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DVB MHP Decision Unanimous

Geneva, 10th November 1999 – Agreement reached at the 27th meeting of the DVB Steering Board for the advancement of the DVB-MHP Specification.

The DVB Steering Board yesterday approved the principles for the incorporation of existing software technologies into the DVB-MHP specification.

This unanimous decision by all DVB Steering Board members and invited guests from the software industries paves the way for the finalisation of the specification. It also guarantees that there will be the possibility of multiple independent sources for MHP compatible software.

In a truly positive and supportive atmosphere the DVB endorsed a framework for the adoption, in the first quarter of the year 2000, of the core MHP specification that will incorporate Java technology.

The chairman of DVB, Theo Peek said "This is one of the most important developments in DVB to date, and presents a significant milestone on the way to finalising the Multimedia Home Platform Project. DVB is delivering on its promise to create the systems, which will facilitate convergence between the Broadcasting, Telecommunications and Computing technologies in a horizontal market."

Background

The DVB Project

The Digital Video Broadcasting Project (DVB) is a consortium of over 200 broadcasters, manufacturers, network operators and regulatory bodies in more than 30 countries world wide, committed to designing a global standard for the delivery of digital television. Numerous broadcast services using DVB standards with millions of compliant decoders are now operational, in Europe, North and South America, Africa, Asia, and Australasia.

DVB MHP

The Multimedia Home Platform (MHP) API consists of a software specification which will be implemented in set-top-boxes, integrated Digital TV receivers, as well as Multimedia PCs. The MHP will connect the Broadcast and Internet, Television and Computer, and Telecommunication world through these devices and their associated peripherals.