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IMTC Completes First Telepresence Interoperability Protocol (TIP) Testing as Part of SuperOp! 2011, its 15th Annual Interoperability Testing Event for Unified Communications, Multimedia Products and Services in Hawaii, USA

June 28, 2011 San Ramon, CA: The International Multimedia Telecommunications Consortium (IMTC) announced successful completion of Telepresence Interoperability Protocol (TIP) testing as part of SuperOp! 2011, the premier testing event of the telecommunications industry for multimedia communication standards and products.

SuperOp!, organized and conducted by the IMTC, is a significant annual testing event for the multimedia communications, video conferencing and Telepresence industries. It brings together engineers from leading companies developing unified communications, video communication products and services worldwide. SuperOp! 2011 testing covered equipment and service interoperability on combinations of IP, 3G and LTE networks, and covered a broad range of technologies such as Voice over LTE (VoLTE) and IMS, HD Videoconferencing, TIP, Telepresence, HTTP Live Streaming (both Microsoft and Apple varieties) and traditional RTSP Streaming, as well as full spectrum of SIP-based and H.323-based videoconferencing systems.

The industry's first immersive, multi-screen Interoperability testing using the Telepresence Interoperability Protocol (TIP) was conducted during SuperOp! 2011. Acme Packet, AT&T, Cisco Systems, Huawei, Polycom, Radvision and Teliris tested TIP in multi-screen-to-multi-screen, multi-screen-to-single screen and multi-screen-to-MCU conferences through session border controller, call control and network infrastructure. "Successfully testing TIP interoperability shows customers of multi-screen Telepresence systems that they can connect their multi-vendor installations together in an immersive, scalable way with TIP. About 200 TIP calls were completed, which was conducted according to a testing plan consisting of more than 100 test cases," said Sumit Kumar, IMTC TIP AG co-chair and Principal Test Engineer at AT&T.

Last year, IMTC took ownership of TIP and has established a new Activity Group.   The TIP AG is responsible for the ongoing development of the TIP specification, TIP open source project management, and related interoperability tests between adopters.   The TIP Activity Group is co-chaired by representatives from Polycom, AT&T & Cisco Systems and has many members from companies in IMTC today.

IMTC's SuperOp! 2011 was hosted by IMTC with event management from Global Inventures. Sponsors included Cisco Systems, Polycom, Huawei, UCIF and Vidyo. Next SuperOp! interoperability testing event is expected to take place during April/May 2012 timeframe, location will be announced at a later date.

About t**he International Multimedia Telecommunications Consortium (IMTC)**
The IMTC is an industry-leading, non-profit organization whose mission is to promote and facilitate the development and use of interoperable, real-time, multimedia telecommunication products and services based on open international standards.   The IMTC hosts interoperability testing events and demonstrations throughout the world. IMTC has hosted numerous events to test IMS, VoLTE, SIP, H.323,

3G-324M, TIP, 3G PS Streaming, and other Voice over IP products and services with each other.   The IMTC Board of Directors includes representatives from AT&T, Cisco Systems, Ericsson, HP, Huawei, LifeSize Communications, Nokia, Polycom, RADVISION and Vidyo. The San Ramon, California-based consortium comprises approximately 40 member organizations from around the globe. Membership is open to any interested party, including vendors of audio, document, and video conferencing hardware and software; academic institutions; government agencies; and non-profit organizations. "The IMTC is making Rich Media happen Anywhere, Anytime." Further information on IMTC can be found at http://www.imtc.org .