

NDS AND SES AMERICOM TEAM UP TO OFFER SECURE IPTV SOLUTIONS FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Agreement means that telecommunications companies (Telcos) can provide their customers with secure, premium television services.
- NDS to provide Synamedia™ IPTV software that includes NDS VideoGuard® secure content protection.
- NDS technology part of a bundled offering; no integration required by Telcos.

Costa Mesa, CA and London, UK – March 20, 2006 – NDS, the leading provider of technology solutions for digital pay-TV, announced an agreement today with SES AMERICOM, a leading satellite operator and services provider in North America, to support their IP-PRIME™ IPTV distribution solution with NDS Synamedia™. Synamedia is a secure IP solution for two-way IPTV network operators. IP-PRIME is a centralized, satellite-delivered IP television delivery system that permits Telcos to bundle traditional standard and HD programming on a single line with their voice and Internet services.

The new offering enables telecommunications companies to offer secure, premium TV services to their customers. SES AMERICOM will deliver up to 300 channels encoded into MPEG-4/H.264 via their IP-PRIME platform, offering Telcos a more efficient and robust transmission path.

The Synamedia solution, integrated with NDS VideoGuard content protection and digital rights management, will offer SES AMERICOM a secure platform for the delivery of multi-channel pay-TV and video on demand (VOD) services to customers using a broadband IP connection. Based on the proven NDS VideoGuard conditional access solution, NDS Synamedia protects content at all stages of delivery—from the broadband access point through the last mile to the IP consumer device, such as a set-top box or digital video recorder (DVR). Once content is received inside the home, VideoGuard protects the valuable digital content from piracy, whether it is stored locally or routed through a home network.

The solution for SES AMERICOM features VGS, a secure headend-based content protection solution from NDS. The hardware-based solution does not require a smart card in the consumer device. The decryption capability is embedded within the device's standard video processor chip, which communicates securely with the NDS VGS network servers. NDS has worked closely with major chipset manufacturers to develop these secure video processors that can communicate with secure headend servers, providing strong content protection over two-way networks.

The new technical approach used in the VGS content protection solution is stronger than software-based and hardware-assisted solutions, because the content is decrypted entirely within the secure processing blocks in the processor.

Using NDS VGS technology, two-way networks provide a number of benefits, including safe network environment for authorizations, simplified upgrades to the system for

enhanced functionality and security, and reduced set-top box costs. There is no security information stored in the set-top when it is switched off.

SES AMERICOM's IP-PRIME platform offers two delivery solutions; one path delivers the secure video content to the Telcos for their distribution to consumers. Alternately, the IP-PRIME content can be passed through directly to subscriber homes via secured set-top boxes. The NDS solution is integrated into both IP-PRIME options.

"SES AMERICOM has earned the trust of leading programmers in cable and broadcast, who are now entering the new world of IPTV aboard our reliable, secure distribution platforms," said Alan Young, chief technology officer for SES AMERICOM. "NDS is a recognized system security provider, enabling us to deliver a protected vital link in the long anticipated triple play for Telcos and markets beyond."

"Telecommunications companies have shown great interest in the delivery of television services to the home, and we are very happy to work with SES AMERICOM to help bring the IP-PRIME solution to Telcos of all sizes," said Dr. Dov Rubin, NDS Group vice president and general manager, NDS Americas. "Security is of primary concern to protect their revenues and to enable them to deliver high value content. This integrated solution provides a turnkey approach for the telecommunications providers, bringing television services to their subscribers – quickly, easily, and securely."

About NDS

NDS Group plc (NASDAQ/ Euronext Brussels: NNDS), a News Corporation company, is a leading supplier of open end-to-end digital pay TV solutions for the secure delivery of entertainment and information to television set-top boxes and IP devices. See www.nds.com for more information about NDS.

About SES AMERICOM

SES AMERICOM, an SES GLOBAL company (Euronext Paris and Luxembourg stock exchanges: SESG), is the largest supplier of satellite services in the U.S. and a recognized pioneer of global satellite communications services. Celebrating its 30th anniversary of the launch of its first satellite, the company today operates a fleet of 18 spacecraft in orbital positions predominantly providing service throughout the Americas. As a member of the SES GLOBAL family, SES AMERICOM is able to provide end-to-end telecommunications solutions to any region of the world via a fleet of 40 satellites. In addition, AMERICOM Government Services, a wholly-owned subsidiary, is dedicated to providing satellite-based communications solutions to both civilian and defense agencies of the U.S. government. With its combined operations, SES AMERICOM serves broadcasters, cable programmers, aeronautical and maritime communications integrators, Internet service providers, mobile communications networks, government agencies, educational institutions, carriers and secure global data networks with efficient communication and content distribution solutions.

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