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INTRODUCTION

Dear WiMAX Forum Members,

This August the WiMAX Forum celebrated a major industry milestone. According to Infonetics Research, the WiMAX ecosystem now supports over 20 million subscribers worldwide! This is up significantly from the beginning of the year, at which point there were only an estimated 13 million WiMAX subscribers. As part of its report, Infonetics Research estimates that by the end of this year there will be over 25 million WiMAX subscribers globally.

In the first half of 2011 over 30 different WiMAX networks either launched or expanded operations. This contributed to the continued YOY and quarter-over-quarter growth of equipment sales, which reached \$502.1 million by the end of 1Q2011. The Forum now estimates that WiMAX is a \$12B annual business including the activities of both the manufacturers and the Service Providers across the globe.

This month the WiMAX Forum also announced that it will host the next in its successful series of Operator Summits on November 8th in Cape Town, South Africa. **WiMAX South Africa 2011** will be held in conjunction with Informa Telecom & Media's AfricaCom. In addition to being a great opportunity for WiMAX Forum members to network and meet African WiMAX operators, all Summit attendees will receive discounts on **AfricaCom**. This includes a 10% discount on delegate passes for WiMAX Forum members, as well as a 5% discount on exhibition space booked between August and November of 2011. For more information on WiMAX South Africa 2011, please visit our [events page](#).

The WiMAX Forum is looking forward to another great month this September. Look out for more information on WiMAX South Africa, as well as other upcoming events as of yet to be announced.

Best Regards,

The WiMAX Forum

WORKING GROUP UPDATE

GLOBAL ROAMING WORKING GROUP (GRWG)

The GRWG has updated its website www.wimaxroaming.org. The site is simplified for easier navigation and has updated information about WiMAX Roaming and its benefits. Included on the site is the new *Best Practices for Home Operator Global Daypass: A Guideline for Operators* whitepaper. This document, available in PDF format, describes **Home Operator Global Daypass Roaming (HOGDR)**, a cost effective and scalable approach to delivering a user friendly roaming experience. This solution enables a simple trusted user experience, which benefits all parties. The document itself has been reviewed by WiMAX Forum members including Sprint Nextel, Clearwire, KT, UQ Communications, and other operators concerned with the future of WiMAX roaming.

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES UPDATE

There are currently 208 members of the WiMAX Forum in good standing. WiMAX Forum would like to extend a special welcome to the newest members of our organization:

- Reinan Cable Network Co., LTD
- Teltonika
- U-Konekt Technologies
- Valink

There has never been a better time to be a WiMAX Forum Member. We are committed to delivering the value necessary for our members to get the most of their association with the WiMAX Forum and we are always happy to engage with individual members to discuss how WiMAX Forum can better serve its membership. If you have questions regarding your membership, please contact Mike Wolleben at mike.wolleben@wimaxforum.org – 512-722-6138

The WiMAX Forum is the best place for our members to access, leverage and influence the growth and development of the WiMAX industry. So be a leader in WiMAX and step up to get involved today!

EVENTS UPDATE

WiMAX FORUM MEMBER CONFERENCE IN MIAMI

Registration is now open for the upcoming WiMAX Forum Member Conference in Miami, FL.

Member Conference Registration Website

Working Group meetings will begin on Monday, October 31, and continue through Thursday, November 3. The Technical Plenary will take place on Friday, November 4. All members registered for the Member Conference are encouraged to attend the Technical Plenary. The WiMAX Forum Board meetings will be held Wednesday and Thursday, November 2-3, 2011.

The event registration fee is **USD \$600 per person**, which includes all meetings, lunches, and break refreshments Monday through Friday. Early registration **cut-off date is October 9, 2011**. After the cut-off date, the fee will increase to \$650 per person. We encourage you to register early to help us with planning.

Attendance at any of the Working Group, Board or Technical Plenary meetings requires Conference registration.

Hotel Information

The Member Conference will be held at the **Hyatt Regency Miami**.

The WiMAX Forum has secured a competitive sleeping room rate of USD 159.00 inclusive of wireless high speed internet access. Rate does not include applicable fees and taxes.

Please click on the below link to reserve your room at the hotel:

Hotel Reservations Link

The **hotel cut-off date is October 20, 2011**. Please note that after the cut-off date the WiMAX Forum block will be released and our rate will not be available.

Visa Information

Please email Julia Rueb, the WiMAX Forum Event Manager, to request a visa invitation letter:
Julia.Rueb@wimaxforum.org

Agenda Information

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Working Group meetings	Working Group meetings	Working Group meetings	Working Group meetings	Technical Plenary
		Board Meeting	Board Meeting	
		WiMAX Forum Cocktail Reception		

SAVE THE DATE – WiMAX SOUTH AFRICA 2011

Tuesday, November 8th 2011
Cape Town Convention Centre, South Africa

The WiMAX Forum is proud to announce the next WiMAX Forum Operator Summit, to be held in Cape Town, South Africa, co-locating with **AfricaCom** on November 8th. **AfricaCom** is the largest annual communications event in Africa with over 5,000 attendees and 1,300+ companies representing mobile, fixed and satellite operators, ISPs, regulators, investors, analysts, broadcasters, enterprise companies and more from across Africa and worldwide.

This Operator Summit will educate African operators on the opportunity to deliver wireless broadband via WiMAX, and will help members and non-members alike make connections in the African market. As in past events, the South African Summit is free to attend. Registration details will be announced shortly. Companies that attend the WiMAX Forum Operator Summit will also receive discounts on attending and exhibiting at AfricaCom.

Event Registration Website

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WiMAX FORUM NEWS

WiMAX Forum, in partnership with Multiview, has launched its weekly WiMAX Newsbrief. This weekly summary of news from around the WiMAX ecosystem is intended as a benefit to our members. If you do not yet receive the Newsbrief and wish to do so, please sign up here:

<http://www.wimaxforum.org/wimax-forum-weekly-newsbriefs>

Below is a summary of the month of August:

- **Green Packet to extend WiMAX service to Singapore**
- **Augere to launch Rwandan WiMAX network in November, acquires spectrum in Tanzania**
- **NMU students get connected**
- **Sprint introduces Merlin CC208 3G/4G 2-in-1 card**
- **Neotel eyes retail growth with new products**
- **Quake bolsters calls for public safety wireless network**
- **Wireless carriers test ways to cope with heavy demand on mobile networks**
- **Study: Global WiMAX base hits 20 million**
- **TRAI's 4G paper raises heat on WiMAX vs LTE debate**
- **CU-Boulder designing next generation of Internet to keep up with mobile users**
- **Global hopes to persuade Tatung to jump on WiMAX merger bandwagon**
- **Sprint Opens The Door to More Prepaid WiMAX**
- **Samsung Conquer 4G entry-level WiMAX smartphone now available from Sprint**
- **Full Stream Wireless brings WiMAX service to middle Missouri**
- **China grants \$15.2 million for distance learning, science and technology**
- **MTN pumps \$1 billion into Nigeria**
- **Wireless Telecom Group announces second quarter financial results including revenue growth of 6 percent and \$3 million increase in order backlog**
- **Africa regional forum on internet connection opens**
- **Now available: The first cellphone application that will help prevent car accidents**
- **Sprint adds WiMAX to wholesale mix**
- **WiMAX still rules, but you'd never know it**
- **Low-cost Samsung 4G phone will be offered by Sprint**
- **Unboxing Live 073: Sprint 4G MiFi WiMAX mobile hotspot**
- **WiMAX company Alvarion moves to profit in Q2**
- **WiMAX Telecom to increase Internet speed, test mobile WiMAX**
- **Google and Orange bring WiMAX to African customers**
- **PCMag's latest editor's choice: Sprint's Motorola Photon 4G**
- **Global Mobile chairwoman: WiMAX should develop toward dual-mode single frequency band**
- **Gemtek to launch WiMAX/GSM dual-mode handsets by year-end**