

3rd Generation Partnership Project 2 "3GPP2"

## THE THIRD GENERATION PARTNERSHIP PROJECT 2 APPROVES MOBILEIGNITE AS A MARKET REPRESENTATION PARNTER

June 28, 2006 – ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA – Today, the Third Generation Partnership Project 2 (3GPP2) announced that MobileIGNITE was unanimously accepted as a Market Representation Partner (MRP) in the 3GPP2 Organizational Partners meeting held last week in Miyazaki City, Japan.

3GPP2's Market Representation Partners offer 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. MobileIGNITE brings to 3GPP2 expert insight into the area of fixed-mobile convergence applications and interoperability, and joins existing 3GPP2 Market Representation Partners the CDMA Development Group (CDG), IPv6 Forum, and the International 450 Association.

"MobileIGNITE fully supports the efforts of 3GPP2 and its contributions to evolving the CDMA standards to support FMC deployment, and we are honored to be approved as a Market Representation Partner. We shall work closely with our MRP partners to promote development, testing and deployment of innovative solutions for the emerging global FMC marketplace." said Leo Nikkari, Executive Director, 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 MobileIGNITE are essential to ensuring high quality standards that accelerate multi-vendor interoperability," said YK Kim, 3GPP2 Steering Committee Chair. "We look forward to their contributions and welcome MobileIGNITE to MRP status."

## 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 <u>secretariat@3gpp2.org</u> or visit the 3GPP2 web site at <u>www.3gpp2.org</u>.

## About MobileIGNITE

MobileIGNITE is an independent industry association of leading service providers and vendors that collaborate on accelerating the time to market for multi-vendor fixed-mobile convergence solutions that work in existing fixed and mobile networks with a smooth

transition to the IP Multimedia System (IMS) environment. Key initiatives include interoperability best practices, market requirements development and liaison with industry standards organizations and other industry groups. Further information and application procedures may be found at www.mobileignite.org.