HGI findings to encourage progress at Turin Home Energy Management workshop

HGI to share key Home Energy Management information in Italy

24 March 2011. The Home Gateway Initiative (HGI) – the world’s leading member-led organisation devoted to translating broadband service providers’ service plans into published technology requirements – will share its in-home architecture of triple-play services alongside other specific requirements for Home Energy Management (HEM) at a workshop at Telecom Italia laboratories in Turin, Italy, between 30 – 31 March.

HGI has an increasingly influential membership of vendors and operators from around the world, who work together to define requirements for home enablers. Duncan Bees, chief technical officer of HGI, said: “We have now established an in-home architecture for triple-play services and also specifications leading to the home gateway becoming an open application platform. The time has come for us to share our findings with partner technology providers and smart meter and white goods industry representatives.”

HGI has documented, through contributions by its service provider members and cooperation with industry consortia such as Energy@Home and Beywatch a detailed view of the services required by consumers to manage energy usage in the home, together with an initial understanding of architecture elements that support those services.

Mr Bees added: “Our aims for sharing this information are to obtain feedback on HGI service definition, architecture and technical requirements from other organisations working in this field. We are particularly keen to get an update from technology providers so as to evaluate and propose available solutions to interconnecting a home gateway equipped with energy management functions with the smart meter, smart appliances and end devices within the home.”

The Turin HEM workshop, which is additional to the quarterly member organisation’s schedule of meetings, follows the most recent quarterly meeting in Bangkok where HGI members agreed the first outline of the 2011 test plan.

HGI will use the results of the Turin workshop to accelerate the development of its specifications and will provide a summary of the results of the workshop to all attendees. HGI anticipates that it will publish specifications on HEM service support during 2011.

Partners wishing to participate must have reviewed key HGI documents and be prepared to present some of the information pertaining to their type of organisation. Participation in the workshop must be confirmed by 25 March.

For more information about the HGI HEM workshop in Turin please visit www.homegatewayinitiative.org or email contact@homegatewayinitiative.org.

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About the Home Gateway Initiative

The HGI, founded in 2004 by nine telecom operators, is shaping the next generation of internet and voice services. Starting from use-cases and service needs, the HGI sets requirements for Home Gateways, infrastructure devices, and the home network. The HGI now has members from across the globe, representing the entire spectrum of players in the broadband home area.

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