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## **TÜV America Inc. and 7 layers Inc. have established a new service center for Bluetooth™ testing and qualification**

**Danvers Massachusetts and Irvine CA**, October 11, 2002. TÜV America Inc. announces that they have joined forces with 7 layers Inc. to establish a Bluetooth™ laboratory situated in Irvine, CA, at the new facilities of 7 layers, Inc. This state-of-the-art laboratory now offers a complete range of services necessary for Bluetooth development, testing and qualification. The combined facility currently features the Rohde & Schwarz TS8960 RF testing system, a PTW60 system for protocol testing as well as experienced BQBs (Bluetooth Qualification Body).

"This partnership allows manufacturers of products featuring Bluetooth technology to take advantage of the many services offered by both TÜV America and 7 layers, Inc.," stated Stefan Butz, CEO, TÜV America Inc. "The Irvine facility is now equipped to provide 'one-stop' testing solutions utilizing the latest state-of-the-art testing equipment."

"This partnership compliments the Bluetooth services currently provided by 7 layers, Inc.," explained Mr. Wilfried Klassmann, CEO, 7 layers, Inc. "At our new facility 7 layers, Inc. now offers development support, professional testing via the newly established InterLab® system for Bluetooth and GSM combined with qualification services."

### **About Bluetooth**

Bluetooth is an always-on, short-range radio technology, which facilitates the communication between electronic devices across limited distances without cables or wires. Poised to revolutionize the way users interact with a growing list of products, the number of Bluetooth-enabled devices is projected to top one billion by 2005.

Developed originally in the 1990's by mobile-phone maker Ericsson, Bluetooth has recently been promoted as a cross-industry standard by high-tech heavyweights such as Nokia, Intel, IBM, Toshiba, Microsoft, Agere, Motorola, and 3Com, who joined forces with Ericsson in 1998 to form the Bluetooth Special Interest Group (SIG). In addition to the SIG members, over 2,000 small and medium-sized companies have signed up for royalty-free rights to provide the foundation for the emerging technology's growth. Visit [www.bluetooth.com](http://www.bluetooth.com) for more information.

### **About 7 layers**

7 layers, Inc. is a subsidiary of the international 7 layers group, situated at its new facilities in Irvine, CA. 7 layers is an engineering company for the wireless communications industry specialized in fields such as Bluetooth, GSM, GPRS, EDGE and 3G.

The company supports manufacturers of chip sets and end-user products as well as test houses by offering them services ranging from product development support to testing and qualification via the InterLab® system. InterLab® stands for highly cost effective, professional testing in all phases, which provides everybody involved in the test process with easy access to all information and support necessary.

The company is an active contributor to the Bluetooth Special Interest Group (SIG) and has played an important role in the development of the Bluetooth test and qualification program. 7 layers has further test and service centers in Ratingen (Germany), Beijing (China) and Cambridge (UK). More information at: [www.7Layers.com](http://www.7Layers.com).

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### **About TÜV America Inc.**

TÜV America Inc., a subsidiary of Group TÜV Süddeutschland, is an internationally recognized testing and certification organization providing global product and management systems solutions. A European Union Notified & Competent Body as well as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL) for the U.S., TÜV provides comprehensive support services including product certification, CE Marking assistance, electromagnetic compatibility (EMC), electrical and mechanical safety testing, Bluetooth Qualification services and ISO 9000 certification as well as many additional global conformity assessment services.

Headquartered in Danvers, Massachusetts, TÜV America Inc. offers a wide range of testing and certification services through the globally recognized brand names of TÜV Product Service, Management Service, Industry Service and BABT. Globally TÜV has issued 130,000 product and 12,000 quality certificates.

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