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# 7 LAYERS UK TASTES A MINT

Malaga, SPAIN - (February 7, 2005). Centro de Tecnología de las Comunicaciones, S.A. (CETECOM), leading provider of wireless test solutions, has supplied the MINT (Mobile Communications Integrated Tester) system to 7 layers UK.

7 Layers UK located on Melbourn Science Park (near Cambridge, England), one of the most progressive companies **offering test and engineering** services, has selected the MINT RF tester to increase its on-site laboratory capabilities to prove the conformance of cellular mobile terminals to international specifications and global certification requirements. 7 layers UK is member of the **international 7 layers group for the wireless communications industry, with a highly efficiently organized network of InterLab® test and service centres**.

**CETECOM Spain** has installed at 7 layers UK the validated MINT RF Conformance Tester featuring quad-band (850/900/1800/1900) GSM/GPRS/EDGE/AMR testing capabilities. This platform is one of the three validated platforms for radio frequency testing according to the GCF and PTCRB criteria and it is being supplied to enhance the service portfolio that 7 layers UK is offering.

Mr. Andres Moreno, Telecommunications Director at CETECOM Spain said, "7 layers is one of the leading engineering and test service providers within the Mobile Communications industry, and being selected by 7 layers UK as test system supplier confirms that our product is being positioned as one of the best options for conformance testing. 7 layers UK's experience is very high and they have a deep understanding of what the mobile market needs. To select a profitable test tool is not an easy task; several factors such as test time, maintenance costs, technical

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capabilities and equipment price make the decision a complicated one, and we are sure that MINT is the best solution currently available in the market."

Mr. Laurence Richardson, Managing Director at 7 layers UK commented, "Working with CETECOM Spain on the selection of the test system has been a pleasing experience for us from the very first contact to the delivery of the test system on time."

Following market demands, the 7 layers group regards the MINT as a useful addition to its extensive global range of test equipment from various vendors. The MINT can be easily adapted to the InterLab® system for fast and efficient testing, with which the 7 layers group organizes the international coordination of its test laboratories.

"The MINT test system adds exactly what 7 layers UK wanted," Mr. Richardson explains: "It expands both our overall capacity to provide test time as well as extending the range of frequency bands and tests that can be performed. A true quad-band solution, it means that we can test in both bands of interest for PTCRB certification (850/1900 MHz) as well as both bands for GCF certification (900/1800 MHz) on this equipment. We are now operating the test system 24 hours per day, 7 days a week in the UK and anticipate that we might further extend the installed capabilities of the MINT in the available modular method in the near future."

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#### **About CETECOM**

Centro de Tecnología de las Comunicaciones, S.A. (CETECOM), in Spain, is a global supplier of Testing Solutions for wired and wireless technologies (GSM, GPRS, UMTS, Bluetooth, Analogue, ISDN, DECT, Wireless LAN, etc.). The services portfolio ranges from regulatory and interoperability testing services to test systems development, international type approval handling, training and consulting.

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## **About 7 layers UK Limited**

7 layers UK is a joint venture between 7 layers AG and TTPCom, the leading independent supplier of wireless IP technology

7 layers is an international engineering group for the wireless communications industry. The services range from technology and product development support to testing and global market access services for major technologies such as GSM, GPRS, UMTS, WLAN, Bluetooth®. In order to handle the growing complexity of wireless communications technologies and products most efficiently, 7 layers has introduced the "InterLab® system for fast and reliable test and analysis processes" into its own and many of its clients' laboratories. Test and service centers of 7 layers are situated in Germany, China, USA and in the UK.

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## **About MINT**

MINT (Mobile Communications Integrated Tester) is the most innovative, modular and powerful platform to test 2.5G and 3G devices. MINT combines CETECOM recognised testing experience with world-class engineering skills to deliver excellent customer service.

MINT covers the following products:

- RF Conformance Tester for GSM 850/900/1800/1900, GPRS, E-GPRS, AMR and W-CDMA.
- Protocol Conformance Tester for W-CDMA based on the official 3GPP TTCN.

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