GIPS VoiceEngine to be included in IBM Lotus Sametime Real-Time Collaboration Platform

GIPS Voice Processing Solution to help Ensure Robust, High-Quality Speech Quality for IBM Lotus Sametime Collaboration Platform.

San Francisco February 14, 2006 — Global IP Sound (GIPS), a leading provider of embedded voice-processing solutions for the Voice over IP (VoIP) market, today announced that version 7.5 of IBM® Lotus® Sametime® will utilize the voice processing capabilities of GIPS VoiceEngine.

"We are excited to be working with such a recognized market leader as IBM to provide Lotus Sametime users with the highest voice quality available today for enterprise VoIP," said Gary P. Hermansen, President and CEO of Global IP Sound. "This application will utilize our VoiceEngine technology in a unique enterprise communications environment that will serve the needs of a diverse set of customers, and proves that our software can power any VoIP solution."

Lotus Sametime combines a broad array of capabilities that include presence awareness, instant messaging and Web conferencing in a feature-rich enterprise application. The market-leading solution is already in the hands of more than 15 million users worldwide.

"As the leading provider of enterprise collaboration solutions, IBM is committed to working with technology providerslike Global IP Sound to help businesses become more productive in the work they do everyday," said Penny Scharfman, program director Lotus Products, IBM. "By combining GIPS' voice processing capabilities and Sametime 7.5, we will provide Lotus Sametime customers with a simple, high quality voice chat capability within their instant messaging client."

The Lotus Sametime 7.5 application will provide click-to-talk capability with up to 5 Sametime users. GIPS VoiceEngine will provide the voice processing for this functionality by solving all of the complex issues associated with IP communications, such as packet loss, network delay and jitter. The solution, which also includes echo cancellation and noise suppression capabilities, is specifically designed for VoIP applications to streamline integration of the voice processing and maximize sound quality.

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About Global IP Sound

Founded in 1999, Global IP Sound develops embedded voice processing technologies for real-time communications over packet networks. GIPS SoundWare[™] provides better than PSTN voice quality and fidelity in end-to-end IP communications with robustness against packet loss. Global IP Sound's world-renowned speech

processing and IP telephony experts deliver these solutions to applications developers, gateway and chip manufacturers. Companies using GIPS SoundWare[™] products include Nortel Networks, Skype, WebEx, AOL, EarthLink and other key players in the VoIP market. Global IP Sound is a member of the Intel® PCA Developer Network, the Motorola Design Alliance, Symbian Platinum Partners and Texas Instruments' third party developer network. Global IP Sound has headquarters in San Francisco and offices in Stockholm, Hong Kong and Boston. More information is available at <u>www.globalipsound.com</u>.