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IMTC SuperOp! brings together leaders in multimedia telecommunications

September 15, 2005, San Ramon, CA: The International Multimedia Telecommunications Consortium (IMTC) announced the opening of SuperOp! 2005, its premier testing event of the telecommunications industry for multimedia standards and products. Aethra Telecomunicazioni is the host to over one hundred engineers from all over the world at the Federico II Hotel in Jesi, Italy from September 12-16, 2005. In addition to Aethra Telecomunicazioni, the event sponsors include Nortel, Polycom, RADVISION, Regione Marche, Sony, Telecom Italia and Telecom Italia Mobile (TIM).

"We are honored to have played a key role in SuperOp! 2005, by providing our organizational support and the experience we have gained in over 30 years in the telecommunications sector", stated Corrado Mazzocato, Director of Marketing at Aethra Telecomunicazioni. "SuperOp! is an extremely important event for the international telecommunications industry, as it brings together specialists from all over the world with the aim of achieving interoperable communications on a global scale."

SuperOp!, organized and conducted by the IMTC each year, is significant for the telecommunications sector, because it brings together the leading companies developing products and services worldwide. The implementation and diversity of equipment, protocols and vendors makes it impractical or economical for any company to duplicate in its own test lab. SuperOp! provides an irreplaceable opportunity to all participating companies who produce multimedia telecommunications equipment to interact and to test their product and services at an unprecedented level.

All five days of the event are dedicated to testing and meetings held amongst each of the international activity groups. The event includes interoperability and interworking tests between IP networks and circuit switched networks using applications and protocols such as SIP, 3G-324M, H.264, H.460.18, H.460.19, H.323, packet-switched streaming.

One new protocol being tested by for the first time at SuperOp! 2005 is ITU-T H.460.18 / H.460.19, supporting NAT/FW traversal for VoIP and video calls. IMTC President Dr. Istvan Sebestyen said "This new protocol means NATs and firewalls will no longer be a barrier for multimedia communications between organizations. Video conferencing and video telephony users will be able to communicate with suppliers, customers, and partners using inexpensive

and reliable IP networks, even in multi-vendor configurations. The rapid development and acceptance of this new protocol shows strong industry cooperation to solve this problem for users.”

A SuperConnection testing session will be conducted on the final morning. It will consist of all available test stations with the goal of connecting them all into a large, single conference (mixture of voice & video and voice only). Past SuperConnections have yielded over 70 components consisting of endpoints, MCU's, gatekeepers, proxies, and gateways using H.323, H.320, SIP and 3G-324M protocols.

About the 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. Hosting interoperability testing events and demonstrations throughout the world, including SIP, 3G-324M, 3G-PSS, NAT/Firewall Traversal, H.323, T.120, H.320, and Voice over IP technologies, the San Ramon, California-based consortium offers membership 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 Board of Directors is comprised of representatives from Cisco Systems, Dilithium Networks, Emblaze Mobile, France Telecom, LifeSize Communications, Nextreaming Corp., NMS Communications, Nokia, Nortel, Polycom, RADVISION, Siemens AG, Sony, and TANDBERG. *The IMTC is making Rich Media happen Anywhere, Anytime.* Additional information is available at <http://www.imtc.org>.

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