

Anritsu as a Leading Test Solutions Vendor joins NGMN Alliance

- Anritsu Corporation to help Alliance integrate requirements of testing and service quality assurance into plans for tomorrow's mobile network technologies -

United Kingdom - November 2007: Anritsu, a leading provider of test, measurement and monitoring solutions for the mobile communications industry is the first test solutions vendor to be granted membership to this key industry alliance. Anritsu's technology experts will help the NGMN Alliance devise strategies for maximising the availability and service quality of the new mobile network technologies adopted by its members.

The NGMN Alliance was founded in 2006 by leading network operators to develop a coherent vision for the mobile industry's evolution towards next-generation mobile broadband networks. NGMN's primary objective is to create a virtuous cycle of investment, innovation, and adoption of mobile broadband services with competitive price-performance ratios. NGMN supports and complements the work of existing standards development organisations by establishing clear performance targets, fundamental recommendations, functional requirements, and deployment scenarios.

The accomplishments of NGMN in 2007 include agreement on a new IPR regime, clarifying the spectrum requirements for the next generation of mobile networks, initiation of trials for various candidate technologies, and continued contributions to standards development organisations. The 2008 roadmap of the NGMN Alliance emphasises the need for the finalisation of the relevant standards, focuses on developing the required elements of the ecosystem and on getting results from technology evaluation studies and validation trials.

Dr. Peter Meissner, Operating Officer of NGMN Ltd., is happy to welcome Anritsu as a new NGMN Sponsor: *"To ensure proper end-to-end interoperability of terminals, network infrastructure, service platforms, and legacy systems already during the standardisation and early system design phase is crucial for the successful development and deployment of next-generation mobile systems. NGMN is glad to have Anritsu on board, along with other test solution providers and testing houses, as this will greatly help us to achieve our challenging objectives and to make the vision of NGMN reality."*

The experience and wealth of knowledge that Anritsu will bring to the Alliance is born out of the Corporation's global strategy of providing a true end-to-end portfolio of test and monitoring solutions, focused on delivering the reality of communications network convergence and the ubiquitous network society.

The portfolio the Corporation offers today spans the complete network lifecycle through research and development, conformance test, manufacturing, installation and maintenance, network monitoring and OSS service assurance. With engineers that have a wealth of experience developing solutions for 3G, HSPA Evolution, WiMAX, MIMO, LTE, and high speed optical and IP networks across the whole industry, Anritsu is ready and able to play a vital role within the NGMN working groups.

Jonathan Borrill, Director of Market Strategy, comments: *“As Sponsors of NGMN, Anritsu is very excited to contribute in a number of areas which will help the industry assure that the devices, networks and services for NGMN come to market with the right level of quality to meet user expectations. Our role will be in helping to ensure that testing and service quality assurance requirements are correctly addressed within the activities of the NGMN community, so enabling a smoother rollout of networks.”*

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About Anritsu

Anritsu Corporation (www.anritsu.com) has been a provider of innovative communications solutions for more than 110 years, and now serves customers from offices around the world. Following its acquisition of NetTest (www.nettest.com) in 2005, it has expanded its offering to provide complete solutions for existing and next-generation wired and wireless communication systems and operators. The company's measurement solutions include wireless, optical, microwave/RF and digital instruments, operations support systems and solutions that can be used during R&D, manufacturing, installation, and maintenance. Anritsu also provides precision microwave/RF components, optical devices, and high-speed devices for design into communication products and systems. The recently combined companies sell in over 90 countries worldwide with approximately 4,000 employees.

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About the NGMN Alliance

NGMN Ltd. (www.ngmn.org), an open alliance, was founded by leading international network operators representing more than half of all mobile phone users worldwide. The NGMN Alliance currently comprises 40 partners, i.e. 14 network operators (Members), 24 vendors (Sponsors) and 2 research institutions (Advisors).

Key objectives of NGMN are to ensure the technical feasibility through the coordination of technology trials as well as through providing input to standards development organisations. Strong emphasis is also laid on the timely delivery of end user devices. With a focus on practicality, NGMN has specified an evolutionary path in order to develop a cost-effective platform for creating innovative services, enhanced customer experience, and competitive broadband performance alongside high levels of interoperability.

NGMN White Papers on common operator requirements and on spectrum requirements for the next generation of mobile broadband networks and services can be downloaded from www.ngmn.org.

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