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LiMo Foundation Announces Membership Surge

World's first global mobile Linux initiative announces rapid early expansion of membership as powerful ecosystem begins to take shape

LinuxWorld, San Francisco, Calif., August 6, 2007 – The LiMo Foundation announced today that it has experienced a significant membership surge as some of world's most innovative, well-known mobile industry players have joined as new members of the Foundation during the past six months.

This is a significant development signalling that the fully transparent, inclusive and not-for-profit approach of the LiMo Foundation is successfully attracting broad industry engagement. Aplix, Celunite, LG Electronics, McAfee and Wind River have joined as Core members and will participate on the LiMo Foundation Board. Additionally, ARM, Broadcom, Ericsson, Innopath, KTF, MontaVista and NXP B.V. have also joined as Associate members.

Founder members Motorola, NEC, NTT DoCoMo, Panasonic Mobile Communications, Samsung Electronics, and Vodafone announced the formation of the LiMo Foundation in January 2007. Its goal is to create the world's first globally competitive, Linux-based software platform for mobile devices. The LiMo Foundation is blending community-based development benefits of transparency, innovation and scalability with the best development practices from the mobile community worldwide to create an innovative new business model with widespread adoption. The Foundation expects to see the first handsets supporting the LiMo platform to reach market in the first half of 2008.

Industry experts predict that there are currently two billion mobile subscribers worldwide who are consuming one trillion minutes of service and purchasing more than one billion mobile phones annually. Industry analysts project the mobile software and services market to exceed \$6B by 2009, with open platforms as the fastest growing sector of the market.

"The Founder Members are delighted to welcome this initial wave of new members to the LiMo Foundation. Their capabilities and talents will help to realise a competitive step change in the delivery of handsets and service propositions to consumers," said NTT DoCoMo's Kiyohito Nagata, chairman of the LiMo Foundation. "By joining the LiMo Foundation, members will be able to help guide the development of an open mobile terminal platform based on Linux that will speed up the delivery of handsets and further enhance the consumer experience."

The Foundation is open to device manufacturers, operators, chip set manufacturers, independent software vendors, integrators and third party developers. Foundation members will be involved in building an active ecosystem and will have the opportunity to influence the evolution of the platform, leaving them free to provide compelling and differentiated services to customers.

“As the membership base continues to broaden and deepen, so does the level of innovation on the LiMo Foundation platform,” said Christy Wyatt, Vice President, Ecosystem & Market Development at Motorola, a LiMo Foundation member. While Guido Arnone, Director, Terminals Technology at Vodafone Group, another LiMo Foundation member, added, “There are fantastic opportunities for new members to create a true mass-market platform and surrounding ecosystem which will help deliver ever more compelling handsets and experiences to consumers.”

For more information on the LiMo Foundation and its guiding principles and bylaws, please visit <http://www.limofoundation.org>.

About the LiMo Foundation

The LiMo Foundation is an independent, not-for-profit entity that strives to increase the adoption of Linux within the mobile industry. The LiMo Foundation aims to leverage the mobile Linux platform to create an open, transparent, scalable ecosystem spanning application and middleware developer communities and to encourage the creation of compelling, differentiated and enhanced consumer experiences. A full description of the foundation, including the vision, goals, charter and membership information can be found at www.limofoundation.org.

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