2012 HGI Test Event to Award Compliance-Based Logo to Participants

Vendors to test chipsets and products against service provider requirements

16 October 2012 – HGI, a world-leading organisation shaping the way IP services are delivered to the home, has announced that its 2012 test event will again be hosted by leading international testing and compliance company TRaC Global at its flagship test facility in Hull, UK, between 12 November and 7 December.

TRaC’s team of telecoms engineers will test home gateways for performance, and service supporting packet-handling features. Testing in the key area of a Software Execution Environment is also being extended for 2012 to include JVM (Java Virtual Machine) performance. In total there are over 120 tests specified across eight technical areas.

Hans Werner Bitzer of Deutsche Telekom, and a member of the HGI Board and Management Committee says the test event and associated logo is very important for service providers.

“We are looking forward to another busy test event this year. The 2012 test event logo that companies can earn in the HGI test event will be very meaningful for service provider pre-qualification of home gateways. For 2012, we have expanded the significance of the logo considerably. The individualized logo now shows the areas of testing that any given home gateway has successfully completed. We believe this will be of key value to both service providers and vendors,” he said.

For the first time this year, participating companies will have prior access to the programmes known as test scripts, which will be used to test the equipment. This will allow vendors to prepare more thoroughly for the event.

“The HGI test event has become an important part of our development programme,” said Dr. Dimitar Valchegov, CTO of Prosyst. “It enables us to gain an overall understanding of the current performance of our home gateway solutions against specifications set by service providers. This is invaluable information which helps us to develop market-leading products, particularly for the smart home which is becoming a much bigger aspect of the home gateway requirements.”

Paul Russell, director at TRaC Global, said: “I’m delighted that TRaC has been selected to host the HGI test event for the third consecutive year. The home gateway ecosystem is a key focus for our business and it’s great to be an integral part the next generation of smart home equipment.”

HGI is the world’s leading member-led organisation devoted to translating broadband service providers’ service plans into published technology requirements.

For more information about the HGI test event visit www.homegatewayinitiative.org, email contact@homegatewayinitiative.org or follow @HGIbulletin on twitter.

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About the HGI

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 arena. [http://www.homegatewayinitiative.org/](http://www.homegatewayinitiative.org/)

About TRaC

TRaC Global is a leading provider of testing, consultancy, certification and global approvals services for the communications industry. Based in the UK, it provides a comprehensive worldwide service offering telecoms and radio compliance solutions including testing, and project management services for telecoms, DSL, safety, EMC, radio, approvals, NEBS, CE marking and environmental testing.

TRaC is an active member of a number of industry organisations facilitating global interoperability test events and certification schemes. It currently facilitates the interoperability plugfests for the Small Cell Forum and HomeGrid Forum, as well as running testing and certification programmes for the HomeGrid Forum, Home Gateway Initiative, ZigBee Alliance and Bluetooth SIG.

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