WTL and PortaOne Connect to Provide a Combined SS7 to VoIP / Billing and Switching Solution

Internet telephony service providers will benefit from a joint offer of WTL's SS7 to VoIP gateway and PortaOne's softswitch and billing software

Coquitlam, British Colombia and Brussels, Belgium, September 6, 2007, WTL and PortaOne are pleased to announce today the successful completion of interoperability testing of their products. Testing was done between WTL's SoIP product (a scaleable SS7 to VoIP Media and Signaling Gateway) and PortaSwitch, PortaOne's IP Multimedia Subsystem that consists of a Class 5 soft-switch, billing and provisioning solution and unified messaging application.

As a result both companies will list the other as a reference solution and will take part in joint marketing activities. The newly announced co-operation means that customers can now confidently combine the industry-leading switching capabilities of WTL with the unique range of subscriber features supported by PortaSwitch.

Telecom operators need to offer their subscribers more and more sophisticated sets of features to attract and retain them, It makes network design sense to separate these from the underlying switching core. Fundamental network functions such as call authentication, call routing and carrier interconnect, SS7 signaling and CDR generation will continue to be handled by the WTL switch. End-user features like caller-ID, call waiting, 3-way calling, follow-me, voice mail, unified messaging, a whole range of IPPBX and, of course, carrier grade billing will be offered by PortaOne. WTL equipment has always been known for it's higher than average reliability and enormous flexibility and this can now be matched by an application hosting environment to match.

Simon Pearson, Business Development Director of WTL commented, "PortaOne and WTL have a couple of joint customers already so it made sense to formalize the relationship. We have always made clear that we do not offer Class 5 features on our switches but we will interwork with the best-of-breed solutions in the market. This agreement means that our customers can deploy the added-value services they need for their residential and business customers knowing that this is a proven combination of technologies."

"We recognized that WTL had a lot to offer in the area of linking the legacy, TDM telecom world to the VoIP world and many of our customers need this", said Roman Khalenkov, PortOne Sales and Marketing Director. "WTL customers will also benefit from this agreement – it is going to make it a lot easier for them to launch new services. We have a claim that a new customer can launch residential IP service with calls from IP phones, ATAs and softphones in a matter of days."

About PortaSwitch

PortaSwitch is an IP Multimedia Subsystem or a software-based communication services and subscriber management platform allowing modern communication network providers to unify voice, data and fax traffic within a single network. A ready replacement for Class 5 switches, PortaSwitch consists of a soft-switch (PortaSIP), billing and provisioning solution (PortaBilling100) and unified messaging application (PortaUM). PortaSwitch is provided with unlimited perpetual license, source code, on-site training, and 6 months of 24/7 technical support and upgrades. More info can be found at http://portaone.com/products/portaswitch/overview/

About PortaOne

PortaOne is a leading global communications infrastructure vendor enabling ITSPs (Internet telephony service providers) and voice network operators to quickly and efficiently implement, manage and deliver a wide range of billing and softsiwtch solutions for IP telephony services. The company's products provide a comprehensive range of applications, including Hosted PBX, IP Centrex, and Voice VPN. Established in 1997, PortaOne is a privately held company headquartered in Vancouver, Canada with sales, support, and development offices around the globe.

About the SoIP Gateway

SoIP (SS7 over IP) connects the VoIP and PSTN worlds. It is a compact, high performance and cost effective SS7 to IP Gateway:- a Signalling & Media Gateway in one box. The product is ideal for ISPs, pure-play VoIP operators or for adding VoIP connectivity to legacy switches.

SoIP is scalable supporting 1 to 16 Signalling Link Pairs, 1 to 32 E1 trunks and 30 to 960 VoIP calls. This product is based on the field proven WTL SIP, H323 and SS7 signalling software installed in more than 100 operators with support for many country / carrier variants.

SoIP gives an easy to use, cost effective way of connecting VoIP based traffic to SS7 networks.

About WTL

World Telecom Labs is a Belgium-based company which has long been a leader in the provision of VoIP switches, Pre-Paid applications and signaling gateways for emerging carriers and telecom service operators. WTL has an installed base of 100,000s of voice ports with service.

Providers worldwide switching billions of minutes of VoIP traffic using WTL equipment. For more information about WTL and its products, please visit **www.wtl.dk** or email **sales@wtl.dk**

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