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KINETO AND EXTRICOM ACHIEVE INDUSTRY FIRST FOR ENTERPRISE UMA SOLUTION

Value of Mobile-Wi-Fi Convergence Becomes a Reality for Enterprises Based on Extricom's Wireless LAN Solution

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Kineto Wireless, Inc., the key innovator and leading supplier of Unlicensed Mobile Access (UMA) technology, and Extricom, a designer and manufacturer of high-performance, next generation wireless LAN infrastructure solutions for the enterprise, today announced the companies have completed interoperability testing between Kineto's UMA solution and Extricom's enterprise wireless LAN infrastructure. Through this testing effort, the companies demonstrated how mobile operators can extend their UMA service offerings into the enterprise and commercial hot-zone markets.

The testing validated what is believed to be an industry first: seamless handover and continuity of active UMA voice calls and data sessions between Wi-Fi access points in an enterprise wireless LAN environment. Seamless mobility across access points truly unlocks the value of mobile/Wi-Fi convergence for all enterprises, enabling superior in-office coverage, single-number convenience, and overall cost efficiencies that cannot be achieved with today's fragmented network situation. Thanks to Extricom's unique Wi-Fi infrastructure, UMA-based sessions can transparently move between access point radios, without any interruption in service. All-the-while, Wi-Fi level security is maintained as well as the IPSec tunnel used to secure UMA services. The tests were conducted with multiple commercially-available UMA-enabled handsets, clearly illustrating the handset-agnostic benefits of the system.

"As more and more employees use their mobile phone as their main phone, the overall cost and performance of mobile service becomes an increasing concern for enterprise IT departments," said Ken Kolderup, vice president of marketing for Kineto. "The traditional challenge of Wi-Fi mobility has been overcome through our collaboration with Extricom, enabling mobile operators to now confidently extend their UMA services into the enterprise market and offer those enterprises the combination of superior mobile performance and lower costs."

Extricom's award-winning Interference-Free™ WLAN system represents the next generation of enterprise Wi-Fi, with a fundamental shift in architecture from "cell-planning" to a "channel blanket" topology. The technology eliminates the co-channel interference that plagues traditional WLAN systems, to deliver seamless and zero-latency mobility, robust, 'wire-like' client connections, and the ability to design for a guaranteed and predictable level of service for all users. All this, without the iterative and costly RF cell-planning of traditional solutions. The result is a high-performance yet simple solution for powering the enterprise triple play of data, voice (VoWLAN), and video.

"With this proven interoperability, Kineto and Extricom are reaching another major milestone in the evolution of mobile/Wi-Fi convergence, bringing the increasingly popular benefits of UMA technology – high performance, low-cost mobile services – to enterprise wireless LANs," said David Confalonieri, vice president of marketing for Extricom. "This collaboration will help expand the UMA opportunities for mobile operators, as well as unlock new operational benefits for enterprises across all vertical industries."

About UMA Technology

Unlicensed Mobile Access (UMA) technology is the 3GPP global standard for fixed/mobile convergence. UMA enables secure, scalable access to mobile voice, data and IMS services over broadband IP access networks. By deploying UMA technology, mobile operators can deliver a number of compelling fixed-mobile convergence services. The most well known application of UMA technology is dual-mode cellular/Wi-Fi handsets, which enable subscribers to automatically roam and handover between cellular networks and public and private WLANs. Leading operators around the world have embraced UMA technology as part of a fixed-mobile convergence strategy, including Telecom Italia, France Telecom/Orange and TeliaSonera. For more information, please visit www.UMAToday.com.

About Extricom

Extricom designs and manufactures enterprise Wireless LAN infrastructure solutions for converged data, voice (VoWLAN), and video. The award-winning Extricom Interference-Free™ architecture enables dramatically easier WLAN deployment and lower total cost of ownership, while achieving a generational leap in capacity, coverage, seamless mobility and security performance. The result is a large-scale WLAN infrastructure delivering enterprise-wide triple play services, with the dependability of a wired network. Extricom is privately held, with strategic investors that include Motorola. Inquiries: www.extricom.com. Media: Leo Tignini, Horn Group +1.646.688.0590, LTignini@horngroup.com; or Mark Waite or Charlotte Sandy, +44 (0) 1291 626200, extricom@cohesive.uk.com.

About Kineto Wireless

Kineto Wireless is the key innovator and leading supplier of Unlicensed Mobile Access (UMA) Technology, the 3GPP standard for mobile/Wi-Fi convergence. Mobile operators around the globe are selecting UMA to offer subscribers seamless, high-performance mobile voice, data, and IMS experiences on both cellular and Wi-Fi networks. As the leading provider of UMA Technology, Kineto supplies core network solutions through OEM partnerships with major network infrastructure providers, and also provides UMA-compliant software, development tools and support services to mobile silicon/stack suppliers, mobile handset developers, and broadband terminal adaptor/wireless access point vendors. Kineto was recently named as the recipient the 2006 Financial Times (FT) World Communications Award for innovation in technology for its role in UMA. For more information, please visit www.kineto.com.

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