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**OSGi Announces Availability of Service Platform Release 2
*Enhanced Specification for Managed Broadband Services
Delivery Adds Improved User Administration, Management and Security***

San Francisco, Calif. – (Oct. 2, 2001) – The Open Services Gateway Initiative (OSGi), an independent, non-profit corporation of more than 70 companies worldwide, announced the availability of OSGi Service Platform Release 2, an enhanced specification for the delivery of managed services to networks in homes, cars and other environments. OSGi Service Platform Release 2 builds on Service Gateway 1, a specification OSGi released in 2000 to provide an open, common architecture for service providers, network operators, developers, gateway and equipment vendors, and software vendors to develop, deploy and manage services in a coordinated fashion. The new release provides for seamless service delivery of existing telephony, data networking and entertainment services with improved security, while enabling a set of value-added services such as energy management, telematics, and home monitoring and automation.

“Service Platform Release 2 represents the collective contribution of the many world experts and authorities available to OSGi through its membership,” said John Barr, president of OSGi, and director, Standards Realization, Motorola. “As traditional service providers and network operators converge, the need to bundle and deliver services like mobile information and commerce, interactive entertainment, on-demand content, enhanced telephony, telemetry and energy management, and remote home appliance control is even greater. With OSGi, traditional and new service providers and network operators have the tools necessary to generate new revenue streams and profit pools from existing and new customers.”

From its inception, OSGi has focused on developing an open, platform-independent service delivery framework to augment the many wide-area and in-home network standards already available. Today, more homes are equipped with multiple PCs and computer peripherals, consumers increasingly share digital media like music, audio and video across devices, and professionals lead “always connected” lives from office to car to home. The OSGi specification provides the “glue” in this value chain, by enabling telcos, cable operators, utilities and other service providers to deliver differentiated services over their networks to these communities with secure, scalable and reliable metrics. End devices include mobile devices, set top boxes, service gateways, cable modems, interactive game consoles, high-end consumer electronics, and PCs.

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OSGi Service Platform Release 2 is designed to complement and enhance virtually all residential networking standards and initiatives, such as HomePNA, HomePlug, HomeRF, Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, CEBus, emNET, LonWorks, HAVi, JINI, and UPnP. In the same way, the specification leverages the value of existing wireline and wireless networks while providing flexibility toward any high-speed access technologies. The specification improves and extends existing APIs, offers new features to simplify programming, enhances security, and includes new service APIs for user administration, configuration management and bundle preference management.

In accordance with OSGi policies, Service Platform Release 2 has been approved by its members and Board of Directors, which includes Deutsche Telekom (NYSE: DT), Echelon (NASDAQ: ELON), Ericsson (NYSE: ERICY), Electricite de France, Gatespace, IBM (NYSE: IBM), Motorola (NYSE: MOT), Nokia (NYSE: NOV), Philips (NYSE: PHG), Sun Microsystems (NASDAQ: SUNW), Telcordia, and Whirlpool (NYSE: WHR). OSGi Service Platform Release 2 is available now for download from the OSGi Web site at www.osgi.org

About OSGi

The Open Services Gateway Initiative (OSGi), established in 1999, is an independent, non-profit corporation working to define and promote open specifications for the delivery of managed broadband services to networks in homes, cars and other environments. OSGi also works to proliferate these open specifications through the sponsorship of technology, market, and user education programs. The San Ramon, California, USA-based organization comprises more than 70 member organizations from around the globe. 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>.

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