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**6WIND NAMED TOP 3 "LEADERS OF INNOVATION" IN EUROPE BY INVESTORS AND ENTREPREUNERS CLUB FOR HIGH-TECH ECONOMY**

**Paris, 26 January, 2005** – 6WIND ([www.6wind.com](http://www.6wind.com)), a pioneer in IP advanced software technologies and solutions, is named among the top 3 "leaders of innovation" in Europe at the 3rd edition of the Investors and Entrepreneurs Club for High-Tech Economy, IE-Club's "Innovation Europe : Leaders of Innovation". The event, held on 19 January, 2005 for the third consecutive year, assembled more than 30 short listed companies among hundreds of contenders to select 3 of the most promising European companies demonstrating high growth and leadership in the technology sector.

Mr. François Blum, Vice-President of IE-club said, "All the short-listed companies showed an impressive level of dynamism and innovation. However, when it boils down to rewarding innovation both at the technology level as well as promoting European technological ability to global markets coupled with business pragmatism, it becomes obvious that 6WIND is an outstanding example and hard act to follow."

« We appreciate this recognition from IE-Club of 6WIND, once again as a leader and European innovator," said Patrick Cocquet, President and Co-founder of 6WIND. "6WIND's innovative technology and equally innovative strategic market vision, enabled us to leverage the fast growing broadband and network convergence in Asia to accelerate the company's leadership position - today accounting for 50% of our revenues, » he added.

IE-Club's 3<sup>rd</sup> "Innovation in Europe" event was organized in partnership with Euro-CASE, Paris Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Paris Development Council, industrial partners such as Ernst and Young with the support of the European Commission and several French Ministries. Its main charter is to enhance innovation in information society technologies, contributing to the promotion of technological know-how in Europe.

**About 6WIND**

6WIND is the undisputed leader and innovator of advanced and fully-integrated dual Internet Protocol (IPv4-IPv6) networking software for OEM licensing. The company's patented software technology empowers network equipment providers to significantly cut development time and cost, simplify network application integration and accelerate the go-to-market process of new generation multi-services and secure networking equipment.

6WIND was the first European company certified IPv6-ready by the global IPv6 Forum and is a European Information Society Technology award winner (EIST 2004). A spin-off of Thales (HO.FP), the company is headquartered in France and has offices in China and South Korea.

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### **About IE-Club**

The IE-Club is an association created in January 2000, by public sector agencies and private actors of the "tech-economy". It offers its members, comprising of entrepreneurs in the technology, finance and services sectors, a platform for privileged exchange and qualified contacts. IE-Club's mission is to:

- Share a common vision (entrepreneurs and investors) - on the stakes and trends of the high-tech sector;
- Create a privileged network and be the impetus to promote innovative entrepreneurship;
- Create a think tank, where high-level specialists and consultants bring industry insights to topics such as "e-consumption", software innovation, nanotechnologies, open source, e-trades, etc.