

Press Release

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**Zürich, Switzerland & Frankfurt, Germany 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2008** — WWRF and the NGMN Alliance today announced plans to work together to enhance the cooperation between commercial development and ongoing research activities.

The two industry groups announced that they will collaborate to ensure that the dialogue between all stakeholders including research in the area of future mobile and wireless communication systems will be maintained and intensified. In order to contribute to the advancement of the mobile industry, the organisations will cooperate through exchanging information and views and will promote their cooperation by regular meetings and by identifying focus areas.

Dr Nigel Jefferies, Chair of the WWRF said, “The NGMN is a key organisation for the future commercial deployment of next generation mobile networks. We are both pursuing the mission to enhance the mobile experience for all parties involved in mobile, from developers to the end user. We are convinced that the WWRF footprint in the research community will support this mission.”

NGMN Operating Officer, Dr. Peter Meissner commented, “The WWRF is offering an excellent platform for the mobile industries to leverage the latest research results into their business activities. By integrating the research platform from WWRF into our work in NGMN we will make sure that all our partners in NGMN have an active link into ongoing global research in the mobile area.”

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### About WWRF: ([www.wireless-world-research.org](http://www.wireless-world-research.org))

WWRF is established as a non-profit association, founded in August 2001 under Swiss law, with its seat in Zurich, Switzerland, with a financial and organisational structure. WWRF is an open and independent organisation and is open for collaboration with all international bodies. It now has over 130 members from five continents, representing all sectors of the mobile communications industry and the research community.

The objective of the forum is to formulate visions on strategic future research directions in the wireless field, among industry and academia, and to generate, identify, and promote research areas and technical trends for mobile and wireless system technologies. It is developing a common global vision for the future of wireless to drive research and standardization. In addition to influencing regional and national research programmes (such as the European Union's FP7 programme) WWRF members contribute to the work done within the ITU, UMTS Forum, ETSI, 3GPP, 3GPP2, IETF, and other relevant bodies regarding commercial and standardisation issues derived from the research work.

The Forum is unique in bringing together industry and academia from across the globe in an active discussion of new concepts, algorithms and techniques. Members discuss how new insights will impact on provision in typical application areas and on value chains in the future. It provides a unique networking opportunity, and the Forum strongly urges everybody to become a part of it, by attending the regular meetings, contributing to the work on the working groups, and by joining the Forum.

### About NGMN Alliance: ([www.ngmn.org](http://www.ngmn.org))

The Next Generation Mobile Network (NGMN) Alliance currently consists of 52 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 summarises 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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