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Five New Members Join SDR Forum

Phoenix, February 25, 2008 – The SDR Forum announced today that five government/nonprofit organizations - DEAL; FMV, Swedish Defence Materiel Organization; Institute for Defense Analyses; Skybridge Spectrum Foundation; and TNO - have joined the Forum as new members.

A brief snapshot of each company:

DEAL (www.drdo.org) -- Defence Electronics Applications Laboratory (DEAL) DEAL was founded in 1965 in Mussoorie (Uttarakhand), India; it was then known as the Himalayan Radio Propagation Unit. In 1968, the lab was shifted from Mussoorie to Dehradun (Uttarakhand) and in 1976 renamed as the Defense Electronics Applications Laboratory (DEAL). Since then, DEAL has expanded into a "major system laboratory" of the Defense Research & Development Organization (DRDO), Ministry of Defense.

FMV, Swedish Defence Materiel Organization (www.fmv.se) – An independent civil authority, its primary task is to provide the Swedish Armed Forces with materiel, systems and methods.

Institute for Defense Analyses (www.ida.org) – Located in Alexandria, VA, the nonprofit corporation administers three federally funded research and development centers to assist the U.S. government in addressing national security issues, particularly those requiring scientific and technical expertise.

Skybridge Spectrum Foundation (<http://web.mac.com/warrenhavens/iWeb/Site%202/Telesaurus.html>) – Based in Berkeley, CA, the foundation provides long-range location and communication RF bridges into vehicles for ITS-specific wireless networks in the U.S., integrated with DSRC 5.9 GHz, 4.9 GHz, unlicensed mobile WLANs, as well as CMRS and PMRS systems.

TNO (www.tno.nl) – Located in The Hague, Netherlands, the scientific consulting/market research firm focuses on five core areas – Quality of Life;

Defence, Security and Safety; Science and Industry; Built Environment and Geosciences; and Information and Communication Technology.

"By joining the SDR Forum, these new members illustrate the continuing value the SDR Forum brings to government agencies and their representatives worldwide that are involved in the acquisition of next generation radio technologies," said SDR Forum CEO Lee Pucker. "The SDR Forum provides a primary venue for learning about and understanding these new technologies, and for collaborating through cooperative research to harmonize requirements in the public domain that reduce both their R&D and their acquisition costs."

More information on joining the SDR Forum will be available at the SDR Forum's 58th General Meeting in Rome, Italy from April 14-17. Technical, business and government leaders worldwide will gather to discuss key issues related to SDR technology and its deployment. Among the highlights of this meeting will be a plenary presentation by Motorola Program Manager Didier Bourse introducing the E3 (End-to-End Efficiency) program, a plenary roundtable session led by innovITS CEO Phil Pettitt exploring the use of software defined and cognitive radio technologies in intelligent transportation systems.

Other activities will include continued advancement of the cognitive use cases and the trade study on the multi-service portable radios by the Forum's Public Safety Special Interest Group as well as work on the meta-language for mobility use cases and scenario analysis, the cognitive nomenclature document, response to ITU-R WP5A questions on cognitive radio, the specification on securing software reconfigurable communications technologies, and a number of relevant APIs (application programming interfaces) by the Technical Committee. In addition, the Regulatory Committee will provide a plenary summary on the initial results of the SDR Forum regulatory request for information, which will be used as a basis for defining the Forum's international regulatory agenda.

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Established in 1996, the SDR Forum™ is a non-profit international industry association dedicated to promoting the success of next generation radio technologies. The Forum's 100-strong membership comprises world class technical, business and government leaders from EMEA, Asia and the Americas who are passionate about creating a revolution in wireless communications based on reconfigurable radio. Forum members span commercial, defense and civil government organizations at all levels of the wireless value chain and include service providers, operators, manufacturers, developers, regulatory agencies, and academia. SDR Forum is the only organization in the world dedicated to serving the industry's needs through advocacy, opportunity development, commercialization and education. The SDR Forum's administrative office is headquartered in Phoenix. For more information, please visit www.sdrforum.org

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