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Australian VoIP Goes Mobile with launch of KIRK IP Interface to DECT Adjunct Systems

The VoIP revolution took a significant step toward mobility today with the launch of the first IP compatible interface to an adjunct DECT system in Australia. The KIRK 600 and 1500 adjunct systems, will give organisations with VoIP the freedom of wireless voice using DECT (Digital Enhanced Cordless Telecommunications) technology.

Wavelink Communications are the exclusive distributors for KIRK systems in Australia and New Zealand. Jonathan Ordman, Wavelink Communications said, "The new KIRK phones with IP interface will add a whole new dimension in mobility to the VoIP environment, enabling users to move freely around the office while responding to calls carried via an organisation's data network. It's a highly desirable combination of mobility on a cost-effective network."

Developed in partnership with Cisco, the first release of the 600 and 1500 will be fully compatible with the leading IP protocols on the market – The Cisco Skinny Protocol which includes Cisco Call Manager 3.3 and Call Manager Express 3.1 as well as the more generic H.323 system protocol. KIRK will progressively introduce a range of interfaces for other popular IP protocols to cater for the growing VoIP market.

The KIRK System 1500 IP is a modular wireless voice communication system. The 1500 is an add-on system that integrates with most existing and future IP-PABX installations. It consists of a Wireless Mobility Server (the central control unit) installed with the appropriate interface card and a number of base stations, wireless repeaters, and wireless handsets. The system operates under the DECT standard, and is DECT GAP (Generic Access Profile) compliant, allowing interoperability between compliant DECT manufacturer's equipment.

The KIRK System 600 IP is the perfect wireless voice solution for SMEs using a compatible voice enabled network. The system is easy to install and fully interoperable with IP system voice control protocols, making VoIP accessible to smaller organisations.

KIRK wireless systems are future proof. Organisations can purchase a KIRK system with an analogue interface today that can be upgraded to VoIP in the future with the simple addition of an IP interface card and the appropriate software. The KIRK 1500 will facilitate more handsets than before with the ability to support up to 700 wireless IP enabled handsets, compared with 128 for an analogue system. The KIRK 600 can support up to 12 handsets on VoIP.

One of the key benefits of the new phones is the availability of wireless VoIP using DECT technology as opposed to voice over wireless LAN/WiFi. DECT is a dedicated voice transmission protocol which provides unique digital



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voice quality and ensures interoperability between different vendors' equipment. DECT telephony networks support seamless handover for voice calls being made on the move and because DECT doesn't rely on shared radio spectrum with other devices, interference is significantly reduced while security is increased.

KIRK systems will particularly appeal to environments where secure, reliable, cost-effective mobility is becoming increasingly integral to the effectiveness of an organisation such as hospitals, universities and large corporate enterprises with several offices.

Another benefit of the new IP systems is the ability to deliver caller ID information for display on KIRK handsets for all incoming calls, not just calls originating from other KIRK handsets. The KIRK 1500 and 600 systems are complemented by a wide range of handsets designed to suit applications which require robust devices resistant to shock, water and dust. The range includes a duress alarm for staff working in high-risk environments as well as integrated SMS text messaging capability.

Wavelink has been successfully selling KIRK adjunct system in Australia and New Zealand for six years with almost 2,500 systems sold to date.

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NOTES TO EDITORS:

Wavelink Communications has developed extensive thought leadership in the area of VoWLAN and DECT. For a white paper detailing the benefits and issues around these standards, visit: <http://www.wavelink.com.au/downloads.html>

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 is the exclusive Australian distributor for a range of products from Blick Communications (UK), Kirk telecom A/S (Denmark) and DeTeWe AG (Germany).

About KIRK telecom

KIRK telecom A/S is a privately owned Danish company, developing, manufacturing, and marketing wireless communication solutions. KIRK telecom is a well established and leading player on the market for wireless on-site communication solutions based on license free radio standards. Products are sold under the KIRK brand as well as incorporated into OEM solutions. Read more at www.kirktelecom.com

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