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Membership reinforces Tecnomen's leading research and product development in lead up to 3G Unified Messaging

**TECNOMEN STRENGTHENS DEVELOPMENT OF VOIP IN UNIFIED MESSAGING WITH MEMBERSHIP OF SIP FORUM**

Tecnomen, the leading provider of unified messaging solutions, has reinforced its Voice over IP (VoIP) research and product development by joining the Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) Forum. Membership will enable Tecnomen to benefit from cutting-edge research in Internet Protocol (IP) telephony, strengthening its position as the leading developer of messaging systems for current and next-generation networks.

The SIP Forum is an association of service providers, manufacturers and research institutions aimed at the advancement of SIP technology. SIP is a key IP networking technology, having been chosen as the multimedia communication protocol in 3G networks by the 3GPP (Third Generation Partnership Project), a consortium of standards organisations and related bodies responsible for producing globally applicable technical specifications for 3G mobile systems.

Tecnomen is a proven leader in the introduction of new interfaces and technologies to unified messaging, and was an early adopter of VoIP technology in 1999. Tecnomen has chosen SIP as its primary IP-telephony protocol, and will support SIP in its VoIP service development. IP networking provides greater and more controllable bandwidth than traditional switched circuit networks for speech, video and other multimedia communications – integral features of Tecnomen's 3G unified messaging platform.

Tecnomen's VoIP service will be available later this year within the Tecnomen eZONER messaging service platform. Tecnomen eZONER combines unified messaging with wireless Internet services to help operators meet demand for advanced messaging services with reduced start-up and running costs.

"We are pleased to announce that Tecnomen have decided to join the SIP forum as an active participant in the overall development of SIP technology" says Jörgen Björkner, chairman SIP Forum.

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**About Tecnomen**

Tecnomen is headquartered in Espoo, Finland and is part of the Kyro Corporation. The Company's focus is to develop and market telecommunication systems to teleoperators and service providers globally. Tecnomen has been listed on the Helsinki Exchanges since June 2000. Established in 1978, Tecnomen entered the telecommunications field in the early 1980s, developing equipment to modernise telephone exchanges and paging system technology. Near the end of 1980s Tecnomen introduced a range of new products including voice messaging systems and information systems suitable for interactive services. The Tecnomen voice message system was further refined and became the first full-scale unified messaging system on the market.

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