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OSGi™ Alliance to Participate in CES Track Session

Consumer Electronics Show to Highlight OSGi Technology

San Ramon, Calif. – The OSGi Alliance (www.osgi.org) continues its progress as the preferred solution for network enabled service delivery to SmartHome/consumer electronics, service providers and automotive electronics environments with its participation in the International Consumer Electronics Show (CES). The OSGi Alliance will be part of the Networked Interoperability Track at CES in Las Vegas January 8-11, 2004.

Following a most successful OSGi 2003 World Congress in October, the Alliance session, entitled "OSGi Alliance: Network Services and More" will be chaired by Dr. John Barr, Director, Standards Realization, Motorola and President of the OSGi Alliance. The session, which will deliver the core value proposition of the OSGi service delivery platform to a diverse consumer-focused professional group, is scheduled for noon on Friday January 9.

“The market penetration of the OSGi delivery platform has virtually exploded over the last year, with manufacturers releasing OSGi-enabled products and services in many markets,” said Dr. Barr. “Interest in the OSGi Service Platform has truly become international in scope, with representatives from many more countries now excited about what we’re doing.”

“We are pleased to be a part of an initiative that can enable services to so many devices in the home,” said Virginia Williams, director of engineering, Consumer Electronics Association (CEA). “CEA is investing resources towards these types of technologies because many of our members are actively involved in developing and delivering products that allow consumers to more effectively connect any and all electronics products throughout the home.”

The OSGi Service Platform is an open software standard. It provides a common platform for service providers, device manufacturers, and others to remotely and dynamically deliver, integrate, and manage a rich set of valuable services to building, home, mobile, vehicle and other environments. The OSGi Alliance recently announced that a number of frameworks based on the OSGi Service Platform Release 3 have passed certification testing, underscoring the growing adoption of the OSGi Service Platform in today's real-world deployments. The Philips iPronto and Motorola MS1000 are examples of products using certified OSGi Service Platforms.

Interest in the OSGi technology has also led to the recent creation of a Mobile Expert Group, which will focus on the remote delivery to and maintenance of applications on OSGi-based mobile devices.

About the OSGi Alliance

The OSGi Alliance and its members specify, create, advance, and promote an open service delivery and management platform and foster its wide industry adoption. The OSGi Alliance serves as the focal point for a collaborative ecosystem of service provider, technology, industrial, consumer and automotive electronics communities. As an independent non-profit corporation, the OSGi Alliance also provides for the fair and uniform creation and distribution of relevant intellectual property – including specifications, reference implementations, and test suites – to all its members.

The OSGi Service Platform is an extensible integration platform used to remotely and dynamically deploy, provision, maintain, and manage applications and services to devices in networked environments, such as homes, vehicles, mobile handhelds, and industrial settings. Membership is open to any interested party, including Internet service providers, network operators, original equipment manufacturers, independent software vendors, end users, academic institutions, government agencies, and non-profit organizations. The consortium's Web site address is <http://www.osgi.org>.

About CEA

The Consumer Electronics Association (CEA) is the preeminent trade association promoting growth in the consumer technology industry through technology policy, events, research, promotion and the fostering of business and strategic relationships. CEA represents more than 1,200 corporate members involved in the design, development, manufacturing, distribution and integration of audio, video, mobile electronics, wireless and landline communications, information technology, home networking, multimedia and accessory products, as well as related services that are sold through consumer channels. Combined, CEA's members account for more than \$85 billion in annual sales. CEA's resources are available online at www.CE.org, the definitive source for information about the consumer electronics industry.

CEA also sponsors and manages the International CES - Defining Tomorrow's Technology. All profits from CES are reinvested into industry services, including technical training and education, industry promotion, engineering standards development, market research and legislative advocacy.

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