INTERNATIONAL PANEL OF TOP TELECOM CARRIERS WILL HEADLINE MSF’S FIFTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Meeting Attendees Will Hear What Carriers Want, Where Industry is Headed

Fremont, Calif., September 23, 2003 – In celebration of the fifth anniversary of its founding, the Multiservice Switching Forum (MSF) announced today that it will sponsor a panel of international carriers at the Forum’s meeting in Vancouver, British Columbia on October 28, 2003. Meeting attendees will hear frank, candid views from executive strategists at leading telecommunications carriers on the issues and challenges they face in moving to the Next Generation Network. The meeting is open to the general public, a first for the MSF. Speakers will include:

- Peter Willis, Chief Data Network Architect, BT
- Byungchang Choi, Director of Network Business Division, Dacom
- Hongbeom Jeon, Managing Director of Technology Investigation Team Technology Investigation & Evaluation Center, KT
- Tadanobu Okada, Director of Research and Development, NTT
- Joe Glynn, Vice President Product Strategy, Qwest
- Sungtae Cha, Director of Network R&D Center, SK Telecom

“This panel will provide our meeting attendees with a rare opportunity to hear what the world’s top carriers are doing in regard to their VoIP rollout and the challenges they face,” said Roger Ward, MSF president. “The MSF is very excited to have such a distinguished group address our members and attendees.”

Held in conjunction with the MSF’s quarterly technical committee meeting, attendees will also hear about the important new MSF developments including QoS, partnerships with other industry forums, and plans for the Global Multiservice

**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.

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