



ICERA CLEAR LEADER FOR PERFORMANCE AND HIGH SPEED DATA IN INDEPENDENT MOBILE BROADBAND TESTS

Bristol, UK 11 February 2009: Icera Inc., the wireless soft modem company, today announced that its Espresso® soft modem platform, based on its Livanto® chipset, is the clear performance leader according to an independent assessment of HSPA devices and chipsets. The Icera solution outperformed the incumbent market leader Qualcomm, coming top overall and leading the field in ten out of twelve of the most challenging, but realistic, network scenarios.

The benchmark tests, published on February 9, 2009 and conducted by Signals Research Group LLC, a widely recognized wireless industry research consultancy, in conjunction with Spirent Communications who provided the automated test equipment and engineering support, identified clear performance advantages with the Icera solution. Highest performance translates directly to an improved user experience for cellular operators' customers using mobile data devices on live networks based on Icera technology.

The report emphasized the wide variation in data performance across HSPA chipsets, with performance differences of over 30% between Icera's solution and the worst performing chipset. Higher data throughput in a range of network conditions across the cell is particularly important for mobile broadband devices, a fast growing market on which Icera is heavily focused.

Steve Allpress, CTO of Icera, said: "To come out the clear performance leader in such well respected, objective benchmark tests proves our soft modem technology offers a differentiated advantage to both operators and mobile broadband device manufacturers. We will continue to ratchet up the performance of our soft modem solution and, as we roll out next generation solutions for higher category HSPA, HSPA+ and LTE and achieve a faster time to innovation, will ensure we maintain this performance lead in the future.'

The report focused on Category 8 HSDPA (7.2Mbps peak rate downlink) and Category 5 HSUPA (2.0Mbps peak rate uplink). Icera outperformed Qualcomm and four other category 8 HSDPA chipset suppliers.

Icera's solutions currently support Category 9 HSDPA (10.2Mbps) and Category 6 HSUPA (5.7Mbps) with a firmware upgrade to 14Mbps available later in 2009.

The full report is available from Signals Research Group LLC at www.signalsresearch.com.

About Icera

Icera is a fabless semiconductor company, pioneering high performance, low power, soft modem chipsets for the fast growing mobile broadband device market. Icera technology delivers the highest performance modem solutions for USB dongles, datacards, laptops, mobile internet devices and smartphones. Founded in 2002, Icera is headquartered in the UK, with design locations in the UK, France and North America, with customer engineering and sales offices in Europe, Asia and the USA. For more information, visit the Icera web site at www.icerasemi.com.

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