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WSI Creates Device Independence for Mobitex with Bluetooth Gateway Solution.

WSI has been contracted by Ericsson to develop a pocket-size Mobitex/Bluetooth gateway solution for the global market. This innovative solution will allow Mobitex to be used with any Bluetooth-enabled device, thus vastly expanding the choices for Mobitex terminals into new areas of use and further strengthening its market position among professional users. WSI is taking total responsibility for the industrial design, including hardware and software. BlueTex will be introduced in the market and released for general availability later this year.

The BlueTex device is designed using the latest integrated wireless technologies, combining powerful short range Bluetooth and Mobitex*, a narrowband data-only network that it is based on an open international standard. The new combined technology lets all Bluetooth enabled devices communicate via Mobitex networks.

The BlueTex gateway is a versatile tool designed for use in extended enterprise solutions (wireless corporate e-mail, intranet/Internet access and corporate database access). Typical application areas include workforce management solutions for service engineers and public safety users.

"We are very excited to be working with Ericsson on this break-through product," says Jan-Åke Lindqvist, Managing Director, WSI. " BlueTex will open a new era in wireless data communication using an innovative combination of technologies in a product created by the WSI team."

In simple terms, BlueTex is a small device with a belt-clip and built in antennas that combine two different wireless technologies. BlueTex functions as a gateway that converts signals between Bluetooth and Mobitex. With BlueTex and specially designed software, any Bluetooth-enabled PDA, Pocket PC or other handheld or portable computer can connect to the Mobitex network for wireless wide-area communications.

The user connects through the device using for an example a hand-held computer (PDA) and special designed software.

"Mobitex users need a highly reliable solution that is well adapted to their needs. The BlueTex solution will provide more options on a greater number of mobile computer platforms and significantly increase flexibility for our customers worldwide. We see great opportunities in our collaboration with WSI," says Tomas Lundkvist, Sales and Marketing Director, Mobitex at Ericsson.

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***Mobitex**

Mobitex is a leading international open standard for dedicated wireless data for public safety organizations and other professional users. Mobitex offers immediately useable solutions and services on powerful wireless handheld devices that deliver real value to professional users. Mobitex continues to expand around the world. Now, there are more than 30 public and private networks providing coverage in 24 countries worldwide and over 1 million users. Mobitex has a number of key advantages compared to other technologies. It provides a highly secure environment, fast data delivery in seconds, the highest levels of reliability, the longest battery life in the wireless industry, true always-on and push functionality and extensive, seamless coverage.

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