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## **Support for the Symbian Foundation gains momentum on the road to Mobile World Congress**

### **Burgeoning community committed to creating unparalleled open mobile software platform**

London, UK - Ahead of the 2009 Mobile World Congress in Barcelona, Spain, the Symbian Foundation's development continues apace. The organisation's leadership team is in place and is engaging with its rapidly growing ecosystem of developers, hardware manufacturers and other partners. The foundation has also ramped up its recruitment drive.

Joined by many of our existing partners, the Symbian Foundation will be on stand 8A77 in the Fira Hall 8 from February 16-19. We will participate at various MWC activities throughout the show, including the Mobile Application Developer Garage and WIP Jam: Day for Developers, and Lee Williams will deliver his view of open source in mobile (details below). We invite you to come and join us.

"We're in a unique position to continue the rapid growth of the most competitive open software platform. Every single member of our community has a chance to influence the way we evolve and develop our offering," said Lee Williams, Executive Director, Symbian Foundation. "The foundation will provide, manage and unify the platform but it's the community which will make it great."

"We already have fantastic support from across the industry and Mobile World Congress will provide an excellent forum to meet and share ideas, perspectives and insight with both new and existing supporters, with the ultimate aim of benefiting our community members."

Seventy-eight industry partners have now pledged their support in making this vision reality; Atelier, Bank of America, Gemalto, HP, Imagination Technologies, Mobica, MySpace, Nanoradio, OMRON SOFTWARE, Qualcomm, SanDisk, SESCA, SiRF Technology and VirtualLogix all add their endorsements to the other companies already announced.

"**Atelier** is very excited about the Symbian Foundation initiative," said Pascale EDOM, CEO of Atelier. "From a pioneer in the use of Symbian OS we have become a leading independent vendor in telephony integration. We believe that the Symbian Foundation with its open platform will attract more players and will generate many innovative new products. Atelier intends to join the foundation and support our customers and the foundation's members as its platform evolves."

"The Symbian Foundation's platform will allow us to further enhance the mobile banking experience for our customers," said Douglas Brown, SVP, mobile product development at Bank of America. "The Symbian Foundation's commitment to choice and open industry standards will ensure Bank of America's ability to offer more value added services to our industry leading 2 million active mobile banking user base."

"**Gemalto** welcomes this initiative for the Symbian Foundation. This key move will create an environment that accelerates innovation and increases customer experience", said Michel Canitrot, Senior Vice President UpTeq Advanced New Telecom Offers at Gemalto. "Gemalto is proud to bring to the table SIM related software components that speed up adoption of new technologies by the whole ecosystem. This new generation of SIM cards and software will be instrumental in the development of applications such as handset customization, the portability of personal settings, local browsing and contactless technology. It will enable the developer community, building on Symbian security solutions, to make personal digital interactions more convenient, safe and enjoyable."

"**HP** is very excited that the market leading mobile operating system, Symbian, will be moving to open source. This is a bold move that can change the industry and HP looks forward to participating," said Paul Yang, VP of HP Mobility Solutions Group. "HP already supports many Symbian OS-based devices with our popular Mobile Device Management products for OEMs and Network Operators and will continue to enhance its products for the Symbian Foundation platform in future."

"**Imagination Technologies** fully supports the plans for the Symbian Foundation as a highly significant industry initiative for accelerating the creation of robust, multimedia feature-rich mobile phones and related products," said Tony King-Smith, VP Marketing for Imagination Technologies. "Mobile phone manufacturers adopting Symbian OS have been among the most enthusiastic adopters of our POWERVR graphics and video technologies. With our industry-leading experience in graphics, video and composition, which is unrivalled in the mobile market; coupled with our extensive work in open standards such as Khronos' OpenGL ES2.0 and OpenVG APIs, we believe Imagination will become a key player in the Symbian Foundation ecosystem."

"**Mobica** welcomes plans for the Symbian Foundation and the drive towards the creation of an open source platform", said Jon Clayton, CEO of Mobica. "We believe that this move will significantly increase the number of parties in the community supporting the Symbian Foundation platform, accelerating the creation of innovative and compelling applications and services for consumers. As a leading provider of world-class mobile professional services to key members of the Symbian OS ecosystem today, we look forward to continuing our work with Symbian Foundation members and share the vision of an open platform available to all."

"**MySpace** is dedicated to supporting open standards and platforms and we embrace plans for the Symbian Foundation," said John Faith, vice president and general manager of Mobile for MySpace. "Mobile is a central element of the MySpace business strategy and we believe an open platform will allow developers, OEMs, and wireless carriers to create compelling and innovative services that can leverage the rich social functionality and content of MySpace."

"As a market leader in mobile WiFi solutions, providing the most competitive solutions in terms of smallest foot print and lowest current consumption, Nanoradio AB welcomes the Symbian Foundation initiative," says Tord Wingren, President and CEO of Nanoradio AB. "We are convinced that open software is the way forward for feature-rich mobile phones and that embedded WiFi will play a vital role in such devices, built on the Symbian Foundation platform. We are committed to working with the Symbian Foundation and its members to continue providing state of the art, low power WiFi/Connectivity solutions for the benefit of consumers and Fixed-Mobile Convergence operators, thus enabling longer sessions WiFi usage thru our "Always On WiFi" TM technology."

"**OMRON SOFTWARE's** history with Symbian OS began when we became a Symbian Competence Center in Asia when we launched and provided engineering services such as text inputting software, image recognition software, localization service, UI designing, OS porting," said Hideto Matsushita, General Manager, Mobile Solution Business Division,OMRON SOFTWARE. "We fully expect that the Symbian Foundation initiative will provide the community with the latest technology and consistent performance, and that Omron's customers, in turn will benefit from the increased innovation, usability, design features. We look forward to contributing to the progress of the Symbian Foundation."

"Open platforms will help spur innovation and creativity within the mobile industry, and Qualcomm is very excited by the plans for the Symbian Foundation," said Alex Katouzian, vice president of product management for Qualcomm CDMA Technologies. "As the world's largest provider of wireless chipset technology, Qualcomm intends to seek membership in the foundation and work with its members to continue to deliver innovative wireless solutions."

"**SanDisk** endorses the Symbian Foundation plans and looks forward to cooperating with its members in the future. Standardization of the Symbian Foundation platform can help drive innovation and enable a faster adoption of new applications" said Mr. Amir Lehr, Senior Director of BD and Marketing at SanDisk. "SanDisk, the inventor and a world leading supplier of embedded and removable flash storage devices, believes that the Symbian Foundation platform can further drive high capacity storage adoption as a basis for mobile multimedia experience. SanDisk will work with Symbian Foundation members to optimize system behavior and user experience for future mobile devices."

"**SESCA** welcomes plans to establish the Symbian Foundation and looks forward to the software platform being available in open source, which SESCO believes will reduce the risk of further fragmentation," said Rauno Vänni, Director Mobile Devices Software at SESCO. "As a world-class specialist in customized software development and solution services, SESCO has been involved with S60 on Symbian OS mobile device development for ten years. We expect to quickly leverage our expertise in development, integration and verification, built from working with the leading companies in the industry, for the benefit of the foundation's members and their customers."

"**SiRF Technology**, Inc., a leader in GPS enabled location-aware solutions, welcomes the efforts to establish the Symbian Foundation and is pleased to join the other companies that share confidence in this initiative," said Kanwar Chadha, SiRF founder and vice president of Marketing. "SiRF enthusiastically endorses the vision of open source mobile platform operating systems that will encourage innovation in the dynamic and constantly changing mobile marketplace."

**VirtualLogix** is a strong supporter of the Symbian Foundation's plans to expand Symbian Foundation platform reach by opening it up and making it widely available to a larger developer community," said Michel Gien, EVP Corporate Strategy, VirtualLogix. "We expect our VLX virtualization software to bring enhanced performance, power consumption, security and manageability to the Symbian Foundation ecosystem including semiconductor vendors, mobile device manufacturers, operators and users. VLX combined with the Symbian Foundation platform will accelerate the development of devices based on the foundation platform."

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, completed as planned in Q4, 2008.
2. Software assets are contributed to the foundation, including Symbian OS(TM) 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 that Symbian Foundation assets are made available, 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)

#### **Symbian Foundation in 2009 Mobile World Congress program:**

Symbian Foundation will host a Mobile World Congress stand at **Fira Hall 8, 8A77** during February 16-19, 2009. In addition to the stand presence with demos, Symbian Foundation will be part of the event program as follows:

#### **Monday 16th February**

##### **10.00 - 17.00: Mobile Application Developer Garage**

Organised by the GSMA, Hall 5, Auditorium 3

The Symbian Foundation is hosting a Garage demo pod showcasing the latest developer tools and Erik Jacobson is speaking on behalf of the foundation on the panel, 'The future of application development'. The Garage is new to Mobile World Congress and targeted entirely at developers.

#### **Wednesday 18th February**

##### **14.00 - 17.30: Mobilising Open Source**

Hall 5, Auditorium 3

Lee Williams, Executive Director of the Symbian Foundation, is speaking during this part of the conference program and will deliver his view of open source in mobile.

#### **Thursday 19th February**

##### **10.00 - 17.00 WIP Jam: Day for Developers**

Hall 2, Sala (Room) D, Fira (floor between exhibit floors 1 & 2)

The Symbian Foundation is sponsoring this day dedicated to mobile developers and will be leading and participating in several discussion topics.

**Notes for editors:**

Further information about the Symbian Foundation is available at [www.symbianfoundation.org](http://www.symbianfoundation.org) and [www.symbianfoundation.wordpress.com](http://www.symbianfoundation.wordpress.com)

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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.

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. 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 250 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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**About Nokia**

Nokia is the world leader in mobility, driving the transformation and growth of the converging Internet and communications industries. We make a wide range of mobile devices with services and software that enable people to experience music, navigation, video, television, imaging, games, business mobility and more. Developing and growing our offering of consumer Internet services, as well as our enterprise solutions and software, is a key area of focus. We also provide equipment, solutions and services for communications networks through Nokia Siemens Networks.

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