

Wavelink Releases SpectraLink's 8000 Series Wi-Fi telephony handsets

SYDNEY, Australia, 26 March 2008 – Wavelink Communications today announced the release of SpectraLink's latest 8000 Series Wi-Fi telephony handsets. The new 8000 Series are the first commercially available, enterprise-grade handsets to support the IEEE 802.11a, b and g radio standards. This allows businesses to choose the most appropriate Wi-Fi implementation for application segmentation, interference mitigation and user density.

Building on SpectraLink's market-leading Wi-Fi telephony platform, the 8000 Series features the industry's longest talk times, a durable, slim form factor and large display screen to provide improved reliability and performance in all types of environments.

The 8000 Series includes two models; the 8020 Wireless telephone provides basic Wi-Fi telephony functionality, while the enhanced 8030 Wireless telephone supports SpectraLink's exclusive integrated push-to-talk (PTT) capabilities enhanced with 24 PTT channels, plus a unique priority channel for emergency broadcast applications.

The handsets are further enhanced by inbuilt support for wireless location capability. This enables enterprise users to determine the location of wireless telephones and employees at any given time. Jonathan Ordman, director of Wavelink Communications, said, "Location capability is critical to any organisation whether it is used to locate a salesperson on a retail floor or a specialist in a medical facility. This functionality also lets users receive and respond to work-flow messaging based on their location, further improving productivity across the wireless enterprise."

The handsets are compatible with the recognised leader in location-enabling enterprise Wi-Fi networks, Ekahau Real Time Location System (RTLS) protocol. "Wavelink anticipates greater uptake of VoWi-Fi (voice over Wi-Fi) in many enterprises due to an increased demand in capacity and flexibility. Weighing in at less than 115 grams (depending on handset model and battery pack), the 8000 Series continues SpectraLink's legacy of designing handsets and accessories to meet the rigours of workplace applications," said Ordman.

Key features and capabilities include:

- A simple user interface with four-way navigation and four softkeys to facilitate access to business telephone features and minimise user training.
- Integrated speakerphone for hands-free and wireless conferencing applications.
- Four-, six- and eight-hour talk-time interchangeable battery packs to support the most demanding enterprise usage requirements, along with desktop and standalone four-position charging options.
- Support for SpectraLink's Open Application Interface (OAI), allowing two-way text messaging support for a wide array of enterprise applications such as customer relationship management (CRM) systems, environmental controls, security and alarm systems, nurse call systems, and database access.
- Compliance with MIL STD 810F standard for shock and vibration and the IP 53 standard for liquid and dust resistance.
- Compatibility with enterprise-grade Wi-Fi networks with interoperability and performance guaranteed through SpectraLink's Voice Interoperability for Enterprise Wireless (VIEW) Certification Program.
- Excellent voice quality on converged Wi-Fi networks utilising SpectraLink Voice Priority (SVP) or Wireless Multimedia (WMM) (depending on Wi-Fi infrastructure support).
- Secure, private conversations using Wi-Fi Protected Access (WPA/WPA2).

About Wavelink

Wavelink Communications (www.wavelink.com.au) specialises in the supply, marketing and support of a range of leading edge digital wireless voice and messaging solutions. Wavelink distributes a range of products from SpectraLink, Blick Communications (UK), KIRK telecom A/S (Denmark) and Globestar (Canada).

About SpectraLink

SpectraLink, now part of Polycom, are the North American leader in workplace wireless telephony. Seamlessly integrating with VoIP and traditional telephony platforms, SpectraLink's scalable technology provides instant access to people and business-critical information. SpectraLink handsets free on-premises employees to be more accessible, productive and responsive.