

VocalTec Certified as an XConnect Ready™ Partner

VocalTec's Essentra™ enables rapid peering with XConnect's Federated Peering Services

Berlin, Germany – Von Europe, November 7, 2006 —XConnect, the world's largest provider of "Plug and Peer" Voice over IP (VoIP) peering services and operator of the XConnect Alliance, today announced that VocalTec's Essentra™ Peering, Trunking and Service Delivery solutions have been certified as XConnect Ready™. VocalTec customers will now be able to more efficiently leverage the services of XConnect, including the XConnect Alliance, a global settlement-free peering federation, and XConnect DirectRoute, a wholesale solution which reduces termination costs on calls destined for VoIP subscribers.

VocalTec's Essentra™ solutions will enable service providers to rapidly connect with proven interoperability to the XConnect Peering Federations such as the XConnect Alliance. By using VocalTec's Essentra™ solutions while subscribing to XConnect's peering services, operators can leverage H.323 to SIP interworking, offer enhanced call routing and peering management, full SS7 tunneling via SIGTRAN and support for over 60 SS7 country variants. Moreover, service providers can reduce the costs of terminating VoIP calls to millions of telephone numbers in the XConnect registry, as well as continue protecting their networks, assuring service quality and maximizing service reach.

"XConnect's federated peering services are used by more than 400 providers globally," said Eli Katz, XConnect CEO "and we are pleased to have certified VocalTec's Essentra platform as XConnect Ready, allowing our peering partners a reliable and efficient solution to use when choosing to join the XConnect Federation. VocalTec is a company that pioneered VoIP and continues to innovate, and we look forward to collaborating to speed the adoption of Peering in the industry."

"VocalTec is pleased to partner with XConnect." said Yair Golan, VP Marketing & Business Development at VocalTec. "Both companies believe in the propagation of VoIP Peering as a driver for the VoIP industry. We like the idea of offering our VoIP / NGN customers the option of benefiting from VoIP interconnect via the XConnect network and we are confident that this relationship will enable both companies to reach a larger target audience"

XConnect enables feature-rich multi-media communication between VoIP service providers around the world by bypassing the PSTN, and provides PSTN carriers and operators with an efficient and low-cost means to terminate calls destined for VoIP subscribers. The XConnect Alliance and Federations are carrier-neutral services that deliver complete interoperability, ENUM Directory Management and identity resolution in a secure environment for the interconnection of XConnect Members, which include voice over broadband providers, application service providers and VoIP carriers. The Certified XConnect Ready Partner Program is designed to create an ecosystem of pre-tested vendors and solutions to facilitate peering.

VocalTec presents a family of products for NGN/VoIP carriers that together comprise the various building blocks required when building a next generation VoIP network. Designed for easy integration, VocalTec's best-of-breed solutions handle media processing, signaling, security and service delivery. VocalTec's SIP-based architecture supports a variety of protocols facilitating interoperability; these include SIP, Megaco/H.248, MGCP, H.323, SS7, V5.2 and GR-303.

VocalTec's portfolio of solutions includes the:

- Essentra™ CX: a media gateway controller offering SIP-to-SS7 interconnect; the
- Essentra™ EX: a VoIP peering manager facilitating inter-carrier interconnect; the
- Essentra™ BAX: a SIP/H248 subscriber feature/application server, and the
- Essentra™ GATE: an IP to TDM access gateway

VocalTec and XConnect will both be exhibiting at VON Europe Autumn in Berlin on November, 7-8, 2006. Xconnect will be located at booth #518. More information on VocalTec is available at www.vocaltec.com.

About VocalTec

VocalTec Communications (Nasdaq: VOCL) is a leading global provider of carrier-class multimedia and voice-over-IP solutions for communication service providers. A pioneer in VoIP technology since 1994, VocalTec provides proven trunking, peering, access gateway and service delivery solutions that enable flexible deployment of next-generation networks (NGNs). Partnering with prominent system integrators and equipment manufacturers, VocalTec serves an installed base of dozens of leading carriers including Deutsche Telekom and Telecom Italia San Marino. VocalTec is led by a management team comprised of respected industry veterans. The company's investors include Cisco Systems, HarbourVest Partners, LibertyView and Deutsche Telekom.

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About XConnect Global Networks:

XConnect is the world's first and largest provider of 'Plug and Peer' VoIP federation-based interconnection & ENUM services dedicated to connecting VoIP operators and enabling rich multi-media end-to-end IP communication. Headquartered in London with offices and facilities in the USA, Europe and Asia, XConnect provides ENUM and peering services to over 400 VoIP operators in more than 35 countries, enabling IP calls between VoIP end-users. With its strategic technical partner Kayote Networks Inc., XConnect's award-winning solutions comprehensively address protocol interoperability, ENUM directory services, and security. Recently, XConnect was selected by the cable industry in the Netherlands to operate the first nation-wide VoIP peering solution, and recently acquired the European carrier ENUM exchange, e164.info and US-based peering service IPeerX Inc. For more information, please visit www.xconnect.net.

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