



i3 micro technology and Minerva Networks Announce MPEG4-AVC Set-top Box Integration with iTVManager Middleware at IBC 2005

With available support for MPEG-4 AVC from the STB through the middleware, IPTV service providers running xDSL networks can expand their service areas, better utilize bandwidth, and improve video quality.

i3 micro technology, a leading provider of IP Television (IPTV) and voice over IP (VoIP) products and solutions, and Minerva Networks, the leading provider of open-platform IPTV delivery solutions, today announced support with i3's Mood 300 IP Set-top Box (STB) and Minerva Network's iTVManager middleware application. The advanced MPEG-4 AVC feature of the Mood 300 and the robust capabilities of iTV Manager, which also supports High Definition, Video on Demand, Personal Video Recording and other competitive features, the combined solution will appeal to IPTV service providers interested in delivering the best possible IPTV viewing experience while minimizing the bandwidth load on the network.

"Adding Minerva's middleware solution to i3 Mood 300 IP STB product platform will bring one of the strongest IPTV solutions to the market yet. The combination of MPEG-4 AVC capabilities of the Mood 300 and the competitive features and intuitiveness of the iTVManager interface will open new possibilities for IPTV operators and system integrators," stated Chris Chalkitis, i3 micro technology ab.

"This relationship is important not only for i3 and Minerva, but also for telcos that are seeking to deploy competitive IPTV services to their subscribers. The open platform model offers the ability to deploy systems tailored to the specific needs of the service provider, especially those running xDSL networks," continued Mauro Bonomi, CEO of Minerva Networks.

Product demonstrations will take place at the i3 micro technology booth (4.350) during IBC 2005 (9/9-9/12). To schedule a demonstration and briefing contact Michael Volpatt (Michael@larkinvolpatt.com, +1-415-692-0100).

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i3's comprehensive product portfolio of IP Residential Gateways, Set-top boxes and related management applications, provides service providers with unprecedented return on investment – delivering new service revenues and impressive cost savings over the lifetime of the product. i3 micro technology was established in 1997 and is headquartered in Kista, Sweden, with southern European sales office in Paris, and U.S. subsidiary in Seattle. For more information on i3 micro technology, please visit www.i3micro.com

About i3 micro technology ab

i3 designs and delivers premier IP customer premise equipment (CPE) for advanced triple play services: Internet access, Voice over IP, IP-TV and on-demand entertainment. Overcoming the obstacles of escalating total cost of ownership and limited operator control of end user experience, i3 takes a unique network systems approach to CPE and provides the first economical and practical solutions for managing a large installed base of multi-service broadband users.

About Minerva Networks, Inc.

Minerva Networks, Inc., is the leading provider of open-platform, carrier-class solutions for the delivery of television services over broadband IP networks. The company's television services management software and video processing systems are integrated into complete IP Television delivery platforms. Broadband network operators worldwide use Minerva's products and services to deliver next-generation entertainment and communications applications. Minerva Networks is headquartered in Santa Clara, CA, and on the Internet at <http://www.minervanetworks.com>.