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DSL FORUM RELEASES 'DSL ANYWHERE' WHITE PAPER, EUROPEAN LOGO PROGRAM & NEW DSL DATA

DSL Leads Broadband Race with 78 Million Global Subscribers 63% Broadband Market Share for DSL Announced from DSLHome™ Exhibit at Broadband World Forum in Venice

Venice, Italy - (September 22, 2004) - DSL, the world's leading broadband access technology, has won 31 million new customers in the past year (since June 30, 2004), reaching 78 million of the world's total 123 million broadband subscribers more than 63% market share. This latest growth news from industry analyst Point Topic comes as the DSL Forum released its new 'DSL Anywhere' White Paper and launched the European test-based logo program for customer premises equipment (CPE) at Broadband World Forum (BWF) in Venice.

Speaking at BWF in Venice, DSL Forum's Marketing Chairman, Jay Fausch said: "Our DSL Anywhere White Paper identifies technical options for delivering the benefits of broadband DSL to everyone regardless of where they live or work. It explains new ways for service providers to extend the reach of DSL to 100% of residential and business customers and defines new higher speed broadband DSL options such as ADSL2plus and VDSL, for service providers to deploy over their existing copper infrastructure. Many of these approaches support the video based applications that users are now demanding, opening up the market for video over DSL using the standards-based DSL technology that is already serving 63% of the broadband world."

The DSL Anywhere White Paper, a critical resource for emerging and established DSL markets, is available for download from http://www.dsiforum.org/about_dsl.htm?page=aboutdsl/whitepaper_index.html, and includes all that a service provider needs to know to extend access to robust, reliable DSL services.

In parallel, the DSL Forum revealed its new European logo program as the symbol of a disciplined approach to interoperability testing. Accredited, DSL Forum-recognized independent testing laboratories (ITLs) authorize use of the logo for CPE.

Steve Kingdom, a director of the DSL Forum said: "In many European countries, consumers are buying their DSL equipment from retail outlets, separately from their 'wires only' service provider agreement. Increasingly, those consumers will seek assurances that the equipment they select meets the essential testing criteria for quality DSL services. Our logo program will provide that assurance for the customer and reduce the necessary testing requirements of network providers to meet the particular needs of their architecture and infrastructure." This logo program will be rolled out in Europe originally. Its potential evolution for other geographic regions is in discussion.

At Broadband World Forum, the DSL Forum is showing its first European DSLHome demonstration of the capabilities of a DSL empowered home network. An end-to-end IP-with-QoS DSL network (based on DSL Forum Technical Report TR-059) supports the latest in home networking gateways and exciting family and home office applications at the DSL Forum booth, demonstrating to industry visitors the network potential of the newly evolved IP-centric DSL architecture, and the variety of profitable service bundles that DSL can support. The interactive exhibit provides a hands-on demonstration of video on demand, streaming video, IP telephony, remote medical monitoring, online gaming, and video conferencing.

DSL Forum's President Tom Starr said: "It is exciting to see the industry working together to evolve DSL for the future. The DSLHome initiative, launched last year at SUPERCOMM, has already made great strides by

developing architecture enhancements, advancing device auto-configuration specifications, enabling greater quality of service options, and building a stronger link to innovative IP-centric applications." The DSL Forum exhibit at Broadband World Forum Venice is made possible by the support and participation of the following companies:

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Starr continued, "Our new DSL Anywhere White Paper provides greater reach and bandwidth delivery options for service providers and our new European logo program delivers both end-user assurance and service provider value through recognition of interoperability testing achievements. Together with the full range of our continuing technical development work, these initiatives demonstrate the ever-greater capacity of DSL to remain in the forefront of the dynamic global broadband market."

About the DSL Forum

DSL Forum is an international industry consortium of about 200 leading service providers, equipment manufacturers and other interested parties focused on developing the full potential of broadband DSL to meet the needs of the mass market. With the established goal of 200 million customers by the end of 2005, DSL Forum works to streamline processes, develop specifications and share best practices that set the stage for effective deployments and explosive global DSL growth. By developing new standards and embracing new applications, DSL Forum is tailoring DSL to meet the needs of the next generation of multi-media services and the online community. Established in 1994, more information about the DSL Forum is available from its industry site www.dslforum.org.

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