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Viaccess announces CI Plus support with Neotion at IBC 2009

Paris – Viaccess, a France Telecom company, leader in conditional access and Neotion, the leading provider of highly-sophisticated System-on-a-Chip (SoC) MPEG-4 processors today announced the support for Common Interface+ (CI Plus) on Conditional Access Modules (CAMs). A demonstration of Viaccess CI Plus commitment with Neotion will be displayed during the IBC 09 Forum (Sept 11- Sept 15, Booth 1.A51).

The founders of the CI Plus LLP and CAM manufacturers are driving market development of the new CI Plus standard that implements both a sophisticated protection mechanism between the CAM and the digital television receiver as well as advanced interactive capabilities. CI Plus adds essential user experience and significantly enhanced security means to the DVB-CI Standard, being richer user interface controlled by the operator, strong copy-protection for HDTV, and numerous tools to maintain a vertical control on devices accesses.

“Neotion & Viaccess have begun a cooperative work for a CI Plus module launch. The Neotion experience in CI+ technology combined with Viaccess leading edge conditional access solutions results in an appealing CI+ solution for the demanding operators,” said François Moreau de Saint Martin, VIACCESS CEO. *“We are looking forward to expand our partnership with Neotion and have a long term and fruitful cooperation.”*

“Neotion is an active member of the CI-Plus LLP as one of the six stakeholders. We are today the leading advanced CI modules specialist to match customers’ new aspiration leading towards Multiroom, Hybrid VOD, catch-up TV, TV 2.0, etc...,” said Loic Bernard, Neotion CEO. *“Our collaboration with Viaccess is key because it will drastically change the way the whole Pay TV experience gets deployed in a TV centric market pattern.”*

About Viaccess:

Viaccess S.A. delivers solutions for digital pay television and secured content distribution. 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 30 countries world-wide, on more than 80 digital platforms including multi-channel providers and digital content distributors. Viaccess is in a unique position to support its clients in the move of television to IP technologies: Viaccess is one of the leading companies for IPTV protection (*MRG IPTV Market Leader Report, March 2009*) and owns Orca Interactive which is a pioneer and an innovation leader for IP television middleware and applications. For more information : www.viaccess.com

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About Neotion :

NEOTION is a public company created in January 2000, and listed since June 2006 on Alternext Euronext Paris. NEOTION is a leading provider of highly-sophisticated System-on-a-Chip (SoC) MPEG-4 processors, as well as turnkey sub-systems and reference designs enabling seamless integration and unrivalled time to market for the Consumer Electronics Industry and the TV Operators. NEOTION's secured silicons uniquely combine: MPEG-4, advanced security modes, and hybrid IP connectivity opening sidewise also towards digital home convergence, IPTV and TV 2.0.

NEOTION is the inventor of the original MPEG-4 decoder in a card designed for Common Interface receivers (iDTV and STB). NEOTION offers a compelling range of disruptive MPEG-4 Modules enabling, beyond MPEG-4 upgrade, secured silicon based Security, DVR functions in a SD-Card, and Hybrid IP home network capabilities for genuine legacy TV sets.

Side to breakthrough Modules, NEOTION has designed the NP5 series processors that are able to power ultimate low cost / ultra low power boxes tailored for green field broadcast TV Markets (DTT and DTH), as well as for Telecom Operators looking for simple IP box solutions in a multi room and home network context.

NEOTION also offers reference designs, API, SDK, and development boards enabling various levels of implementation and customization (from application specific, to dedicated chipset ROM code). Neotion is an active stakeholder of the CI Plus LLP, as well as a member of DVB, DigiTAG, the Digital TV Group, Open IP TV Forum and UPnP Forum.

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