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PRESS RELEASE

Parlay Group Hosts Liaison with Multiservice Switching Forum
September Open Member Meeting Keynotes Roger Ward, MSF President

San Ramon, CA, USA, September 7, 2001. On the heels of its highly successful open member meeting in San Diego, the Parlay Group announced today an attendance for its Munich meeting greater than any other Parlay meeting. The planned 3-day event, starting on September 12, 2001, will provide an opportunity for members and interested parties to view the rollout plans for the upcoming release of version 3 of the Parlay API specification and to see (and influence) the exciting new directions that The Parlay Group will take in the future.

At the meeting, Roger Ward, President of the Multiservice Switching Forum will be presenting a keynote address. Mr. Ward stated, "The MSF is driving hard to ensure the availability of open architecture, multi-service, multi-technology, multi-vendor solutions for next generation communication systems. We share many common objectives with the Parlay Group and I am delighted to have had the opportunity as keynote speaker to address Parlay's Munich meeting, as their work is key to enabling application's open but secure access to embedded network functionality".

On September 12, a showcase of Parlay related products will feature presentations and product demos from telecommunications and high-tech industry leaders including: Aepona, Ericsson, IBM, Incomit, Infitel, Inteso AG, Net4Call, Red Knee, S.E.S.A. AG, Siemens, Telcordia, Telenity Inc., and Ulticom.

Steve Davis, Parlay President, and Ulticom's Vice President of Advanced Technology said, "The MSF is leading the charge to shape our next generation communications networks. The Parlay Group is working to create an interoperable application environment that will span multiple network technologies. Our work is complimentary, and the sum of our efforts is greater than its parts. Together, we will enable a exciting new range of opportunities for applications that span the enterprise, personal devices, and our next generation communication networks."

About the Parlay Group

The Parlay Group was originally founded in 1998. In June of 2000, the Parlay Group was reconstituted as an open, non-profit organization whose purpose is the creation and promotion of the Parlay APIs and our member's products.

The Parlay Group hosts three open member meetings a year. They are typically held in North America, Europe, and Asia. These meetings are open to non-members and non-members are encouraged to attend -- however non-members may be excluded from or asked to sign a NDA in order to attend certain portions of the meeting. Information about The Parlay Group, the current specifications, and how to join can be found at www.parlay.org.

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>.

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