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6WIND INCORPORATES ENST'S ROBUST IP-HEADER COMPRESSION TECHNOLOGY TO ENABLE RICHER VOICE AND VIDEO COMMUNICATIONS OVER MOBILE NETWORKS

Paris, 22 February, 2005 – 6WIND (www.6wind.com), a pioneer in advanced IP networking software technologies, and ENST, a top research and education institution for ICT in France, announced today, an agreement allowing 6WIND to incorporate ENST's Robust IP-Header Compression technology (known as ROHC) within the 6WINDGate™ software. The ROHC mechanism will complement 6WINDGate's software offering to network equipment makers of mobile infrastructures providing the next generation of services combining richer quality voice and video communications.

Developed by ENST's multimedia services and networking department, the ROHC mechanism is capable of up to 95 percent compression of IP headers and 50 percent of packet compression, freeing up bandwidth and improving the efficiency of radio links for better quality voice, audio and video transmissions over IP. Compliant with the IETF standard, RFC 3095, it is a complete scheme for IP header compression including IPv4 and IPv6 as well as UDP/RTP packet compression.

ROHC brings tremendous advantages for network environments where bandwidth is limited or costly, as is the case for cellular or satellite links. Particularly adept at improving real time transmission and enhancing the quality of service by limiting packet loss, it opens up new revenue opportunities for 3G mobile operators offering voice-audio-video user services.

"Our partnership with 6WIND illustrates the concrete value of ENST's research and serves as a further impetus to continue developing promising networking technologies that meet new market demands as a result of converging fixed and mobile networks," said Jean Le Traon, Director of Corporate Relations for ENST.

"This partnership marks another 6WIND-ENST collaboration that has endured through time. In the course of a joint project sponsored by the European Space Agency, we had the opportunity of experiencing first-hand the benefits of ROHC which made the satellite link more reliable while reducing the cost of transmission. We believe therefore, in its great potential for optimizing the bandwidth and IP packet transmission over radio spectrums of a 3G mobile network and are happy that ENST agreed to have it commercially available through our software, 6WINDGate," said Eric Carmes, Chief Operating Officer and Co-Founder of 6WIND.

For more information on ENST, visit www.enst-bretagne.fr

About 6WIND

6WIND is the undisputed leader and innovator of advanced IP-agnostic* networking software for OEM licensing. The company's flagship technology, 6WINDGate™, enables network equipment providers to significantly cut development time and costs, simplify network application integration and accelerate the go-to-market process of new generation multi-services and secure networking equipment. 6WINDGate-empowered devices are used worldwide in advanced dual IP projects on mobility, WLAN, interoperability, and secure broadband access by major industrial corporations, ISPs and telecommunication operators, public services, state bodies and the academia.

6WIND was the first European company certified IPv6-ready by the global IPv6 Forum and is a European Information Society Technology 2004 award winner. A spin-off of Thales and contributor to IETF (Internet Engineering Task Force) on IP standardization and protocol definition, the company is headquartered in France with sales offices in Asia.

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