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Mgage Systems AB lanserar en svit applikationer för mobilt internet. Mobile Chat används redan av den första kunden.

Mobyson AS, en av den nya generationens mobiloperatörer i Europa, har valt Mgages Systems ABs applikation Mobile Chat som en del av sin norska lansering förra veckan. Mobyson är den första operatören i Europa som vänder sig till mobilgenerationen mellan 17 och 32 år.

Med Mobyson som första kund och med internationella investerare i ryggen, lanserar Mgage Systems AB en svit applikationer för mobilt internet riktade till tjänstleverantörer (Mobile Internet Service Providers). Mobile Chat som möjliggör chat både via WAP telefonen och internet är en av flera meddelandetjänster i sviten av applikationer.

Alla applikationer bygger på en öppen skalbar arkitektur. Det möjliggör snabba introduktioner av nya och banbrytande tjänster.

- Mgage är det företag som har en av de mest innovativa och unika applikationerna och som därfor tillför slutkunderna ett betydande mervärde, säger Jonas Kjellberg, VD för Mobyson. Vi valde Mgage därfor att deras applikationer är användarvänliga samtidigt som de kan implementeras snabbt.

Mobilt internet växer snabbt och beräkningar från The Strategis Group Inc. pekar på att det kommer att finnas minst en miljard användare 2005. Det är den yngre generationen som driver marknaden. De efterfrågar hela tiden nya spännande tjänster som kommer att driva utvecklingen mot meddelandetjänster kombinerat med underhållning och skräddarsydd information. För att möta dessa föränderliga behov bygger Mgage Systems AB applikationerna på en egenutvecklad dynamisk tjänstarkitektur.

- Tillsammans med Mobyson har vi redan visat att våra spjutspetsapplikationer är färdiga för en krävande marknad, säger Styrbjörn Horn, VD för Mgage Systems AB. Vårt mål är att skapa de bästa applikationerna och tillgodose samtliga tre marknadsaktörers behov: operatörer (etablerade och nyttillkommande), terminalleverantörer och slutanvändare. Och det kräver nära samarbete med dem.

Mgage Systems ABs applikationer för mobilt internet lanseras inledningsvis på den europeiska marknaden. Företaget finansieras av tre stora internationella investerare: InnovationsKapital, Trident Capital och Kaupthing Investment Bank.

- Skandinavien är den ledande marknaden när det gäller penetrationen av mobil kommunikation och användning av mobiltjänster. Vi är övertygade om att entreprenörerna bakom Mgage är det rätta teamet och att de har den vision som krävs för att bli ledande inom den växande marknaden för avancerade mobila datatjänster och nästa generations kommunikation, säger Don Dixon, Managing Director för Trident Capital. Vi ser fram emot att hjälpa dem att introducera sina lösningar även på den nordamerikanska marknaden.

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Mgage Systems AB is a product company that provides mobile Internet service providers (MISPs) with innovative applications focusing on mobile Internet messaging, blended with entertainment and personal information. Mgage Systems AB combines, develops and exploits the latest technology in mobile infrastructure and devices to create innovative cutting-edge applications. This is done through open architecture built on de-facto Internet standards.

For more information: <http://www.mgage.com>

Mobyson AS is a completely new mobile operator that aims to make using mobile phones more fun. The company plans to offer the largest and best selection of mobile games and entertainment available, as well as traditional mobile phone services at highly competitive prices. Mobyson is the first mobile operator in Europe to focus exclusively on the 17–32 age group – the mobile generation.

For more information: <http://www.mobysen.com>

InnovationsKapital is one of Sweden's leading venture capital firms for innovative growth companies in the early stages of development. Focusing primarily on companies in the information and communications technology sector, InnovationsKapital has several successful investments in this area, such as Altitun, Red Message and Incirco.

For more information: <http://www.innkap.se>

Trident Capital is an US-based investor focusing on Internet infrastructure services, e-commerce and wireless communications services. Trident Capital was an early investor in Internet companies, including MapQuest and Viant. Trident has an extensive investment portfolio comprising over 75 companies such as Pegasys Systems, CSG Systems, Xacct, iPix and infoUSA.com. Trident Capital currently manages five funds whose combined value exceeds \$1.1bn.

For more information: <http://www.tridentcapital.com>

Kaupthing Investment Bank is Iceland's leading investment bank, based in Reykjavik with offices in Luxembourg, New York, Stockholm and the Faeroe Islands. Kaupthing Stockholm investment bank manages the Alpha 1 Venture Capital fund, which invests in growth companies in the early stages of development in the areas of mobile Internet and Internet.

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Mgage – curricula vitae of key people

Styrbjörn Horn – Chief Executive Officer

Before founding Mgage, Mr Horn was a senior director at Ericsson Mobile Internet Applications, where he had overall responsibility for business development and positioning applications. In this capacity he also acted as Ericsson's official spokesman on investment and media issues. Mr Horn, who started working for Ericsson in 1996, was also director of innovative ventures for Ericsson Datacom.

Ben Manell – Vice President

Mr Manell brings 16 years of executive management experience to Mgage. Before founding Mgage, Mr Manell was from 1989 the CEO of Amica, a company in the Fazer Group with 1,700 employees and a turnover of SKr900m. Before this he was CEO of Fazer Bröd.

Jonas Hillman – Director of Sales

Mr Hillman brings 12 years of international sales and entrepreneurial experience to Mgage. Before founding Mgage, Mr Hillman held a management position in business development at Ericsson Mobile Internet Applications. Mr Hillman also worked at Reuters for 5 years and Teracom for 3 years, where he held various management positions.

Esbjörn Näslund – Key Account Manager

Mr Näslund brings extensive international sales and channel management experience to Mgage. Before founding Mgage, Mr Näslund held a management position in business development at Ericsson Mobile Internet Applications, where he worked with defining and executing Ericsson's partnering strategies in this area. Mr Näslund was an important contributor to building Ericsson Data Networks' global sales and channel management for Ericsson's IP-telephony solutions.

Henrik Åquist – Director of Business Development

Mr Åquist brings extensive international sales and business development experience to Mgage. Before founding Mgage, Mr Åquist held a management position in business development at Ericsson Mobile Internet Applications, where he was responsible for defining and executing Ericsson's partnering strategies in this area.

Mikael Lenneryd – Director of Marketing

Mr Lenneryd brings years of marketing and communications experience from the telecom industry to Mgage. Before joining Mgage, Mr Lenneryd held a management position in marketing communications at Ericsson Mobile Internet Applications, where he had overall responsibility for market-communication strategies. Mr Lenneryd was also responsible for Ericsson's global WAP market launch.

Bruce Fordyce – Director of Operations/CTO

Mr Fordyce brings extensive expertise in product management, business management and technical development to Mgage. Before joining Mgage, Mr Fordyce held a management position at Ericsson Mobile Internet Applications, where he was responsibility for product management and the product portfolio.

Reddy Kosuri – Chief System Architect

Mr Kosuri brings extensive expertise in telecom, datacom, mobile communications and mobile Internet to Mgage. Before joining Mgage, Mr Kosuri was a product management specialist at Ericsson Mobile Internet Applications, where he worked with product-management issues for mobile Internet and system issues in the 3G mobile environment.