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Sipro Lab Telecom appointed as an Agent to License Nokia's Intellectual Property Rights for ITU-T G.729 Voice Compression Standard

Sipro Lab Telecom's single licensing point is going a step further today with the agreement of Nokia to join the G.729 One Stop Shopping Concept.

Sipro Lab Telecom (Sipro) is already the exclusive licensing agent for the G.729 Consortium ratified in March 1998 by France Telecom, Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corp. and the Université de Sherbrooke and in July 1998, ATT joined the G.729 One Stop Shopping arrangement. Representing Nokia's Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) today means that most of the important G.729 IPR's owners are currently represented by Sipro.

"Nokia recognises the benefits of one stop shopping for licensees willing to implement G.729" says Heikki Huttunen, Nokia's Vice President Licensing. *"and taken the cooperation we have had with Sipro on the development of voice compression technologies the decision to use Sipro as an agent for Nokia became a natural step forward for us. Nokia, as a leader in the telecommunication industry is promoting open standards and committed to make its essential patents available"* adds Mr. Huttunen.

What is the purpose of creating the G.729 One Stop Shopping?

The current agreement between Nokia and Sipro represents an important step forward in the G.729 history since the access to this technology is really eased by Sipro' initiative. *"We take the complexity of negotiating individual patent rights from each intellectual property owner out of the process of building any device-whether it's a bridge or router that has a G.729 codec integrated into the design &"* says Laurent Amar, President of Sipro Lab Telecom.

What is G.729?

The G.729 standard and its annexes, the latest ITU (International Telecommunication Union) approved recommendation, provides the telecommunication industry with a low bit rate speech coding solution. G.729 represents a real significant advance in the field of digital audio compression. Applications such as teleconference, visual telephony, voice mail, voice over Internet, and other applications where the quality of service, delay and bandwidth are important now benefit from this state-of-the-art technology. Also thanks to G.729, service providers can minimize costs to implement telephony by multiplying by 8 their actual network capacity while maintaining telephone service quality.

About Nokia

Nokia is paving the way to the mobile information society with its innovative products and solutions. Nokia is the leading mobile phone supplier and a leading supplier of mobile, fixed and IP networks including related services. It also supplies multimedia terminals and computer displays. In 1998, net sales totaled EUR 13.3 billion (USD 15.7 billion). Headquartered in Finland, Nokia is listed on the New York (NOK), Helsinki, Stockholm, London, Frankfurt and Paris stock exchanges and employs more than 51 000 people.

About Sipro Lab Telecom

Sipro Lab Telecom Inc. is a privately owned Canadian corporation founded in 1994 and based in Montreal. Its mission is to promote and transfer technologies developed within private and public laboratories and research centres in the fields of digital audio compression, telecommunications and information technologies. Sipro Lab Telecom is the exclusive commercial representative of the Université de Sherbrooke Speech Compression Laboratory and its famous ACELP® technology since its creation.

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