

# Nortel Networks Becomes Associate Member of GSM Association

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SANTIAGO, Chile - Nortel Networks\* [NYSE/TSE: NT], a leading supplier of GSM\* (Global System for Mobile Communications) network solutions, joined the GSM Association as an Associate Member during the GSM Association's 43rd Plenary meeting April 26-28 in Santiago, Chile.

As an Associate Member, Nortel Networks gains the opportunity to work even closer with second and third generation wireless network operators in Association working groups, task force committees and other forums. These key groups discuss many of today's critical issues, including 3G evolutionary issues.

The GSM Association is the premier global body behind the world's leading wireless communications system. It is responsible for the development, deployment and evolution of the GSM system for digital wireless communications and for the promotion of the GSM platform.

"The Association announced last year the launch of a new Associate Membership category for manufacturers and suppliers with the rationale to further consolidate industry wide partnerships," said Robert Conway, chief executive officer, GSM Association. "We are pleased to welcome Nortel Networks as an Associate Member of the world's leading wireless industry representative body. It is this form of relationship, and our involvement in key industry forums, that ensures that the successful growth of GSM continues."

"Nortel Networks has a long-term commitment to the development of the GSM system," said Lloyd Carney, president, Wireless Internet, Nortel Networks. "Associate Membership in the GSM Association provides us with the opportunity to work even closer with our customers to make the Wireless Internet a commercial success. We will be able to continue shaping the future of GSM, address key industry issues, better understand the needs of our customers, and create leadership and direction for the GSM industry."

Nortel Networks also intends to participate in the GSM Association-led Global Roaming Forum, a precedent-setting industry initiative that is developing seamless

inter-standard roaming between GSM network operators and operators of other wireless standards.

The GSM Association represents the interests of more than 440 second and third generation operators, Satellite operators, key manufacturers and suppliers to the GSM industry and regulators and administrative bodies from 148 countries/ areas of the world. Membership spans Western, Eastern and Central Europe, India and the Asia-Pacific regions, the Middle East and Africa, North and South America. The Association's members provide digital GSM services to more than 290 million (mid-April 2000) customers worldwide. The world's leading digital standard now accounts for 65 percent of the total digital wireless market. Visit the GSM Association's website at [www.gsmworld.com](http://www.gsmworld.com).

Nortel Networks is a global leader in telephony, data, eBusiness, and wireless solutions for the Internet. The Company had 1999 U.S. GAAP revenues of US\$21.3 billion and serves carrier, service provider and enterprise customers globally. Today, Nortel Networks is creating a high-performance Internet that is more reliable and faster than ever before. It is redefining the economics and quality of networking and the Internet through Unified Networks\* that promise a new era of collaboration, communications and commerce. Visit us at <http://www.nortelnetworks.com>

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