

News Release

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HOMEGRID FORUM CONTINUES SUPPORT OF NEXT GENERATION ITU-T HOME NETWORKING STANDARD; TO SPONSOR UPCOMING G.HN MEETING

BEAVERTON, Ore., August 29, 2008 – HomeGrid Forum today announced continued progress and cooperation towards advancement of the International Telecommunication Union’s Standardization Sector (ITU-T) G.hn next generation home networking standard.

“Our member companies are committed to making G.hn a reality in a timely fashion,” said Matthew Theall, President of HomeGrid Forum. “HomeGrid members contributed more than half of the technical papers at the past two ITU-T G.hn meetings, and are eager to continue our collaboration on this vital next generation home networking standard. To assist in the process, we’re pleased to announce our sponsorship of a specially-convened G.hn meeting in Chicago, IL from September 2-5.”

HomeGrid members hold weekly teleconferences to review technical papers for submission to G.hn. The review process enables member companies to receive input and feedback to assure submissions of the highest quality.

“We continue to be encouraged by HomeGrid members’ commitment to collaboration, as demonstrated by the large number of jointly-supported technical submissions,” stated Richard L. Stuart, chair of the ITU group that is developing G.hn. “We believe that close cooperation between the ITU and HomeGrid Forum will accelerate completion of the G.hn Recommendation, enabling customers to deploy G.hn products much sooner.”

More information about HomeGrid Forum can be found at www.homegridforum.org.

About ITU-T

The ITU Telecommunications Standardization Sector (ITU-T) is a permanent organ of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and is responsible for studying technical and operating questions and issuing Recommendations with a view to standardizing worldwide telecommunications. Since its inception in 1865, the Union has been brokering industry consensus on the technologies and services that form the backbone of the world’s largest, most interconnected man-made system. In 2007 alone, ITU-T produced over 160 new and revised standards.

About G.hn

The members of the ITU-T's G.hn Rapporteur Group are creating a specification for a single MAC/PHY technology which can run over coaxial cable, phone lines, or power lines. G.hn participants include service providers, consumer electronics and information technology manufacturers, and component and intellectual property providers from around the world.

About HomeGrid Forum

HomeGrid Forum is a global, non-profit trade group promoting the International Telecommunication Union's G.hn standardization efforts for next-generation home networking. HomeGrid Forum promotes adoption of G.hn through technical and marketing efforts, addresses certification and interoperability of G.hn-compliant products, and cooperates with complementary industry alliances.