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Jukka Klemettila, current Chairperson of OBSAI, comments, 'The founding members of OBSAI recognised the need for open internal specifications, covering the entire base station architecture, when the initiative was first conceptualised and launched last year. Since then the membership base has grown considerably and now includes over 40 companies from all sectors of the industry, comprising: base station vendors, module vendors and component vendors. Recent new members include, Alcatel and Panasonic. In addition, work has progressed so well that the first interface specifications are available now, for members of OBSAI to use.'

Mr Klemettila continues, 'CPRI appears to be aiming to achieve open specifications that will contribute to a more cost efficient approach to the ever-escalating costs of research and development (R&D) and production. Since this work may complement the work of OBSAI, we welcome the opportunity to seek mutual benefits.'

The Open Base Station Architecture Initiative is open to all base station, module and component supplier companies in the telecommunications industry.

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About the Open Base Station Architecture Initiative:

The Open Base Station Architecture Initiative was formed in September 2002. It comprises 42 leading telecommunication companies, such as Adlink, Alcatel, Altera, Andrew, APC, Benetel, Capitel, Efore, Elektrobit, Elvior, Filtronic, Force Computers, Forem, Hyundai, IC4IC, IDT, Intel, Lattice, LG Electronics, Marconi, Mindspeed, Molex, Morphics, Motorola Semiconductors, National Semiconductor, Nokia, Panasonic, Picochip, PMC Sierra, Powerwave, Radical Horizon, Radio Frequency Systems (RFS) RadiSys, Remec, Samsung, Sanmina SCI, STMicroelectronics, Temex, TeraCross, Texas Instruments and ZTE. OBSAI aims to establish open specifications for 3 main base station internal interfaces to future Base Station development. Further Information from: www.obsai.org