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OVER 100 COUNTRIES NOW COMMITTED TO DVB-T FOR DIGITAL TERRESTRIAL TV

RRC'06 Is Successfully Completed In Geneva.

Geneva – 18th July 2006 – The DVB Project welcomes the successful completion of the ITU's Regional Radiocommunication Conference (RRC-06). The participating countries from Europe, Africa and the Middle East have agreed a new frequency plan for Bands III, IV and V replacing the Stockholm '61 agreements. Digital terrestrial television in these regions will thus be based solely on DVB-T.

RRC-06 involved some 100 countries including all European, African and Middle Eastern nations. The conference aimed to create a frequency plan and associated coordination agreements for an all digital environment based exclusively on DVB-T. This now brings to at least 114 the number of countries that have launched or will in future launch DVB-T services.

Peter MacAvock, Executive Director of the DVB Project stated "DVB is proud to have developed the transmission technology that underlies the excellent achievements at the planning conference. All the participants are to be congratulated for their contribution. The plan facilitates the deployment of DVB-T services and confirms the widely held view that DVB-T has become a de-facto world standard. It will also aid in the deployment of HDTV and DVB-H Mobile TV."

RRC-06 brought together 1000 delegates and involved long hours of negotiation and significant computational resources from the administrations involved. The frequency plan currently in force dates from 1961, and is rapidly reaching the end of its useful life. Indeed, it is one of the reasons for the difficulties experienced in extending DVB-T coverage to border regions in some European countries.

N.B. See attached: 'DVB-T Status By Country'.

Over 100 Countries Now Committed To DVB-T For Digital Terrestrial TV

Background

The DVB Project

The Digital Video Broadcasting Project (DVB) is an industry-led consortium of over 250 broadcasters, manufacturers, network operators, software developers, regulatory bodies and others in over 35 countries committed to designing global standards for the delivery of digital television and data services. The DVB standards cover all aspects of digital television from transmission through interfacing, conditional access and interactivity for digital video, audio and data. The consortium came together in 1993 to create unity in the march towards global standardisation, interoperability and future proofing.

To date, there are numerous broadcast services using DVB standards. There are hundreds of manufacturers offering DVB compliant equipment, which is already in use around the world. DVB dominates the digital broadcasting world. A host of other services is also on-air with DVB-T, DVB-S and DVB-C including data on the move and high-bandwidth Internet over the air. Further information about DVB can be found at: www.dvb.org, www.dvb-h.org, and www.mhp.org.

About ITU (International Telecommunications Union)

ITU is the leading United Nations agency for information and communication technology issues, and the global focal point for governments and the private sector in developing networks and services. For more than 140 years, ITU has coordinated shared global use of the radio spectrum, promoted international cooperation in assigning satellite orbits, worked to improve telecommunication infrastructure in the developing world, and established the worldwide standards that assure seamless interconnection of a vast range of communications systems.

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DVB-T Status By Country

DVB-T Launched

Albania
Andorra
Australia
Belgium
Croatia
Czech Republic
Faroe Islands
Finland
France
Germany
Greece
Italy
Lithuania
Malta
Mauritius
Namibia
Netherlands
Russian Federation
Singapore
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
Taiwan
United Kingdom

DVB-T Launch Imminent

Austria
Denmark
Norway

DVB-T Formally Adopted

Bosnia and Herzegovina
Brunei
Bulgaria
Burma (Myanmar)
Cyprus
Hungary
Iceland
India
Iran
Ireland
Latvia
Luxembourg
Macedonia
Malaysia
New Zealand
Poland
Portugal
Romania
Serbia and Montenegro
Slovakia
Slovenia
Sri Lanka
Turkey
Vietnam

DVB-T Pilot Broadcasts On-going

Azerbaijan
Belarus
China
Estonia
Israel
Moldova
South Africa
Thailand

Commercial Trials

Argentina

RRC'06 Participant - DVB-T in future

Algeria
Angola
Armenia
Azerbaijan
Bahrain
Botswana
Burkina Faso
Burundi
Cameroon
Cape Verde
Central African Republic
Chad
Comoros Union
Congo (Republic of)
Côte d'Ivoire
Democratic Rep of Congo
Djibouti
Egypt
Gabonese Republic
Gambia
Ghana
Jordan
Kazakhstan
Kenya
Kuwait
Kyrgyz Republic
Lebanon
Lesotho
Libya
Liechtenstein
Madagascar
Malawi
Mali
Morocco
Mozambique
Namibia
Nigeria
Oman
Qatar
Rwanda
San Marino
Saudi Arabia
Senegal
Somalia
Sudan
Swaziland
Syria
Tanzania
Togolese Republic
Tunisia
Turkey
Ukraine
United Arab Emirates
Uzbekistan
Yemen
Zambia
Zimbabwe