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Axis Communications and the Hexagon Wireless subsidiary gigaAnt co-operate on Bluetooth Wireless Technology

Today Axis announced its co-operation with Swedish company gigaAnt, a Hexagon Wireless subsidiary. gigaAnt will supply antennas for Axis' wireless products based on Bluetooth(TM), such as the Bluetooth Access Point from Axis that will be introduced to the market before the end of this year.

The Bluetooth Access Point from Axis enables broadband access to the Internet and intranets for a wide range of mobile devices. This wireless solution supports both voice- and data applications, which makes wireless and fixed network resources more efficient and user-friendly.

"We are very happy to co-operate with gigaAnt, who were among the first on the market with antennas for Bluetooth and have a proven track-record. We feel very confident with gigaAnt as a supplier," says Torbjörn Wård, General Manager of Axis' Mobile Internet Division.

Axis will demonstrate its Bluetooth Access Point with a gigaAnt antenna during the Nordic Bluetooth Wireless Technology 2000, which takes place in Stockholm on October 4-5. Both Axis and gigaAnt will participate in the conference. gigaAnt will also show Axis wireless products at various trade shows this year in order to illustrate how the gigaAnt antennas can be used.

As a strong proponent of the open source movement, Axis is an innovator in embedded Linux development and provides under GPL the first release of a Bluetooth software stack for Linux. The stack can be found on the Axis web page for developers: www.developer.axis.com.

Both Axis and gigaAnt are Associate members of the Bluetooth Special Interest Group (SIG). Axis has recently been appointed to three of the technical working groups within Bluetooth SIG: Extended Service Discovery, Printing Profile and Personal Area Network (PAN).

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About Axis

The Axis Communications Group, with the parent company Axis AB, is a leader in network connectivity and emerging wireless Internet based services. The company is at the forefront of developing network appliance solutions that enable people and organizations to get easy and immediate access to devices and services. Axis is one of the global leaders in several key thin server and network device markets, such as printer, storage and video connectivity, and is doing pioneering work in the rapidly expanding markets of wireless and mobile communications.

Founded in 1984, Axis employs more than 500 people worldwide, including the 50 percent owned subsidiary, Netch Technologies. The group had a turnover of approximately 695 MSEK in the financial year 1999/2000. Axis is headquartered in Lund, Sweden and has a total of 28 offices throughout North America, Asia and Europe. Axis is a publicly traded company on the OM Stockholm Exchange's O-list.

Information about Axis can be found at <http://www.axis.com> and info-mobile@axis.com

About gigaAnt AB

gigaAnt is a company within the Hexagon Wireless Division. gigaAnt is a leader in developing, manufacturing and supplying a range of high-performance antennas dedicated to short-range wireless communication in the 2,4 GHz band e.g. with Bluetooth devices. The company's aim is to be the natural antenna partner for adopters of the Bluetooth wireless technology worldwide within the next three years.

gigaAnt was formed within Hexagon Wireless spring 2000. Although new, gigaAnt is a subsidiary of Moteco, one of the world's leading suppliers of terminal antennas for mobile telephone, with customers like Ericsson, Siemens and Philips. Moteco has developed and manufactured antennas for mobile applications for more than 25 years and have today more than 300 employees and production units in Sweden, China and Malaysia.

Both gigaAnt and Moteco belong to the Hexagon Group, which is listed on the Swedish Stock Exchange.

Information about the companies can be found at: www.gigaAnt.com, www.moteco.se and www.hexagon.se

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