



LongBoard, G-Tek Team

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SANTA CLARA, Calif. and TAIPEI -- LongBoard, Inc., the leading developer of SIP-based Personal Mobility Applications, and G-TEK, an innovative handset manufacturer, today announced a partnership to integrate LongBoard's SIP-based Fixed-Mobile Convergence client with G-TEK's dual-mode handsets. The integration enables seamless roaming between WiFi and cellular environments when deployed with the LongBoard OnePhone(TM) solution for IMS compatible Fixed Mobile Convergence (FMC).

G-TEK specializes in the production of Linux-based smartphones for consumer and enterprise environments. G-TEK's Linux-based handsets have also been integrated with a variety of key-systems and PBXs. Founded in 1989, G-TEK is well established in Asia and the U.S. with offices in Malaysia and Taiwan. U.S. Market research indicates that the market for smartphones will reach 150 million units by 2008.

"The three critical points service providers are seeking today for FMC are the combination of 'normal' phone design in terms of form factor, voice-optimized over WiFi, and low cost. Our phone delivers all these aspects," said Tom Lin, President and CEO of G-TEK. "Additionally, G-TEK provides the reliability and the capacity necessary to support large-scale deployments of IMS-compatible fixed-mobile convergence."

LongBoard's IMS-compatible SIP application server approach to FMC provides a seamless upgrade path from 2.5G to 3G/IMS for wireless and combined carriers who wish to retain the value of their investments. At the same time, LongBoard solutions fit easily into broadband and MVNO network configurations improving profitability and enabling the early deployment of advanced 3G style features.

"Wireless, wireline, and broadband service providers will find new profitability in IMS-compatible FMC," said JD Howard, President and CEO of LongBoard. "We are delighted to partner with a handset manufacturer with the track record of design excellence and high production capacity. LongBoard is unique in that it provides the only IMS-compatible FMC solution on the market today that enables seamless roaming between 2.5/3G networks and WiFi."