# Mobile industry endorsement for Symbian Foundation grows

## Game changing initiative attracts praise and further supporters

July 10, 2008 – The initial board members of the Symbian Foundation have welcomed continuing support from mobile industry leaders for their plans for the Symbian Foundation and the evolution of Symbian OS™ as the leading, open platform for mobile innovation.

Plans for the Symbian Foundation were announced on June 24, 2008 by the initial board members; AT&T, LG Electronics, Motorola, Nokia, NTT DOCOMO, Samsung Electronics, Sony Ericsson, STMicroelectronics, Texas Instruments and Vodafone, together with Symbian Limited. An additional 11 organizations supported the announcement on that day; today 9 further companies are confirming their endorsement of plans for the Symbian Foundation, including mobile operators 3, América Móvil and TIM, semiconductor manufacturer Marvell plus services and software providers Aplix, EB, EMCC Software, Sasken and TietoEnator.

"We were delighted with the broad support for plans for the Symbian Foundation", said Kai Öistämö, Executive Vice President, Devices at Nokia, on behalf of the initial board members. "We believe that this is a significant move for our industry and are pleased that these additional market leaders agree and are giving their support to the initiative."

"3 is pleased to support the Symbian Foundation and believe this is a significant development in open mobile software platforms", said Frank Meehan, Director and General Manager, 3 Handset Group. "3 has established a leading position in mobile internet with the highly acclaimed x-series suite of services, which has now evolved into an even more open approach to the internet on mobile devices. We believe that this initiative will provide an excellent opportunity to expand the range and quality of services for our customers."

"América Móvil applauds plans for the Symbian Foundation", said Daniel Hajj, CEO of América Móvil. "By offering an open mobile software platform, the Symbian Foundation will drive innovation which will ultimately benefit consumers as well as the mobile industry. This innovation will allow América Móvil to deliver more exciting and compelling experiences for our customers."

"Aplix is excited about the plans for the Symbian Foundation", said Ryu Koriyama, Chairman & CEO of Aplix Corporation. "We intend to join the foundation and are committed to bring our extensive mobile & embedded experience to the Symbian Foundation, enabling faster time to market for device manufacturers using the Symbian Foundation platform with our Java solutions."

"EB is very excited about plans for the Symbian Foundation and the intent to make the platform even more open", said Pertti Korhonen, CEO at EB, Elektrobit Corporation. "We believe that this will benefit consumers as well as the whole mobile industry. The open platform will mean more players and products in the market. This in turn will increase the need for innovation partners and experienced solution providers such as EB."

"EMCC Software welcomes plans for the Symbian Foundation and the move to a royalty-free and ultimately open source platform. This bold move has the potential to transform the whole industry", said Leigh Edwards, CEO of EMCC Software. "This radical move will generate many new products based on the Symbian Foundation platform, attracting new companies as well as driving change for the established players. As a leading Symbian OS, UIQ and S60 Competence Center, with ten years experience, EMCC is ideally qualified to advise and assist companies in the ecosystem with this transformation."

"As a longtime proponent of open source ecosystems, **Marvell** will be pleased to join the Symbian Foundation", said David Young, Vice President and General Manager, Mobile Cellular Business Group at Marvell. "We plan to extend and leverage our significant experience in developing open source systems and work together with other industry leaders in the mobile ecosystem to build the foundation platform. Marvell brings extensive experience in open source technologies that will utilize the high-performance mobile application processors, low-power highly integrated communication processors and the open architecture of Marvell's silicon."

"We welcome this initiative", said Edwin Moses, Senior Vice President, **Sasken**. "Sasken already works with leading handset manufacturers and semiconductor vendors, across different implementations of the Symbian OS, providing IP and professional services. This gives us an intimate understanding of the benefits the Symbian Foundation will offer. We believe it will empower licensees of the Symbian Foundation platform to create more compelling converged devices and better customer experiences, while improving on economics and time to market. We are confident that this initiative will bind the community and enable leading companies like Sasken to serve their customers even better."

"Symbian OS is one of the icons of the mobile eco-system, with an extremely successful track record", said Ari Vanhanen, Executive Vice President and President of Telecom & Media at **TietoEnator**. "Regarding the future, the plans for the Symbian Foundation are a great step forward and I'm personally proud that we will be part of this initiative."

"TIM has been pioneering the adoption of S60 on Symbian OS to deliver exciting experiences to our customers in a consistent and cost-effective way, across multiple devices, reinforcing TIM's position as a leading innovator", said Leopoldo Tranquilli, VP Handset and SIM Development, Value Added Services at TIM. "We're happy to join this outstanding step in the evolution of Symbian OS and we welcome the open and collaborative approach, which we are keen to contribute to, based on our long-standing experience."

Since plans for the Symbian Foundation were announced, more than 150 organizations have registered their interest in joining via the website at <a href="https://www.symbianfoundation.org">www.symbianfoundation.org</a>.

As previously announced, the plans for the establishment of the Symbian Foundation and royalty-free licensing of foundation software are:

- 1) The acquisition of Symbian Limited by Nokia, expected to close in Q4, 2008.
- 2) Software assets are contributed to the foundation, including Symbian OS and S60 by Nokia, UIQ technology by Motorola and Sony Ericsson and MOAP(S) by NTT DOCOMO and Fujitsu.
- 3) This contributed software will be available under a royalty-free license to foundation members from the first day of Symbian Foundation operations, expected 1H 2009.
- 4) The Foundation will work to unify the platform, with the first unified foundation release expected in 2009.
- 5) The foundation will work to make the platform available in open source by June 2010 (two years from the Symbian Foundation announcement)

### Note to Editors:

Further information about the Symbian Foundation is available at www.symbianfoundation.org.

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### **About the Symbian Foundation**

On June 24, 2008, mobile industry leaders announced their intent to create the Symbian Foundation, with membership open to all organizations. At the same time, Nokia announced its offer to acquire Symbian Limited. Following the close of that acquisition, Nokia will contribute Symbian OS and S60 software to the Foundation. Sony Ericsson and Motorola will contribute technology from UIQ and DOCOMO and Fujitsu have indicated their willingness to contribute MOAP(S) assets.

The contributed software will be available for all foundation members under a royalty-free license, from the foundation's first day of operations, expected to be during the first half of 2009, dependent upon the close of the acquisition of Symbian Limited by Nokia, expected in the fourth quarter of 2008. From these contributions, the foundation will then provide a unified platform with a single UI framework. The foundation will make selected components available as open source at launch and then work to establish the most complete mobile software offering available in open source.

The foundation's platform will build on Symbian OS, today's leading open mobile software operating system with more than 200 million mobile phones already shipped by multiple vendors across more than 250 major network operators and with tens of thousands of third-party applications already available for these devices

The foundation software licensing model and governance has been selected to secure transparency, encourage contribution and maintain platform consistency. The foundation will promote collaboration, contributions and active participation and will operate as a meritocracy. Device manufacturers will be eligible for seats based on number of Symbian Foundation platform-based devices shipped, with the other board members selected by election and contribution. Only one seat will be available per organization on the board of directors and each of the councils. An independent committee will oversee the election process for the board of directors and for the councils.

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