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XConnect Calls on AudioCodes to Support High-Definition Voice Transcoding Feature

LONDON, Aug. 23, 2011 – [XConnect](#) today announced that its new high-definition voice transcoding feature, which enables HD voice traffic to cross the fixed-mobile divide through an IP-peering federation, has been developed in conjunction with [AudioCodes](#).

Now available for members of the XConnect HD Alliance, the new capability draws on the combined strengths of XConnect's carrier-ENUM registry and multimedia interconnection services and AudioCodes' Mediant 3000 high-definition transcoder.

In a tested, certified end-to-end solution, XConnect's interconnection hub detects the need for transcoding, prompting the AudioCodes transcoder to translate between the different codecs used by fixed-line and mobile operators.

As part of the deployment, AudioCodes will also become an HD Alliance partner and join the [XConnect Ready Partner Program](#) to support cooperation and co-marketing efforts between the companies.

"With the recent increase in HD voice uptake on cellular networks, predominantly relying on wideband AMR, and the widespread use of the G.722 codec on wireline networks, high-definition interconnect becomes crucial for a ubiquitous quality of experience for both wireless and wireline users," said Jeff Kahn, Chief Strategy Officer of AudioCodes. "We are delighted to be working with XConnect to advance what we at AudioCodes call HD VoIP."

XConnect CEO Eli Katz said: "We are very pleased that AudioCodes has chosen to provide its expertise to help us enrich the benefits of our high-definition voice offering. AudioCodes' transcoding technology complements XConnect's ENUM registry and interconnection services, and we look forward to collaborating in other ways to bring innovation to market."

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About XConnect

The market leader in network peering, XConnect is trusted by IP-based service providers in 20 countries to offer a suite of Interconnect 2.0 services, including carrier ENUM-registry and next-generation multimedia interconnection hub solutions. London-based XConnect offers the most comprehensive and reliable solutions to help service providers deliver rich multimedia IP communications across networks while reducing costs and improving service quality. Backed by Tier 1 venture capital firms, XConnect operates the largest worldwide ENUM-based IP-peering federation, the Global Alliance, and the world's first national VoIP/NGN interconnection federations, in the Netherlands, Korea and South Africa. For more information, please visit www.xconnect.net.

About AudioCodes

AudioCodes Ltd. designs, manufactures and sells advanced Voice over IP and converged VoIP and Data networking products and applications to Service Providers and Enterprises. AudioCodes' products are deployed globally in IP, Mobile, Cable, and Broadband Access networks, as well as small, medium and large Enterprises. The company provides a diverse range of innovative, cost-effective products for converged VoIP and Data networks including Media Gateways, Multi-Service Business Gateways, Enterprise Session Border Controllers (E-SBC), Residential Gateways, IP Phones, Media Servers and Value Added Applications.