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NEW TECHNICAL MODULE CHAIR CONFIRMED

Steering Board Endorses Kevin Murray As New Chair Of Technical Module.

Geneva – 18 November, 2015 – DVB is pleased to announce the confirmation of Kevin Murray (Cisco) as the new Chairman of the Technical Module (TM). The move follows the retirement of Dr. Nick Wells (BBC) from the role after three years at the helm of the TM. During his tenure Dr. Wells was supported in his role by Muriel Deschanel (Microsoft) as Vice-Chair. The endorsement was made at the 81st meeting of the DVB Steering Board.

Commenting on the announcement Kevin Murray said “I’m honored to be taking over the role of DVB TM chair, particularly as I believe this is a very important time for DVB and our members’ businesses with the continued growth of IP delivery, the broadening of device types for content consumption, the increased power of devices and the potential of hybrid systems”.

Confirming the appointment DVB Chairman Phil Laven said “I am delighted to welcome Kevin Murray as the new Chairman of DVB’s Technical Module. His talents and experience will be valuable assets to DVB”.

In 1997, Kevin joined DMV which later became part of NDS before its acquisition by Cisco. He is a System Architect in Cisco SPVSS (Service Provider Video Software and Solutions), actively engaged in a range of research and standards areas related to the television experience. Over the years, Kevin’s work has included contributing to the development of HD, new coding techniques, home networking technologies, advanced DVRs, IP delivery of TV, file formats for content, 3DTV and most recently Companion Screens.

Prior to DMV, Kevin was a lecturer in Computer Science at City University in London where he specialized in distributed and parallel systems, networking and computer architectures and was an undergraduate course director.

He has served as Chair for both the DVB Technical Module’s ad-hoc group on File Formats and TM-CSS (Companion Screen and Streams).

About the Technical Module

The Technical Module provides technical expertise and is composed of technical experts from DVB Members. It also provides a forum for the co-ordination of R&D activities.

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The Technical Module works according to Commercial Requirements set down by the Commercial Module. It delivers specifications for one or more Standards via the Steering Board to the recognized standards setting entities, notably the EBU/ETSI/CENELEC Joint Technical Committee.

It provides a conduit to other relevant standardization activities including MPEG for the purpose of meeting the objectives of the DVB Project.

While DVB is a commercially driven organization, it is clear that the TM is the "engine room" of the project. DVB Members associate a very high priority to the TM and its work.

About DVB

Digital Video Broadcasting (DVB) is an industry-led consortium of over 200 broadcasters, manufacturers, network operators, software developers, regulators and others from around the world committed to designing open interoperable technical standards for the global delivery of digital media and broadcast services.

DVB standards cover all aspects of digital television from transmission through interfacing, conditional access and interactivity for digital video, audio and data.

DVB dominates the digital broadcasting environment with thousands of broadcast services around the world using DVB's standards. There are hundreds of manufacturers offering DVB compliant equipment. To date there are over a billion DVB receivers shipped worldwide.

Further information about DVB can be found at: www.dvb.org, www.dvbservices.com and www.dvbworld.org.

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