Norwood Systems and Inventel demonstrate Bluetooth Office of the Future at La Semaine des Telecoms et des Reseaux

Norwood Systems exhibits EnterpriseMobility[™] accessing Inventel's EtherBlue base station at La Semaine des Telecoms et des Reseaux

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Richmond-upon-Thames, UK and Paris, France – 23rd October 2001 -Norwood Systems, developer of office networks for the wireless generation, is teaming up with French partner, Inventel, the leading developer of Bluetooth access points, to exhibit Bluetooth applications in the Office of the Future at this year's La Semaine des Telecoms et des Reseaux.

Norwood Systems has worked alongside Inventel to make its Bluetooth access point, EtherBlue, compatible with the award-winning wireless communications infrastructure, EnterpriseMobility. Office-based workers will be the first users able to use mobile headsets and PDAs to make calls within a Bluetooth-enabled area. They will also be able to access the Internet from wherever they are in the office, through Bluetooth-enabled PDAs. The combination of EtherBlue and EnterpriseMobility allows the free-standing, wire-free headsets and handsets to become an integral part of the LAN and PBX infrastructure for the first time.

Billed as the 'gathering of all the telecommunications resources of the future', La Semaine des Telecoms et des Reseaux is the annual forum for major French technology developers, telecoms operators, fixed and mobile telecommunication services operators, ISPs, fixed-mobile convergence solutions integrators and businesses planning to improve their telecoms/networking operations. EtherBlue, the Bluetooth access point providing a wireless connection to voice and data communications devices, provides the gateway to connect all Bluetooth devices wirelessly to the office internet connection, ultimately allowing users to experience the freedom of wireless and broadband Internet, all in one.

Jean-Paul Deschamps, co-founder, COO and VP of marketing for Norwood Systems is looking forward to the first orders direct from the show, "EtherBlue's compatibility with EnterpriseMobility makes the wireless network of the future possible now. One of the significant advantages of the Bluetooth Office of the Future is its ability to handle both voice and data with a single unified infrastructure and integrate with a host of mobile devices. With EnterpriseMobility, we have created an operating system, which we envisage will be deployed in all companies in the future.. We are delighted to see that Inventel share this vision."

Henri-Nicolas Olivier, CEO of Inventel, is also optimistic, "No longer will you have to be tied to your desk when surfing the Web or downloading emails. Thanks to our collaboration with Norwood Systems, you can do this from wherever you are in the office. We are looking forward to showing the office of the future to the attendees at La Semaine des Telecoms et des Reseaux both from a data as well as a voice perspective."

Norwood Systems has been nominated for the award at the show for the best mobile Internet application for its Bluetooth-enabled voice and data communications platform, EnterpriseMobility. The awards ceremony is being held at the Telecoms and Networks night at the show on 24th October.

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NOTES TO EDITORS:

About Norwood Systems

Norwood Systems was founded in January 2000 to become the market leader in Bluetooth based wireless office networks for voice and data. The company's current product set, EnterpriseMobility, delivers an office network for the wireless generation. It offers an

enterprise-class communications platform that lets Bluetooth devices integrate seamlessly with existing office voice and data communication networks. Norwood Systems is working with a number of global partners, committed to participating in Norwood Systems' beta trial programme. Norwood Systems' EnterpriseMobility was a Grand Prize Winner of the COMNET 2001 Most Innovative New Product Award, a reflection of the opinions of the attendees of the Conference and Expo. EnterpriseMobility was also chosen as the winner in the Wireless category.

- At the recent Bluetooth Industry Congress in Monte Carlo EnterpriseMobility was recognised as the Best Business Product.
- Time Magazine Europe listed Norwood Systems as one of Europe's hottest 30 tech companies.
- Norwood Systems is an Associate Member of the Bluetooth Special Interest Group (SIG), and a member of the PAN working group of the SIG. Norwood Systems currently has over 40 employees located in two offices in Richmond-upon-Thames, UK, and Perth, Western Australia.

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About INVENTEL SYSTEMES

INVENTEL SYSTEMES is one of the world specialists of wireless equipment design. Created in 1994, the company has developed numerous products using DECT radio technology and today focuses on Bluetooth wireless technology and in particular the long range specification (100 metres).

The company is among the very few world-wide to master the full software layers of Bluetooth wireless standard. INVENTEL supply complete products but also modules in OEM. The goal of INVENTEL is to become a leader in the offer of turnkey solutions for Bluetooth infrastructures. To achieve this goal, the company is leading an active strategy of partnerships with telcos, equipment manufacturers, integrators and service providers.

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About Bluetooth

The Bluetooth[™] wireless technology is set to revolutionise the personal connectivity market by providing freedom from wired connections. It is a specification for a small-form factor, lowcost 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 2,018 Adopter/Associate member companies. For more information on Bluetooth, please visit its web site at www.bluetooth.com