



France Telecom selects Esmertec as technology partner for its embedded Java platforms

France Telecom and Esmertec will co-develop and market Java software solutions for home multimedia terminals

Paris, France and Duebendorf-Zurich, Switzerland – September 23, 2004 – France Telecom (www.francetelecom.com), one of the world's leading telecommunications operators, and Esmertec™ (www.esmertec.com), a leading provider of software solutions for mobile phones and embedded devices, have signed an agreement to co-develop embedded Java™ software solutions providing open and consistent multimedia services for connected home terminals.

As domestic broadband reaches the mass-market, it is expected that a growing number of connected devices will be required to provide a variety of communication and multimedia services in the home environment such as video communication, multimedia messaging as well as entertainment and "infotainment". Domestic equipment will increasingly leverage open software platforms to deliver rich multimedia experiences to consumers. Esmertec's Jbed™ CLDC and CDC solutions will be used by France Telecom to power these devices with its high performance Java runtime capabilities.

"Esmertec is our chosen technology partner due to its excellent Java technology and experience in high-performance embedded software which fits well with our requirements," said Christophe Dion, France Telecom Research and Development. "In addition, their well established and experienced customer organization convinced us that Esmertec can be a privileged partner to market our joint solutions."

"This agreement with France Telecom demonstrates the relevance of Esmertec's device software for the needs of the growing home multimedia markets," said Anne-Marie Larkin, CTO of Esmertec. "We believe that this breakthrough solution will contribute to accelerate consumer adoption of innovative home multimedia communication and content services. We are excited with the opportunity to achieve first-to-market solutions with France Telecom."

The implementation of this technology solution on Home Multimedia Terminals began in the third quarter of 2004.

About Esmertec

Esmertec is a leading provider of software solutions and technologies for mobile phones, PDAs and embedded devices in telecommunication, home multimedia, machine-to-machine, consumer electronics and industrial automation markets. Esmertec's wireless Java (J2ME™) products and object-oriented platforms deliver high-performance computing on devices with minimal memory to chipset and embedded device manufacturers, service operators and application developers. Founded in 1999, Esmertec is a global company headquartered in Zurich, with engineering, sales and customer support operations in Switzerland, France, Denmark, the UK, the USA, China, Hong Kong, Korea, Japan, Taiwan and Singapore.

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