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DVB STEERING BOARD APPROVES COMMERCIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CI PLUS V1.4

Approval Paves Way For Work By Technical Module.

28 November 2011 – At the 69th meeting of the DVB Steering Board, the Commercial Requirements for CI Plus v1.4 were approved thus allowing the technical work on the specification to progress. These Commercial Requirements build on top of the current CI Plus v1.3 specification with two main features: support for dual-stream operation with a single module, intended for a dual-tuner PVR host, and support for DRM protected IP-delivered content. Other features include CI Plus browser extensions, additional URI (Uniform Resource Identifiers) signalling, and extensions and clarifications for module applications running on host middleware.

This move follows an agreement with CI Plus LLP that DVB will take responsibility for future development of the CI Plus specification. It is anticipated that the technical work will take a year. Following its publication CI Plus LLP will adopt the specification.

Commenting on the approval, Martin Gold, Chairman of DVB’s Commercial Module for CI Plus said “CI Plus Modules plugged into integrated digital televisions provide an attractive alternative to set-top boxes for both consumers and operators. The new functionality in V1.4 will help to ensure that the CI Plus system has the features required as the market evolves”.

CI Plus is a technical specification that adds additional security and features to the proven DVB Common Interface Standard that will allow CI Plus compatible consumer electronic devices, such as integrated digital televisions and set-top boxes, access to a wide range of Pay TV services via plug-in CI Plus Modules wherever the CI Plus technology is supported by the local Pay TV provider.

About DVB
Digital Video Broadcasting (DVB) is an industry-led consortium of over 230 broadcasters, manufacturers, network operators, software developers, regulatory bodies and others committed to designing global standards for the delivery of digital television and data
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services. 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 move towards global standardization, interoperability and future proofing.

DVB dominates the digital broadcasting environment with thousands of broadcast services around the world using DVB’s open standards. There are hundreds of manufacturers offering DVB compliant equipment. To date there are over half a billion DVB receivers shipped worldwide. DVB standards are also widely used for other non-broadcasting applications such as data on the move and high-bandwidth internet over the air. Further information about DVB can be found at: www.dvb.org, www.mhp.org, www.dvbservices.com and www.dvbworl.org.

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