On February 23, 2005, the Third Generation Partnership Project 2 (3GPP2) and the CDMA Development Group (CDG) held a cdma2000 Workshop in New Delhi to discuss how cdma2000 technologies have contributed to the development of telecommunication services in India. More than 150 participants attended the seminar, representing regulators, operators and vendors from Bangladesh, Bhutan, Canada, China, India, Japan, Korea, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and the U.S. Mr. Rajendra Singh from the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) and Mr. P.K. Garg, Wireless Advisor to Government of India, were the keynote speakers. Other speakers included representatives from Ericsson, LGE, Lucent, Motorola, Nortel, Qualcomm, Samsung, Spirent, Reliance and Tata.

Presentations focused on the unique requirements of the Indian market, including the targeted subscriber growth of more than 200 million subscribers by the end of 2007, and how cdma2000 technology can continue to support the development of advanced communication services in the region. The speakers stressed the importance of adequate spectrum and its efficient utilization, as well as adhering to international standards and practices, to leverage the global economies of scale to provide effective, low cost service solutions that meet the needs of the Indian market.
About 3GPP2:
The Third Generation Partnership Project 2 is a collaborative Third Generation (3G) telecommunications specification-setting project comprising North American and Asian interests. The five Organizational Partners of the Third Generation Partnership Project 2, which are nationally recognized Standards Development Organizations are: Association of Radio Industries and Businesses (ARIB) – Japan, China Communications Standards Association (CCSA) – China, Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA) – USA, Telecommunications Technology Association (TTA) - Korea, and Telecommunication Technology Committee (TTC) – Japan. For more information about 3GPP2, contact Henry Cuschieri of the 3GPP2 Secretariat at + 1-703-907-7497, e-mail hcuschieri@tiaonline.org, or visit the 3GPP2 web site at www.3gpp2.org.

About CDG:
The CDMA Development Group is a trade association formed to foster the worldwide development, implementation and use of CDMA technologies. The more than 100 member companies of the CDG include many of the world’s largest wireless carriers and equipment manufacturers. The primary activities of the CDG include development of CDMA features and services, public relations, education and seminars, regulatory affairs and international support. Currently, there are more than 500 individuals working within various CDG subcommittees on CDMA-related matters. For more information about the CDG, contact Valerie Christopherson of the CDG News Bureau at +1-714-540-1030, ext. 14, e-mail vchristopherson@bockpr.com, or visit the CDG Web site at www.cdg.org.

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