



FURTHER PROMOTING SIM TECHNOLOGY - SIMALLIANCE APPROACHES ETSI FOR MEMBERSHIP

(London 16 September, 2000) SIMalliance has reinforced its commitment to **S@T specifications** and initiatives which maximize the **benefits** and **interoperability** of SIM Toolkit technology by approaching ETSI for membership.

SIMalliance members, already long-standing members of ETSI (European Telecommunications Standards Institute), are seeking membership as an alliance to further promote within the industry medium and long-term issues such as interoperability, PKI, GPRS and bearer independent protocol.

The alliance has already taken the first step towards membership by presenting **S@T** (SIMalliance Toolbox) specifications to an ETSI working group on STK interpreter.

S@T success

Released in July 2000, **S@T** specifications (the first specifications to be launched by the SIMalliance) have been downloaded by more than **400 organisations** - including operators, IT companies and software providers. **S@T** enables GSM operators to offer mobile Internet services to all phase 2+ phone users now, bringing the market one step closer to full-scale access to WAP services

S@T specifications are available on the **SIMalliance web site:**
www.simalliance.org

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About SIMalliance

SIMalliance is a non-profit company established under UK law. The initiative, set up by Gemplus, Giesecke & Devrient, ORGA and Schlumberger, has recently welcomed Oberthur Card Systems as a new member and is currently handling membership proposals from another 50 interested parties. SIMalliance also welcomes proposals for partnerships and the participation of operators, companies and organisations able to actively contribute to the achievement of the SIMalliance's objectives.

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