



NGMN Alliance appoints New Board Members for 2008 - 2010

Frankfurt, October 16th, 2008 – The Annual General Meeting of the NGMN Alliance appointed new Board Members on October 15th, 2008. The new Board Members elected for the period from 2008 to 2010 are:

- **Vivek Badrinath**
Executive Vice President for IT, Networks & Product Support, France Telecom SA
- **Dr. Jae W. Byun**
CTO, Head of Institute of Network Technology, MNO Business, SK Telecom Co. Ltd.
- **Joachim Horn**
Chief Technology Officer, T-Mobile International AG
- **Mitsunobu Komori**
Executive Vice President, Chief Technical Officer, Member of Board of Directors, and Managing Director of R&D Center, NTT DOCOMO, INC.
- **Cayetano Lluch Mesquida**
Director of Technology and Services Development, Telefonica Móviles España S.A.
- **Steve Pusey**
Global Chief Technology Officer, Vodafone Group Plc.
- **Kris Rinne**
Senior Vice President – Architecture & Planning, AT&T, Inc.
- **Sha Yuejia**
Vice President for Business Support, Technology and R&D, China Mobile Communications Corp.

Outgoing Chairman Hamid Akhavan (CEO, T-Mobile International AG) congratulated the newly appointed Board Directors: “The NGMN Alliance has been established as a key player in the mobile industry in just two years with major achievements in the areas of next generation technology, spectrum, IPR and many others. I’m convinced that the Alliance will continue its track record in the coming years.”

At its first meeting, the new Board elected Vivek Badrinath as Chairman and agreed to work on ensuring the successful launch of next generation mobile network technology by focusing on trials and testing, device availability, services and applications.

The new Chairman, Vivek Badrinath, expressed his appreciation for the Initial Board’s groundbreaking success and thanked Hamid Akhavan for his excellent leadership: “I am honored to follow Hamid Akhavan’s guidance and intend with all our colleagues, to put continued focus on the key needs for an evolutionary, cost-effective migration path from the existing networks to the next generation networks in order to deliver on our promise of mobile broadband to our customers.”

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About NGMN Alliance (www.ngmn.org)

The Next Generation Mobile Network (NGMN) Alliance currently consists of 53 world leading global network operators, technology vendors and universities. The network operators represent more than half of all mobile phone users worldwide and technology vendors represent more than 90 percent of implemented mobile wireless infrastructure. The key objective of the Alliance is to provide a platform for innovation for mobile broadband communications that enables an exceptional mobile user experience - cost-effective and user-friendly services and a range of end user devices like mobile phones and embedded mobile devices for laptops, consumer electronics, game consoles, etc. The NGMN White Paper summarizes the vision for mobile broadband communications and includes common operator recommendations as well as requirements for the standards for the next generation of mobile broadband networks, devices and services.

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