



## **6WIND JOINS NETWORK INTELLIGENCE ALLIANCE TO DRIVE INNOVATION AND LEADERSHIP FOR NEXT-GENERATION NETWORK SOLUTIONS**

**Summary:** Participation in industry organization will create opportunities to collaborate with other technology providers supporting the Network Economy and better serve customers with solutions based on Network Intelligence technology.

**PARIS, France, August 29, 2011** - 6WIND today announced that it has become a member of the Network Intelligence Alliance (NI Alliance), an industry organization created for collaboration among the Network Economy's technology providers. Participation in the NI Alliance will help 6WIND to build and market innovative solutions for customers seeking to improve the performance of packet inspection, analysis and processing within mobile infrastructure and cloud networking equipment.

In today's Network Economy, a world that now depends and runs on networks, accurate visibility and precise tracking of data crossing networks have become crucial to the availability, performance and security of applications and services. The growing complexity of IP transactions, the explosion of mobile applications, and the mainstream adoption of cloud computing surpass the capabilities of conventional tools to improve how networks operate, expand services and police illicit or criminal activity. Just like Business Intelligence solutions emerged to unlock information hidden in the enterprise, Network Intelligence technology is an emerging category of technology to reveal the critical details of the data locked inside network traffic and transactions.

The NI Alliance serves two purposes: first, as a forum for collaboration among technology providers whose solutions secure data in transit, ensure efficient data delivery, monetize data transactions or track real-time information. Through the NI Alliance, members can better serve their customers.

The NI Alliance also seeks to educate the market and the public on the role and value of Network Intelligence in protecting sensitive information; delivering value-added services, applications and information; and ensuring better performance of network-dependent solutions.

Applications such as intrusion detection, mobile video compression, application-aware networking equipment, 4G policy and charging enforcement and high-frequency trading require high-performance packet processing to perform packet identification, classification, steering and termination. These functions are accelerated by the high-performance 6WINDGate™ packet processing software, which maximizes the performance of multi-core networking platforms. At the same time, by maintaining full compatibility with standard Operating System APIs, 6WINDGate enables customers to quickly develop or migrate their applications, thereby accelerating their time-to-market for high-performance, differentiated products.

"We're delighted to join the NI Alliance," said Eric Carmès, CEO of 6WIND. "Our customers rely on the availability of an ecosystem of interoperable hardware and software solutions, optimized for high-performance networking products. By cooperating with other Alliance members on the development and promotion of Network Intelligence solutions, we ensure that our customers can seamlessly leverage best-in-class technology from industry leaders, in order to implement sophisticated equipment with advanced services."

"6WIND is a valuable addition to the NI Alliance and we welcome their participation," said Erik Larsson, Chairman of the NI Alliance. "The NI Alliance is about collaborative innovation with companies like 6WIND who play a leadership role in high-performance networking. Working with other NI Alliance members, 6WIND's

customers will be able to more effectively leverage Network Intelligence to better manage, protect and profit from their data networks.”

Establishment of the NI Alliance was initiated by Qosmos, whose Network Intelligence technology components provide the crucial first step in understanding what’s passing through networks. Qosmos’ hardware and software components extract and interpret real-time traffic—translating a data stream’s 1s and 0s into their respective communications protocols, metadata and content for use by third-party applications.

Through the NI Alliance, Qosmos expands its collaborative approach to help vendors design and deliver advanced solutions with embedded Network Intelligence technology in less time and at lower cost. The NI Alliance provides a channel for dialogue and partnerships that Alliance Members otherwise may not have considered or pursued when addressing the needs of joint customers. Visibility within the vendor community through the NI Alliance affords companies opportunities to market more comprehensive solutions with greater ROI and faster time to value for customers.

#### **About the NI Alliance**

The NI Alliance is an industry organization created for collaboration among the Network Economy’s technology providers and to educate the market on the role and value of Network Intelligence technology. Members are vendors involved in the capture, processing, decoding, analysis, and leveraging of network data; suppliers of Network Intelligence technology components; software vendors; and information providers of solutions, such as cyber security, financial transaction tracking, lawful interception, service assurance, traffic optimization and Web market research. Participation in the NI Alliance helps members to build and market innovative solutions to Communications Service Providers (CSPs) governments and enterprise customers seeking to improve performance, security and the monetization of network-dependent services and applications.

For more information, please visit [www.nialliance.org](http://www.nialliance.org)

#### **About 6WIND**

6WIND provides high-performance packet processing software solutions used by leading suppliers of networking equipment, telecommunications infrastructure and security. The company’s 6WINDGate™ solution eliminates up to twelve months from clients’ product development cycles, while maximizing the performance of their multi-core platforms. To ensure the availability of a complete system-level ecosystem, 6WIND partners with industry-leading suppliers of board-level products, operating systems and embedded software products worldwide. 6WIND is a privately owned company based near Paris, France with a US subsidiary in California, a sales and support office in Asia, and an R&D center in Beijing, China. For more information, visit [www.6wind.com](http://www.6wind.com).

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