

## HOME GATEWAY INITIATIVE ANNOUNCES NEW CTO

July 2, 2008 - The Home Gateway Initiative (HGI) has today announced the appointment of Duncan Bees, formerly Technical Advisor at PMC-Sierra, to the role of Chief Technology Officer (CTO) for the industry forum representing operators and vendors in the home networking space. Duncan, who is based in Vancouver, succeeds Paolo Pastorino, who will return to his role at Telecom Italia following his three year tenure at the HGI.

The HGI recently issued the 'Home Gateway Technical Requirements' specification document, which includes triple/quad play, IMS support, Fixed-Mobile Convergence, Quality of Service, and Remote Management for home gateways. The HGI has also recently published guideline documents on Parental Control, Remote Access and Performance Metrics.

"The group is doing fantastic work in standardizing the approach to gateway development, and in such a way that the needs of global operators are being met and new technologies are being recognised and incorporated," said Duncan. "I am delighted to have taken on the CTO role at the HGI, particularly at a time when the home gateway is achieving such significant global traction.

"While Europe took the lead in adopting and deploying the home gateway, we are now seeing real interest from North American and Asian carriers. The expected deployment figures show that the home gateway is going to be an important device as we see new, advanced services and an increase in triple and quad play rollout across the world. It is an exciting time to be representing this market."

Prior to this appointment, Duncan was the co-chair of the HGI QoS working group. At PMC-Sierra, Duncan worked closely with carriers to understand home networking requirements and to translate those into specifications for Home Gateway and ONT chips. He also led standards and product road-mapping for interconnect chips, backplane switches, access devices, and VOIP chips. Whilst at PMC-Sierra, Duncan represented the company with other industry fora, including the Broadband Forum (then DSL Forum), DLNA, ITU, IETF, PCI\_SIG and RapidIO. Previously, he worked at Bell Northern Research and Northern Telecom, where he led Research and Development teams delivering products for CDMA wireless and voice recognition.

The HGI's current work program includes Home Gateway energy efficiency, Home Gateway requirements for working with external Network Termination devices, Small Business Gateway

requirements and several other key projects that will enable services and extension of QoS in the home network.

The HGI was founded and launched by nine telecom operators (Belgacom, BT, Deutsche Telekom, France Telecom, KPN, TeliaSonera, NTT, Telefonica and Telecom Italia) in 2004, and now has members from five continents, representing the entire spectrum of actors in the broadband home arena. The main tasks of the HGI are to establish home gateway-related technical and interoperability specifications and provide input to standardisation bodies.

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