



Marconi enhances softswitch end-user experience with Teligent voice mail solutions

Strategic partnership will develop SIP-enabled applications on Teligent Messaging System for Marconi SoftSwitch

Marconi Corporation plc announced today that it has signed a new strategic partnership agreement with Teligent that will enhance the experience of end-users of its SoftSwitch platform. Under the terms of the agreement, the Teligent Messaging System (TMS) will provide voicemail and unified messaging services for Marconi's SoftSwitch. The partnership is part of Marconi's SIP strategy announced at VON event in London earlier this year.

The new partnership agreement covers interworking between the Teligent P90/E TMS suite of messaging applications and the Marconi SoftSwitch. The TMS will provide SoftSwitch subscribers with voicemail, IP-based Intelligent Voice Recognition (IVR) and advanced voice processing applications, such as text-to-speech and speech recognition.

The TMS-SoftSwitch solution will allow users to download or stream voice, fax, text (SMS and email) as well as video and multimedia (MMS) messages to devices such as IP phones, PCs and video-enabled IP phones. The TMS will also provide the SoftSwitch with features that will allow users to retrieve their voicemails from websites or PC programs and access their email via text-to-speech over the phone. In addition, the combined SoftSwitch and TMS will provide users with a Graphical User Interface (GUI) client to give a single, converged view of all message types.

– The Teligent platform is truly carrier grade and complements the Marconi SoftSwitch. Teligent will be a valuable new partner for Marconi, said Edward Hobhouse, VP of Partnerships, Marconi Corporation plc. This agreement will strengthen our position as a leading supplier of high value, high quality services to the carrier market and result in an enhanced portfolio of SIP applications for the Marconi SoftSwitch.

The agreement is based on the Teligent P90/E application platform, which is already in-service by many leading carriers, including BT, AT&T Wireless, Cingular, MCI, T-Mobile USA Telefónica, Telia, Tele2 and members of the Vodafone group.

"The messaging segment continues to be strategic and with the strong position we have achieved, not least in recent years, I am excited about the possibility to further expand our market reach together with Marconi," commented Ulf Lindstén, CEO & President of Teligent. "We are pleased that Marconi sees the same market opportunity for Advanced Messaging Solution in the NGN/SIP environment as Teligent and we are excited to be working with Marconi on the joint opportunities we see in this area."

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About Teligent

Teligent develops, markets and sells advanced value added services for telecommunications networks. The services and applications provided by the company are based on the generic service development platform, the Teligent P90/E. Teligent's solutions are currently utilised by leading telecom operators, for example BT, Cingular, MCI, T-Mobile USA, Telefónica, Tele2, Telia and members of the Vodafone group. Teligent was founded in 1990 and has been listed on the Stockholmsbörsen since 1999. With offices throughout the Americas, Asia/Pacific, Europe and the Middle East as well as international partnerships, the company combine global reach with expertise in local market requirements. Teligent has approximately 290 employees and had in 2003 a turnover of SEK 255 million. For further information please visit www.teligent.se

About Marconi Corporation plc

Marconi Corporation plc is a global telecommunications equipment, services and solutions company. The company's core business is the provision of innovative and reliable optical networks, broadband routing and switching and broadband access technologies and services. The company's customer base includes many of the world's largest telecommunications operators.

About Marconi's SoftSwitch

Marconi's SoftSwitch offers carrier-class reliability in an open-interfaced IP platform that meets the increasing needs of network operators and large enterprises. SoftSwitch has a significantly small footprint in the network and the ability to migrate seamlessly to a Class 5 IP-based network. This multi-service, next generation carrier class switching platform is an ideal PSTN replacement in a next generation network architecture. SoftSwitch's open standard operability ensures compliance with a variety of IP phones.

The ability to make real time video calls or interface to web based applications as well as delivering numerous Voice based features makes Marconi's SoftSwitch a cost effective enabler of incremental revenue streams for network operators.

About SIP

SIP is an international standard that allows operators to provide both data and telephony services over the Internet and in private IP networks. It is used to enhance user experience by graphical interface that permits, for example, point-n-click for call management or integrating interactive text messaging as part of the session. Once the SIP network infrastructure is in place, it will allow fast introduction of advanced services via intelligent endpoints and collaborating servers without further changes to it. To date, most SIP implementations have been focused primarily on the enterprise sector. Marconi's carrier-class SoftSwitch provides operators with a platform for mass deployment of such SIP services in the public network for both enterprise and residential use.