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THE THIRD GENERATION PARTNERSHIP PROJECT 2 WELCOMES THE FEMTO FORUM AS MARKET REPRESENTATION PARTNER

May 21, 2008 – Arlington, Va. – Today, the Third Generation Partnership Project 2 (3GPP2) announced that the [Femto Forum](#) was unanimously approved as a Market Representation Partner (MRP) in the 3GPP2 Organizational Partners meeting held recently in Xiamen, China.

3GPP2's Market Representation Partners provide market advice to 3GPP2 and bring to 3GPP2 a consensus view of market requirements (e.g. services, features and functionality) falling within the 3GPP2 scope. The Femto Forum offers expert insight into the area of providing high-quality 2G/3G coverage and premium services within residential and small and medium-sized enterprise markets, and joins existing 3GPP2 Market Representation Partners the CDMA Development Group (CDG), the IPv6 Forum, the International 450 Association, and MobileIGNITE.

"In order to facilitate the deployment of fixed-mobile convergence solutions, while working for a competitive and innovative market environment, consensus contributions from industry groups such as the Femto Forum are essential to ensuring high quality standards that accelerate multi-vendor interoperability," said Wan Yi, 3GPP2 Steering Committee Chair. "We look forward to their contributions and welcome the Femto Forum to MRP status."

"Femtocells don't simply improve cellular coverage indoors, they offer a new model for rolling out future mobile networks. As such we're proud to have received MRP status with 3GPP2 so we can work together to ensure the current and next generation of cellular standards make full use of this exciting new technology," added Simon Saunders, The Femto Forum's Chairman.

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 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, email secretariat@3gpp2.org or visit the 3GPP2 web site at www.3gpp2.org.