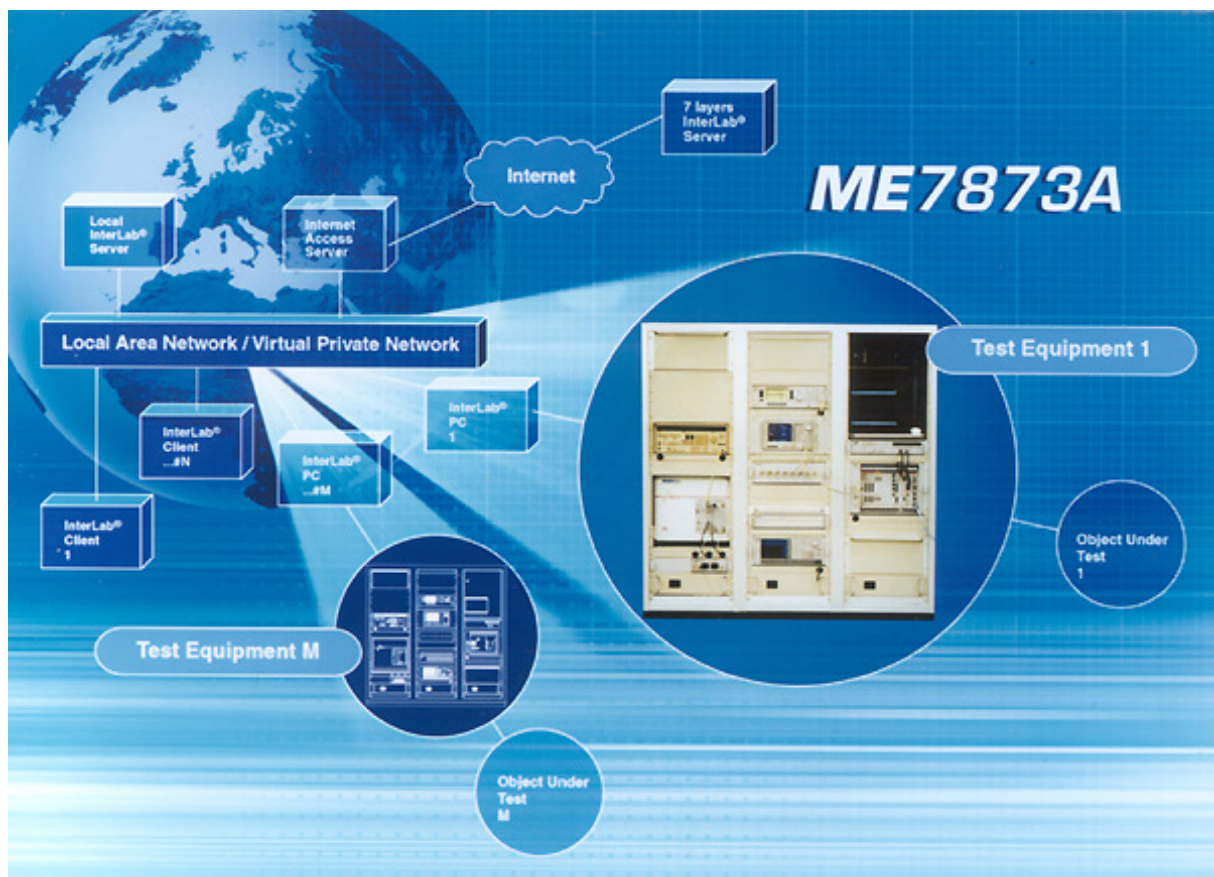


Anritsu Corporation and 7 layers AG announce 3G collaboration

Anritsu Corporation and 7 layers AG in Germany have announced that they will collaborate in the area of RF conformance testing for 3GPP W-CDMA.

7 layers will develop a suite of tools to work with the Anritsu ME7873A W-CDMA test system, which will simplify and speed up the testing of 3G User Equipment. The ME7873A test system is designed to automatically test transmitter characteristics, receiver characteristics and performance characteristics according to 3GPP TS 34.121 Chapters 5, 6 and 7 respectively. The system is targeted at R&D and conformance testing applications and is complementary to the recently introduced ME7852A Protocol Test System. These two systems combined together with other planned enhancements form the basis of a full conformance test system. The tools from 7 layers are components of its newly established InterLab® system. InterLab® gives everybody involved in the test project continuous access to all essential data and information necessary for professional testing and controls the complete test project from creation of the test plan to the actual testing to automatic test report generation. The test plan takes into account world wide qualification as well as R&TTE UMTS requirements.



In addition, 7 layers will independently verify the RF performance of the test system and its test cases against the 3GPP core and test specifications at its laboratory in Ratingen

Germany. 7 layers has already successfully done this for other mobile standards, including GSM, HSCSD, GPRS and Bluetooth, and is now providing the same services for 3G.

"Anritsu recognises the experience and understanding that 7layers has acquired in new wireless communication technologies and all related testing requirements. This collaboration agreement further demonstrates and strengthens Anritsu's commitment to be a leader in 3G testing," said Steve Turner, European strategic marketing manager at Anritsu.

Anritsu Corporation is one of the leading suppliers of test and measurement solutions for fixed and mobile communications systems. It designs and manufactures equipment for testing many of today's leading-edge communications technologies, including third-generation cellular (3G), Bluetooth and high-performance microwave and optical fibre systems. Anritsu also produces a growing range of high-speed optical components for advanced communications systems – supplying many of the world's leading manufacturers. In addition, the company also manufactures multimedia consoles and payphones, which complement its other technologies. Anritsu has manufacturing operations on three continents, group companies in 18 countries and employs over 5000 people. More information about Anritsu is available at www.eu.anritsu.com.

"7 layers is an engineering company for the wireless communications industry with broad expertise in development, testing and qualification for GSM, GPRS, Bluetooth and further new technology developments like 3G. The collaboration with Anritsu is an important step to further develop our InterLab® system, and leads into a very beneficial situation for all joint Anritsu and 7 layers clients," explained Brigitte Lewis, Marketing Manager at 7 layers. "Manufacturers, network operators and test houses benefit from our complete service range, from optimisation of technology and product development to customised InterLab® solutions for professional testing."

7 layers was founded in 1999 with headquarters and reference test laboratories in Ratingen, Germany and has further test and service centres in Irvine, US (7 layers Inc.), Beijing, China (ritt7layers) and Cambridge, UK (7 layers UK). 7 layers has also set-up and runs partner labs in Europe, Asia and the USA.

More Information about 7 layers is available at www.7Layers.com