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VIACCESS and NEOTION combine their expertise on MPEG4 solutions

VIACCESS S.A., the European leader in conditional access for pay television and protection of digital content over broadband networks, and Neotion, the pioneers of MPEG4, are proud to announce the signature of an agreement for a common integration of their technologies.

Viaccess and Neotion are about to provide digital television broadcasters with Pocket dTV, a new exciting numerical receiver. This unique MPEG4 decoder shaped in a PCMCIA module will integrate the Viaccess CAS technology.

A first client as major Pay TV operator will be delivered in the coming weeks with a proprietary version of the pocket dTV, in order to be ready for the football world cup kick off in June. Operations include specific subscription bundle in association with a leading flat-screen TV manufacturer.

"The MPEG-4 technology designed by Neotion meets increasing interest among the actors of digital television. Viaccess therefore meets market expectations, in particular regarding the development of DTT" said Mathias Hautefort, Viaccess CEO.

"This partnership agreement with Viaccess is the best way to illustrate our new strategy now mainly targeting the Operator Market" declares with enthusiasm Jean-Yves Le Roux, Chairman and Founder of Neotion.

This outstanding technological breakthrough will enable to implement a new distribution model for pay TV. It is not to be doubted that this innovative and consumer-oriented solution will be a great commercial success.

Meet Viaccess at NAB - Booth SU 4405

Meet Neotion at NAB - Booth SL 1976

About Viaccess S.A.

VIACCESS S.A., a France Telecom company, delivers solutions for digital pay television and secured content distribution. Backed by the considerable R&D resources of France Telecom, its mission is the development, production and marketing of Conditional Access and DRM-based systems for all types of contents and services, for every kind of broadcast (satellite, cable, terrestrial, MMDS) and broadband networks, fixed (DSL) and mobile.

VIACCESS has been successfully deployed in 25 countries worldwide, on more than 80 digital platforms including multichannel providers and digital content distributors.

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About NEOTION SAS

NEOTION S.A.S. is a technology leader in the digital television market. The company designs, develops and supplies a wide range of innovative products and services dedicated to both the consumer market and the media industry. In February 2004, NEOTION acquired XEOLE to quickly becoming a major player of the MPEG-4 AVC video compression market.

Neotion is headquartered in La Ciotat, France with a subsidiary in Shanghai, China.

Its products are successfully meeting the challenges of several markets:

- Digital Transmission and Reception,
- Video Compression in MPEG-4,
- Digital Recordings for TV, PC and DVD.

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