multiservice switching. KT is excited to play a role in the MSF’s leadership and I look forward to contributing as a board member.”

The MSF also announced that it has published two new technical reports focused specifically on telecommunications services. MSF R2 Service Architecture and Service Solutions in Next Generation Networks outline the MSF’s viewpoint on service creation and delivery and provide a plan for overcoming the limitations of traditional voice service architectures. The reports can be accessed at:
Operax, a Swedish, venture-backed maker of quality of service (QoS) software, has joined the MSF as a Principal Member. More information about Operax can be found on their website at www.operax.com.

**About Multiservice Switching System Technology**

Multiservice Switching Systems (MSS) of the future will be based on a distributed switching method - frame, cell or packet-based - designed to support voice, video, private line and data such as ATM, Frame Relay and Internet Protocol (IP) services. MSS 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 (IAs) define the requirements of the interfaces between components of a MSS.

**About the MSF**

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.