

Intec and Ericsson China sign strategic billing agreement

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April 8, 2004: London - Intec Telecom Systems, a global provider of Operations Support Systems (OSS) for fixed, wireless and IP/next generation networks, and telecoms giant Ericsson China are pleased to announce they have signed a billing software agreement with China Unicom, the second largest wireless communications provider in the country. Under the terms of the contract Intec will supply China Unicom with InterconnectT, a billing solution which will simplify the company's settlements operations among its growing number of fixed and wireless partners. Ericsson China will be responsible for the implementation and support of Intec's system and will provide China Unicom with maintenance services and development to support new network elements and products offerings.

"China Unicom selected InterconnectT as its product of choice as a result of Ericsson's excellent long term relationship with the customer as well as our reputation and competence in the field," explains Li Xiaofeng from Ericsson China. "Unicom already has three international transit switches from Ericsson, and it made sense to stick with us and our suppliers when it came to selecting a billing solution for its network operations. From a product point of view InterconnectT Settler, a product initially developed by Ericsson and now owned by Intec, was chosen above its competitors for a number of reasons, notably its proven performance in managing traffic resources more effectively and producing cost-effective and accurate interconnect rating. It also promised to provide China Unicom with improved management capabilities for inter-connect rating, billing and strategizing, thereby helping to increase over revenue."

In order to take advantage of the rapidly expanding Chinese market for fixed, wireless, and Internet services China Unicom required a billing solution that could manage intercarrier billing for a wide range of services. Intec's flexible billing platform will provide the company with the capability to launch new products and services, support multiple pricing plans, and integrate seamlessly with existing business systems.

"Our contact with China Unicom brings another valuable customer to us in Asia with great potential for future growth," said Aaron Low, Intec's regional manager. "Together with Ericsson Intec will work closely with the company to ensure it has all the necessary billing support to manage the intercarrier partnerships that come with launching new services."

InterconnectT offers China Unicom the ability to adapt to a changing interconnect market by handling all types of rating schemes across different networks. The solution simplifies billing and reconciliation as well as reduces costs and increases interconnect revenue. This is achieved with the help of many advanced features, including sophisticated discounting, optimised routing, and automated reconciliation.

"We are delighted that Intec is able to provide the capabilities for China Unicom to support all the aspects of its interconnection activities," said John Rocca, Intec's Director in Asia-Pacific.

"With InterconnectT, China Unicom will be able to accurately charge other inter-exchange and local exchange fixed and mobile carriers for using its facilities and to automatically reconcile its own invoices with their incoming bills. The solution will also provide superior scalability to deal with China Unicom's growing volume of calls while minimising operational overhead in settling with other

carriers.”

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About China Unicom

China Unicom Limited is an integrated telecommunications operator in China, offering a wide range of telecommunications services, including cellular, international and domestic long-distance, data, Internet and paging services. The controlling shareholder, Unicom Group, has the exclusive license to offer code division multiple access (CDMA) cellular services in China. It has constructed CDMA networks nationwide. It completed construction of the initial phase of its CDMA network at the end of 2001. The Company, including Unicom New Century, has leased capacity on the network and operates the CDMA network in the cellular service areas. For more information visit the website at <http://www.chinaunicom.com.hk>

About Intec Telecom Systems

Intec Telecom Systems is an award-winning worldwide Operations Support Systems (“OSS”) vendor for fixed, mobile and next-generation networks (ie. WLAN, 3G and IP), with more than 560 installations of its products worldwide. Founded in 1997, Intec was listed on the London Stock Exchange (Code: ITL.L) in June 2000. Intec is the market leader in intercarrier billing systems and convergent mediation software, and a winner of the 2003 Global Billing Award – Best Overall Contribution, and Telestrategies ‘2003 Mediation Excellence Award’.

Intec’s portfolio includes:

- Inter-mediatiE™ - convergent mediation solution
- InterconnectT™ - intercarrier billing including US CABS and ITU
- Inter-activatE™ - flow-through provisioning and activation
- Intec CPM™ - end-to-end content partner management
- Intec DCP™ (Dynamic Charging Platform) – a real-time pre/post-paid charging interface between the network and the back office

Intec’s customer base includes, among others, BellSouth, BellSouth Peru, Brazil Telecom, Cable & Wireless, Cesky Telecom (Czech Republic), China Unicom, COLT Telecommunications, EBT (Taiwan), Eircom (Ireland), France Telecom, Hutchison 3G, Maxis (Malaysia), Singtel Optus (Australia), Orange, Telecom Argentina, Telecom Egypt, Telecom Italia, Tiscali, TPSA (Poland), Swisscom, T-Mobile International, Telia (Sweden), Telefonica, Telkom South Africa, Telstra, US Cellular, Westel (Hungary), Vodafone, VimpelCom (Russia), Vivo (Brasil) and Verizon. For more information on Intec Telecom Systems, visit the website at <http://www.intec-telecom-systems.com>