

## **Symbian Foundation gains stronger global support**

### **Further endorsements from leading network operator, services and software companies**

Tokyo, Japan, November 20, 2008 – The initial board members of the Symbian Foundation have welcomed the latest supporters of the Symbian Foundation initiative. The interim Steering Group setting up the foundation has been meeting in Tokyo, Japan this week.

"NTT DOCOMO is highly honored to host a meeting of the interim Steering Group members in Japan. Today's news means that 59 companies from around the world are now supporting the foundation's vision of creating the most open platform for mobile devices," said Toshio Miki, Associate Senior Vice President, Managing Director of Communication Device Development Department at NTT DOCOMO on behalf of the initial board members. "We are on track to begin foundation operations during the first half of 2009, delivering the world's most proven and successful open mobile platform, available royalty free for members from the foundation's first day of operations."

"Japan, together with many other countries in this region, will be important markets for the foundation platform," said Lee Williams, nominated Executive Director of the Symbian Foundation. "Today's Symbian OS is already used in more than 150 countries in over 50 languages and the foundation's software will build on that heritage, to be a truly global yet locally relevant open platform. Our plans to make the platform available in open source by June 2010 will further enhance its appeal to developers, solutions providers and network operators in this region and around the world. We are delighted to have such strong support for the foundation from companies here in Japan, including NTT DOCOMO and Sony Ericsson as initial board members, together with Acrodea, Aplix, Brycen, Fujitsu, Fujisoft, HI Corporation and Sharp previously announced, joined today by K3, Renesas and SoftBank Mobile."

Today's announcement includes support for the Symbian Foundation plans from 7 more companies; Borqs, Comarch, HiQ, Kanrikougaku Kenkyusho Ltd. (K3), L&T Infotech, Renesas Technology Corp. and SoftBank Mobile Corp. who add their endorsements to the 52 other companies already announced.

"**Borqs** believes that there is a strong market demand for a truly open software platform for smartphones, so we are excited by the plans to establish the Symbian Foundation," said Pat Chan, CEO of Borqs. "Borqs looks forward to joining the Symbian Foundation to play a role in creating a stronger value proposition for the industry by developing applications and middleware for the Symbian Foundation platform."

"**Comarch** shares the vision of creating an open and compelling mobile software platform and we are proud to support plans for the Symbian Foundation," said Pawel Bieryt, EVP, Telecommunications Business Group at Comarch. "For Comarch, as for the foundation, innovation extends beyond R&D into solutions and services that enable a new era of digital life for consumers. Comarch will continue to ensure professional development and world class systems and applications for our customers, built on the Symbian Foundation platform. We believe that the foundation will create a 21st century ecosystem of stakeholders and users, providing increasing business opportunities for all."

"**K3** is excited by the announcement of plans for the Symbian Foundation and to make the foundation's software platform available in open source," said Naoki Kanetani, Mobile Division Manager of Kanrikougaku Kenkyusho Ltd. (K3). "We have been involved with the Symbian OS since the beginning, specializing in language internationalization and localization, together with UI and middleware development. K3 is committed to playing a strong role in the foundation ecosystem, working closely with operators, handset makers and foundation members to provide mobile solutions, training services and technology publications for the Japanese market, together with new applications implemented on our Japanese Language Input System (Matsutake for S60 and +J for S60)".

"**HiQ** welcomes the initiative to form the Symbian Foundation and we are excited by the opportunity to participate in bringing the platform to the next level in the dynamic and evolving mobile industry," said Lars Stugemo, President and CEO of HiQ International AB. "Based on today's leading open mobile OS, we believe the foundation platform will benefit further from the open source community input. This combined with the strong industry support from Symbian Foundation members will allow the industry to bring exciting solutions to mobile end-users. We intend to join the foundation, continuing to use our expertise to help clients with their mobile evolution and look forward to contributing to the new unified era of the Symbian Foundation platform."

"**L&T Infotech** supports plans for the Symbian Foundation as a positive step which will drive product innovation and provide a superior user experience," said Koti Narasimham, Executive Vice President, Larsen & Toubro Infotech Ltd. "We have been actively involved with the Symbian OS since the earliest smartphones, and we have been providing a range of embedded engineering, application design and development, customization and testing services to leading ODMs, chipset manufacturers and operators. With rich experience in S60 and UIQ, we look forward to utilizing our unique engineering and project management expertise to develop contemporary and next generation applications for our clients built on the Symbian Foundation platform."

"**Renesas** is very enthusiastic about the plans to create the Symbian Foundation. The concept behind it is convincing and we are sure that many developers will be attracted to support this platform," said Hideaki Chaki, General Manager in the System Solution Business Group at Renesas Technology Corp. "This will mean that more features will be available in a shorter timeframe. From this perspective, users, manufacturers and suppliers will benefit a lot from the planned Symbian Foundation. We are looking forward working closely with the Symbian Foundation and its members in the future."

"**SoftBank Mobile** welcomes plans for the Symbian Foundation," said Masanobu Yoshida, Senior Vice President, SoftBank Mobile Corp. "We believe its activities will establish a leading open platform for mobile. Participating in the work of the Symbian Foundation and adopting the platform will enable us to concentrate resources to deliver more appealing devices more quickly to a worldwide market. We are convinced that this mobile platform will accelerate innovation in the mobile industry and increase customer satisfaction."

Since plans for the Symbian Foundation were announced, hundreds of organizations have registered their interest in joining the foundation via the website at [www.symbianfoundation.org](http://www.symbianfoundation.org).

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, subject to regulatory approvals and customary closing conditions.
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)

**Notes for editors:**

Further information about the Symbian Foundation is available at [www.symbianfoundation.org](http://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 225 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.

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