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HCL Technologies to Offer VoIP Clients Based on Microsoft Windows CE

Soft clients for handhelds to accelerate SIP-based service deployment

New Delhi, March 31, 2004 — HCL Technologies (HCLT), a leading global IT solutions provider, today announced at the Spring 2004 Voice on the Net (VON) Conference & Expo, being held at Santa Clara, CA, that it will offer SIP components and solutions on Windows CE for audio/video conferencing, messaging and presence applications on mobile handheld devices. This is a key component of HCLT's portfolio of Voice over Internet protocol (VoIP) products and services for OEMs and semiconductor vendors. These components help to accelerate the deployment of standards-based IP telephony by businesses and service providers.

HCLT specializes in developing VoIP components and applications and has a strong underlying expertise in all major signaling and transport layer protocols. The company has a suite of SIP software components and testing solutions, which it has successfully deployed with OEMs and semiconductor vendors for a range of clients (handhelds, phones, conference stations), gateways, servers, and access points. HCLT also has large practices in networking, embedded software, and wireless that enable it to provide product engineering solutions in communications domain.

"We are extremely excited about the industry wide support for the Windows CE VoIP platform and the breadth of opportunities it enables for our industry partners," said Scott Horn, director of the Embedded Devices Group at Microsoft Corp. "Windows CE provides a robust VoIP solution that adheres to industry standards but is also extensible, enabling device manufacturers to easily and rapidly develop customized devices with a broad set of differentiating applications and services for home and office users that create new revenue opportunities for service operators, while making device management simpler, reducing customer support cost and increasing user satisfaction."

With a firm commitment to develop applications for standards-based, ubiquitous multimedia messaging on mobile devices, HCLT is pleased to work with Microsoft in offering solutions on Windows CE platform. Speaking on the occasion, S Raman, President and Chief Operating Officer of HCL Technologies, said, "This collaboration with Microsoft will help us to quickly align our development with new features supported on Windows CE. This is also a major step forward in HCLT's commitment to provide software solutions to accelerate SIP-based service deployment".

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About HCL Technologies

HCL Technologies is one of India's leading global IT services and product engineering companies, providing value-added, software-led IT solutions and services to large and medium-scale organizations. Founded in 1991, HCL Technologies focuses on technology as well as R&D services, with the objective of working with clients in areas at the core of their business. HCL Technologies delivers these services through an extensive software development infrastructure and a global marketing network that enables scalable, flexible and cost-effective delivery. As of 31 December 2003, HCL Technologies Limited along with its subsidiaries had 13,065 employees. The HCL Technologies team today has operations spanning 26 offices in 14 countries – covering over 80% of the world IT market. Together with its knowledge of embedded systems, core technologies and application development expertise, HCL Technologies is positioned as a composite solutions provider equipped to cater to the entire gamut of IT needs. For more information, visit HCL Technologies at www.hcltech.com

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