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MobileVoIP Live! Arrives at CTIA Wireless 2005

BridgePort Networks, Commoca, VeriSign, First Cellular, IMC and PCTEL Bring Seamless Mobile and Wi-Fi Voice Roaming Showcase to New Orleans

CHICAGO, Mar 10, 2005 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Members of the MobileIGNITE alliance: BridgePort Networks, Commoca, PCTEL and VeriSign's mobile operator partners, First Cellular and IMC, will showcase MobileVoIP Live! at CTIA Wireless 2005. CTIA Wireless is the next stop for MobileVoIP Live!, a showcase that demonstrates voice roaming between mobile (GSM and CDMA) and Wi-Fi networks, following its debut at 3GSM World Congress 2005 in Cannes, France in February.

MobileVoIP Live! showcases the ability of standards-based multi-vendor interoperable MobileVoIP solutions to work across live mobile and Wi-Fi networks. Using various examples of services and devices, the showcase provides service providers with a real life experience for applying Internet economics to mobile services. Visitors to CTIA Wireless 2005 can experience seamless roaming of calls using a single mobile phone number identity over both live mobile and Wi-Fi broadband networks. For example, as attendees enter an area where the Wi-Fi signal offers a clearer connection, a multi-mode phone automatically connects using low cost VoIP technology to send and receive calls.

Visitors to MobileIGNITE participating member booths can test MobileVoIP Live! on a Windows Mobile-based GSM and Wi-Fi Smartphone, with a unified cellular and Session Initiation Protocol (SIP)-based VoIP user interface to make and receive phone calls.

Calls will be made on live mobile networks through roaming relationships provided through VeriSign (with International Mobile Communications for the GSM network and First Cellular of Southern Illinois for the CDMA network), combined with a wireless LAN network based on Airespace WLAN infrastructure.

The showcase is the result of the work of a number of BridgePort Networks' partners in its MobileIGNITE alliance program for MobileVoIP interoperability. MobileIGNITE brings together MobileVoIP convergence leaders to test highly integrated end-to-end solutions for service providers based on current SS7, SIP and 802.11 open standards with a planned migration to the IP Multimedia System (IMS) network environment. MobileVoIP Live! will operate at multiple locations in and around CTIA Wireless 2005 from March 14 - 16, 2005.

"MobileVoIP Live! shows the power of open standards and industry collaboration on interoperability", said Mike Mulica, president and CEO, BridgePort Networks. "Since the debut at 3GSM, we have added CDMA in addition to GSM to the live showcase and are also featuring mobile services delivered not only to combination cellular-Wi-Fi terminals but also to fixed VoIP terminals."

"The MobileVoIP solution developed by the MobileIGNITE alliance helps bridge the wireless and wired world together," said Andy Haon, director of platform product management and planning for the Mobile and Embedded Devices Division at Microsoft Corp. "We are excited the solution leverages the consistent, integrated experience offered by the Windows Mobile platform."

The MobileVoIP Live! services showcased at CTIA use a mobile operators' phone number and leverage their core network infrastructure, including the Home Location Register (HLR) of that operator. Mobile operators and their mobile virtual network operator (MVNO) partners can extend their existing services by combining this core network with the low cost technologies of standards-based VoIP such as media gateways, full IP backhaul, software based call control on low cost industry-standard computing platforms and unlicensed Wi-Fi spectrum. This allows them to compete in a cost-effective manner with other service providers that are taking advantage of VoIP's low cost structure.

"MobileVoIP Live! demonstrates the ease in which service providers can develop IP Convergence services that work across a variety of access methods" said Tom Kershaw, Vice President of VoIP, VeriSign Communications Services. "VeriSign and our global network of roaming partners can help facilitate the rapid development of hosted MobileVoIP converged services. Such services help to optimize investment and accelerate time-to-market for service providers."

- BridgePort Networks - enables MobileVoIP convergence through its open standards based NomadicONE Network

Convergence Gateway (NCG). The NomadicONE NCG bridges signaling, call control and authentication between the SIP-based VoIP world and the SS7-based core mobile network, cost-effectively delivering mobile services over VoIP networks and VoIP calls to mobile phones.

- Commoca - Provides an innovative fixed broadband SIP-based VoIP telephone with an advanced user interface that automatically recognizes the presence of an arriving cellular phone and transfers mobile services to the fixed environment.

- First Cellular of Southern Illinois - MobileVoIP Live! utilizes VeriSign's integration of First Cellular's CDMA roaming platform with CDMA roaming partners to connect the Wi-Fi network to First Cellular's Home Location Register and Mobile Switching Center.

- International Mobile Communications (IMC) - A member of the MobileIGNITE Alliance, IMC's participation in MobileVoIP Live! utilizes IMC's GSM Mobile network (Viking Wireless), IMC's SIM cards and its roaming agreements with over 220 operators along with an interconnection from the Wi-Fi network to the Viking Wireless Home Location Register and Mobile Switching Center.

- PCTEL - Provides the industry leading VoIP-enabled Roaming Client-VE software that allows secure and seamless voice roaming between Wi-Fi and GSM networks. By building on an industry leading Wi-Fi to mobile data Roaming Client platform, PCTEL brings a seamless user interface, sophisticated roaming policy management and authentication to the MobileVoIP Live! service.

- VeriSign - Operates the convergence hub that helps to enable subscribers globally to find, secure, connect and transact globally across multiple networks. The MobileVoIP Live! showcase highlights VeriSign's Signaling System 7(SS7)/IP SIGTRAN connectivity, the global registry and VPN security.

"We are enthusiastic as the momentum for MobileVoIP continues to build", said Marty Singer, PCTEL's Chairman and CEO. "PCTEL's Roaming Client-VE enables secure seamless roaming across both mobile and Wi-Fi networks and MobileVoIP is a natural use and extension of this capability."

"First in France and now in New Orleans - voice roaming from GSM to Wi-Fi is truly an opportunity for global roamers to take their number with them on virtually any network and take advantage of VoIP's lower cost structure", said Ken Stewart, vice president business development of International Mobile Communications.

"MobileVoIP Convergence involves not just mobile terminals, but also enhanced business and residential VoIP clients, as people prefer to use the best device for a given task." said Jose Melendez, president and CEO of Commoca. "User experience portability from mobile to fixed broadband will be an important tool in reaching several large end-user market segments in both enterprise and consumer settings."

The MobileVoIP Live! Service may be seen at the following booths at CTIA Wireless 2005:

BridgePort Networks: Booth 4865

PCTEL: Booth 5013

VeriSign: Booth 1231

About BridgePort Networks

BridgePort Networks is the leader in MobileVoIP convergence -- combining the personalization and mobility of mobile phone services with the flexibility, innovation and outstanding cost economics of the rapidly growing VoIP sector. The core product, the NomadicONE Network Convergence Gateway (NCG), uses roaming technology to extend single identity phone number services over multiple access networks, including: mobile, cable, DSL and Wi-Fi. The NomadicONE NCG is a key component of an open standards partner ecosystem, MobileIGNITE, that comprises end-to-end solutions that improve the quality, coverage and cost of mobile service delivery and the mobility of VoIP services. BridgePort Networks is a global company, headquartered in Chicago, Illinois. To learn more about BridgePort Networks visit: www.bridgeport-networks.com.

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About Commoca

Commoca, Inc. is the leader in providing beyond voice revenue generating products and services to VoIP-based providers.

Connecting Businesses to Consumers through Local Search and IP Telephony Services, Commoca's core technologies enable providers to differentiate their services and realize new revenue streams via the patent pending YellowPages PhoneT, search, contextual based advertising, one-touch calling, no-contact transactions, Open Touch enterprise applications, and mobile user experience portability.

About First Cellular of Southern Illinois

First Cellular, which is a partnership of seven independent Illinois landline exchange carriers, markets to 485,000 pops in Southern Illinois. First Cellular began service in 1993, and provides both CDMA and GSM/GPRS service throughout its operating territory.

About IMC

International Mobile Communications Inc., parent company of; Viking Wireless / WorldCell / RSB / and WorldWisp has over 220 roaming agreements with mobile operators in over 140 countries covering voice, data and now Wi-Fi. Utilizing their SIM's and status as a GSM global carrier they provide authentication across GSM, CDMA and WiFi networks. IMC's inter-standard roaming gateway interconnects with ANSI-41 networks (CDMA/TDMA) performing all the data and signaling conversion, financial clearing, provisioning, etc. for carriers through this platform. With the introduction of global data roaming and content management via WorldWisp, IMC can provide a protocol agnostic global data roaming capability to wireless carriers and ISPs. For additional information visit us at: www.worldcell.com.

About PCTEL

PCTEL (NASDAQ:PCTI), founded in March 1994, is a global leader in simplifying mobility. PCTEL Mobility Solution Group's software tools provide secure, access independent and remote connectivity. <http://mobilitysolutions.pctel.com/>. PCTEL's products are sold or licensed to wireless carriers, wireless ISPs, distributors, wireless test and measurement companies, system integrators, PC manufacturers and PC card and board manufacturers. For more information, please visit our web site at: <http://www.pctel.com>.

About VeriSign

VeriSign, Inc. (Nasdaq:VRSN) operates intelligent infrastructure services that enable individuals and businesses to find, connect, secure, and transact across today's complex, global networks. Additional news and information about the company is available at www.verisign.com.

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