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SDR Forum Announces Award Winners and Board of Director Election Winners

Pheonix, 10 November, 2008 – The SDR Forum, a non-profit international industry association dedicated to promoting the success of next generation radio technology, has announced today that three new members will be joining its Board of Directors following the annual election by the members. Management and oversight of the SDR Forum as a whole, including the SDR Forum's corporate affairs, is performed by the SDR Forum Board of Directors, who are elected on an annual basis, as defined in the SDR Forum [Bylaws](#). New board members for 2008/2009 include Pekka Heikkinen, elected the Medium Company representative, David Renaudeau, elected the ITU Region 1 Europe representative, and Richard Taylor, elected the Large Company representative.

Pekka Heikkinen earned a B. Sc. in computer technology in 1987 and an M.Sc in electrical engineering from University of Oulu, Finland in 2003. From 1987 to 1999 he worked as a software engineer in various companies developing computer aided design solutions and GIS (geographical Information System) solutions. Since 1999 he has worked in Elektrobit Wireless Communication Ltd. (EB) as a project manager in various embedded wireless product programs. He has been also been software project manager and chief engineer of the Finnish Software Defined Radio Program. Currently, he has been working as a senior specialist of SDR programs in EB to support SDR technology usage in commercial and defence products. He joined the SDR Forum in 2003 and serves as the group's co-chair of the SCA working group.

David Renaudeau is leading the Product Line Management activities for Software Defined Radio Tactical Communications in Thales. He has rich experience, having 15 years of experience in the mobile communications industry. Previous to Thales, he worked at Alcatel-Lucent leading Product Management activities for GSM, UMTS and later WiMAX participating to the creation of this activity in Alcatel. Previous to these positions he worked on network architecture and in base stations development activities. Mr. Renaudeau holds an Engineering degree in Signal Processing from Supélec.

Richard Taylor is a Senior Principal Engineer with Tyco Electronics' Wireless Systems business, and has 34 years of engineering experience in a broad range of technical disciplines including radar systems, signal processing, hardware and software development, technical management, and Land Mobile Radio communications systems. Mr. Taylor received his BSEE from Michigan State University in 1974 and his MSEE from Syracuse University in 1978. He is also a graduate of General Electric's Advanced Course in Engineering and is a member of Tau Beta Pi honorary fraternity. Mr. Taylor has received numerous awards, most recently the Tyco Electronics' Key Innovator Award. He has several patents that have been issued or are pending.

The SDR Forum also wishes to thank outgoing Board Members **Murat Bicer** of Battery Ventures, **Fred Frantz** of L3-Communications and **Christian Serra** of Thales Communications for their dedication and service to the Forum over the past several years

In addition to annual elections, the SDR Forum also announced the winners of its annual achievement awards. Each year the SDR Forum solicits nominations for two awards, presented at the annual technical conference, held this year in Washington, DC, 27-30 October.

The **Industry Achievement Award** is given to an individual, or group of individuals, who have made an especially significant contribution to the development, furtherance and/or acceptance of Software Radio Technology. Only one such award is made each year.

This year's recipient is Professor **Dale Hatfield**, who is currently an independent consultant and adjunct professor in the Interdisciplinary Telecommunications Program at the University of Colorado-Boulder. Hatfield has influenced public policy in the telecommunications industry for four decades, both in the public and private sectors, and more particularly in the area of spectrum policy. His government service includes senior policymaking roles at the Office of Telecommunications Policy in the Executive Office of the President, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). For more on Professor Hatfield, please visit the SDR Forum's web site (www.sdrforum.org).

The SDR Forum also awards a **Contributor Award** each year to an individual in recognition of their sustained outstanding contributions in support of the SDR Forum and its activities. Only one such award is made each year. This year's recipient is **Christian Serra**, currently Chief Engineer - Advanced Studies and Standards for Thales Communications.

Mr. Serra has been actively involved with the SDR Forum during the past eight years, supporting multiple Working Group initiatives including the SDR Forum Roadmap Task Group, an initiative which provided recommendations for the future direction for the SDR Forum at a critical point in our history. Christian provided substantive leadership in the generation of the SDR Roadmap during 2002. His unique ability to integrate across the diverse constituencies to identify common ground, to articulate a vision and to get support for that vision has been a hallmark of his outstanding contributions for the betterment of the international tactical radio community and the SDR Forum as a whole. He has served in varying capacities on the SDR Forum Board of Directors, including the key position as the Chair of the SDR Forum from 2005 to 2007. During this period Christian worked tirelessly to champion the SDR Forum within the European Community as the logical place to develop and promote an SCA based architecture supporting the needs of the international community. Through his efforts, participation in the SDR Forum by government agencies and radio manufacturers across Europe has substantially increased.

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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 organizations 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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