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HOMEGRID FORUM CREATES CLEAN TECH WORKING GROUP

Adds seven new members to help explore innovation in consumer energy products

Beaverton, Ore., May 25, 2010 - HomeGrid Forum, a global, non-profit trade group promoting the United Nations' International Telecommunication Union's (ITU-T) G.hn standardization efforts, today announced the formation of a Clean Tech Working Group to support technology innovations in next-generation home networking products. Seven leading organizations have joined HomeGrid Forum and the new working group including Future Shop (Best Buy Canada), Offsetters Clean Technologies, the University of British Columbia, British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT), and Corinex Communications Corporation among others. The working group will be chaired by Corinex.

"The adoption of G.hn as a consistent telecommunications standard, on the customer side, will unify the delivery of content and the integration of devices over any wire – coax cable, phone, and power lines – creating new opportunities for technology innovation that will enable service providers to deploy new offerings such as IPTV, home automation, home security products, and energy management," says Peter Sobotka of Corinex.

The Clean Tech Working Group will evaluate new G.hn-based products for their ability to enable environmental sustainability and economic development. In addition, the group will advocate for the development of this unified platform for the wired home network and help guide HomeGrid Forum member companies in the delivery of products that support the Clean Tech ethos.

These companies join a growing list of industry-leading organizations that are part of HomeGrid Forum. For a complete list of HomeGrid Forum members, visit www.homegridforum.org.

The G.hn standard is designed to deliver a unified technology for the wired home network that addresses key issues of service providers, electronics manufacturers, and consumers alike. Through one worldwide standard, G.hn will unify the networking of content and devices over any wire -- coax cable, phone, and power lines. G.hn enables utilities to provide communication for the smart grid program; service providers to deploy new offerings, including IPTV, more cost effectively; CE manufacturers to deliver powerful devices for connecting all types of entertainment, home automation, and security products throughout the house; while greatly simplifying the consumer purchasing and installation processes.

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 and G.hnem through technical and marketing efforts, addresses certification and interoperability of G.hn and G.hnem-compliant products, and cooperates with complementary industry alliances. For more information on HomeGrid Forum, please visit www.homegridforum.org or follow us on Twitter @homegrid_forum.

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