

## **ZTE succeeds at GMI 2006 interoperability testing**

**Dallas, TX, November 13, 2006** – ZTE Corporation, the fastest growing global provider of telecommunication equipment and network solutions, has successfully completed extensive IMS interoperability testing while participating in the GMI (Global MultiService Forum Interoperability) 2006 event at Verizon's lab in Waltham, Massachusetts, USA.

This year's event focused on testing multi-vendor interoperability to achieve fixed mobile convergence supporting the IMS service framework. By moving IMS from theoretical functional modules to physical realization, the GMI 2006 provided a realistic view of what it will take to transition to the next generation all IP network.

For the event ZTE provided its P/I/S-CSCF (Call State Control Function), BGCF (Breakout Gateway Control Function) and HSS (Home Subscriber Server) equipment. ZTE successfully participated in all six scenarios specified by the MSF, including roaming services across multiple network types, QoS (with Session Border Controller and Bandwidth Manager), 3GPP IMS & Mobile Core Network Interoperability, IP Carrier Interconnect/Internetworking, Security interoperability and 3rd party applications and service brokering.

The GMI 2006 event which was organized by the MultiService Forum (MSF) is the telecommunication industry's only multinational, distributed, interactive test bed to verify key interoperability aspects of IMS (IP multimedia subsystem) implementations. The event was jointly hosted by five of the top international carriers – British Telecom, Korea Telecom, NTT, Verizon and Vodafone - and The University of New Hampshire Interoperability Laboratory.

“ZTE's success at the GMI 2006 demonstrates the compatibility, flexibility and stability of ZTE's IMS product portfolios; and it once again demonstrates ZTE's continual dedication to the IMS field,” said Mr. Ye Zheng, general manager of ZTE's IMS product line.

Since becoming a member of the MultiService Forum (MSF) in 2002, ZTE has strongly supported the MSF and its interoperability activities including the GMI.

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**About ZTE**

ZTE is a leading global provider of telecommunications equipment and network solutions. The ZTE product line is one of the most comprehensive in the world - covering virtually every sector of the wire-line, wireless, and handset markets. The company delivers innovative, custom-made products and services to customers in more than 100 countries, helping them achieve continued revenue growth and shape the future of the world's communications. ZTE commits around 10 percent of annual turnover to research and development and takes a leading role in a wide range of international bodies developing emerging telecoms standards. It is the fastest-growing telecoms equipment company in the world and is China's only listed telecoms manufacturer, with shares publicly traded on both the Hong Kong and Shenzhen Stock Exchanges. ZTE was the only Chinese IT and telecoms manufacturer listed in *BusinessWeek's* 2005 Information Technology 100 and was included in its 2006 ranking of China's Top 20 Brands. [www.zte.com.cn](http://www.zte.com.cn)

**About GMI 2006**

GMI 2006 brings together dozens of carriers and vendors to test the interoperability of IMS-based infrastructure components in a real-world setting. Providing a test-bed for the full spectrum of hardware, processes and services needed to assemble an effective next-generation delivery platform, GMI 2006 is designed to validate MSF Release 3 Implementation Agreements covering a wide range of topics including roaming across multiple network types, QoS issues (including session border control and bandwidth management), and interoperability with 3GPP release 4.

Five of the world's top carriers - BT, KT, NTT, Verizon and Vodafone - and a world class test facility UNH-IOL - hosted the event to provide world-class networked test facilities spanning 3 continents. Comprising a massive 'real network' trial of the MSF IMS-compatible (IP Multimedia System) Release 3 architecture, this event is critically important to any carrier or vendor committed to building or implementing infrastructure elements compatible with IMS.

**About the MSF**

The MultiService Forum is a global association of service providers and system suppliers committed to developing and promoting open architecture, multiservice networks. 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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