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Ericsson and Nokia begin interoperability testing of their WAP products

Ericsson and Nokia have initiated interoperability testing between their products and solutions supporting the Wireless Application Protocol (WAP).

The tests between Ericsson and Nokia WAP products, such as mobile phones and server products and solutions, is an important step for both companies in further establishing WAP as a truly global standard for mobile data communication. The intent of the tests is to enhance the compatibility of WAP-based products and services, ensuring that they will work together independent of manufacturer.

Ericsson and Nokia are two of the four co-founders of the WAP Forum Ltd., and are both fully committed to WAP interoperability across the industry. Both companies have introduced several WAP compatible products, solutions and services for wireless digital markets and have been at the forefront of the WAP development in the industry.

WAP (Wireless Application Protocol) is a de-facto standard for Internet content and advanced telephony services in digital mobile phones and other wireless terminals. The WAP Forum has published a global wireless protocol specification for all wireless networks that will be submitted to the appropriate standard bodies.

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About Nokia
Nokia is the world's leading mobile phone supplier and a leading supplier of mobile and fixed telecom networks including related customer services. Nokia also supplies solutions and products for fixed and wireless datacom, as well as multimedia terminals and computer displays. In 1998, net sales totaled EUR 13.3 billion (USD 15.7 billion). Headquartered in Finland, Nokia is listed on the New York (NOK), Helsinki, Stockholm, London, Frankfurt and Paris stock exchanges, has sales in over 130 countries and employs more than 47 000 people worldwide.

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About WAP
WAP, Wireless Application Protocol, is the de facto world-wide standard for providing Internet communications and advanced mobile telephony services on digital mobile phones, pagers, personal digital assistants and other wireless terminals. WAP is compatible with GSM900, 1800 and 1900, CDMA, TDMA wireless standards, as well as all of the proposed 3G communication systems. Ericsson, together with Nokia and Motorola, has introduced a new marketing initiative to simplify recognition of mobile Internet applications. The Mobile Media Mode (MMM) will enable users, content providers and operators to recognize services, Internet sites and devices, such as smart phones, which provide access to these services.

Additional information about WAP is available at http://www.wapforum.org

To promote Internet access using a mobile phone, Ericsson was part of establishing the Wireless Application Protocol (WAP) Forum. The general objective of the forum was to enable the wireless industry and content developers to provide compatible products and services across a wide variety of platforms. WAP-compatible devices are capable of translating the incoming Internet data to match the capabilities of the mobile device. The specific goal of the WAP Forum is to create a global wireless Internet protocol for small screen mobile terminals that are unable to display HTML-based Web pages.

Ericsson's Mobile Internet portal can be found on:
http://mobile.ericsson.se/mobileinternet

Ericsson supports companies who want to start WAP-sites and services with its' WAP-Aid service.

Images of the concept can be viewed at:
http://www.ericsson.se/pressroom/phli_pco.shtml and at:
http://www.sgb.se/www/wape