

Ericsson and Intel team on Bluetooth™ Intellectual Property

Today, Ericsson announced that Intel Corporation (Nasdaq:INTC) have signed a licensing agreement covering the supply of Ericsson Intellectual Property of Bluetooth wireless technology to Intel. The Bluetooth Intellectual Property comprises both hardware and software for the Bluetooth Core Product from Ericsson (EBCP), and software for the Bluetooth HOST Stack, which is independent of Operating System.

Intel can now offer OEMs a more comprehensive portfolio of wireless communications solutions with Ericsson Intellectual Property. Intel will market the Bluetooth HOST Stack and Bluetooth Core Product from Ericsson (EBCP) as part of its wireless communications and computing solutions.

Intel awarded Ericsson the licensing contract for its next-generation EBCP after a thorough investigation of all alternative baseband Intellectual Property solutions. ARM (Nasdaq ARMHY) have productized EBCP for Ericsson, and will carry out supply, support and adaptation.

"Ericsson offers the complete Bluetooth solution, besides Bluetooth consumer products and chipsets and modules, Ericsson is now also licensing its Bluetooth Intellectual Property," said Jan Ahrenbring, Vice President, Marketing and Communications at Ericsson Mobile Communications. "We are delighted that this new focus has resulted in supplying Intellectual Property to the largest semiconductor manufacturer in the world. With this licensing agreement, Ericsson expects to be the undisputed leader in supplying Bluetooth Intellectual Property solutions to the desktop and mobile computer segment."

"Intel is committed to accelerating development of wireless Internet access," said Ron Smith, vice president and general manager, Wireless Communications and Computing Group, Intel Corporation. "Ericsson is a promoter in the Bluetooth Special Interest Group together with Intel and has developed leading-edge Bluetooth Intellectual Property. This relationship with Ericsson strengthens the building blocks available in support of our Intel® Personal Internet Client Architecture. We will be able to offer more feature rich solutions to developers of wireless Internet clients."

The Bluetooth Core Product from Ericsson (EBCP) contains Bluetooth baseband software and hardware Intellectual Property that makes it possible to implement Bluetooth wireless technology into a chip. The Bluetooth HOST Stack from Ericsson is a software component that enables local wireless connections between devices such as mobile computers, handheld devices, mobile phones, etc.

Ericsson is the leading communications supplier, combining innovation in mobility and Internet in creating the new era of mobile Internet. Ericsson provides total solutions covering everything from systems and applications to mobile phones and other communications tools. With more than 100,000 employees in 140 countries, Ericsson simplifies communications for customers all over the world.

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About Bluetooth

The Bluetooth™ wireless technology is set to revolutionize the personal connectivity market by providing freedom from wired connections. It is a specification for a small-form factor, low-cost radio solution providing links between mobile computers, mobile phones and other portable handheld devices, and connectivity to the Internet. The Bluetooth Special Interest Group (SIG), comprised of leaders in the telecommunications, computing, and network industries, is driving development of the technology and bringing it to market. The Bluetooth SIG includes promoter companies 3Com, Ericsson, IBM, Intel, Lucent, Microsoft, Motorola, Nokia and Toshiba, and 2000 adopter companies. Bluetooth™ is a trademark owned by Telefonaktiebolaget L M Ericsson, Sweden.