MULTISERVICE SWITCHING FORUM CELEBRATES FIVE YEARS OF TECHNOLOGY LEADERSHIP, COLLABORATION

Panel of World’s Top Carriers Addresses Membership on State of the Industry

Vancouver, British Columbia, October 27, 2003 – Members and guests of the Multiservice Switching Forum (MSF) will gather in Vancouver to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the founding of the organization and to critically examine the future of the telecommunications switching industry. A record number of attendees will hear from a distinguished panel of telecommunications carriers on a host of issues confronting carriers and vendors.

“The MSF’s greatest achievement over the last five years beyond any individual technical milestone, is that we have helped to set the agenda for the industry,” said Roger Ward, MSF president. “The framework that we provide, architecture, protocol definition and profiling, through to global interoperability testing of MSF Implementation Agreements fosters true collaboration that results in real agreements between industry leaders.”

The carrier panel discussion on October 28 will provide a global perspective on the MSF’s technical work and the future of open architecture multiservice switching. The participants will include Peter Willis, chief data network architect at BT, Byungchang Choi, network business division director at Dacom, Hongbeom Jeon, managing director of the technology investigation team at Korea Telecom, Tadanobu Okada, director of research and development at NTT, Joe Glynn, vice president of product strategy at Qwest and Sungtae Cha, director of the network R&D Center at SK Telecom.
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 (IAs) define the requirements of the interfaces between key functional and physical components found in practical deployments of such systems.

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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