

## **Announcement**

### **170 W-CDMA Essential Patent families certified by end-2006 covering all products categories**

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Today, 3G Licensing, the licensing administrator of the W-CDMA Patent Licensing Programme, announced that 170 W-CDMA Essential Patent families had been certified, at 31 December 2006, by an independent neutral authorised evaluation organisation (the International Patent Evaluation Consortium, "IPEC"). These W-CDMA Essential Patents are owned by nine patent owners (licensors).

The certified W-CDMA Essential Patents currently cover the major market jurisdictions such as Japan, Europe, U.S.A., Korea, Australia and China. The foreign counterparts of these patent families will cover a broader range of countries; the foreign counterparts will be subject to an essentiality evaluation, in due course, as they become granted in different jurisdictions.

The number of certified W-CDMA Essential Patent families applicable to each major product category is given below (<http://www.3glicensing.com/Patents.asp>):

- All products categories: 170
- Terminal: 150
- Infrastructure: Base Station (Node B): 130, Radio Network Controller (RNC): 92 and Core Network: 49
- Test Equipment: 170

These numbers represent a substantial portfolio compared with the totality of essential patents necessary for the realisation of a 3G system based on the W-CDMA technology (and its evolutions such as HSPA) and is regarded as one of the world's largest W-CDMA essential patent portfolios.

(<http://www.3glicensing.com/Patents.asp>).

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#### **About 3G Licensing**

3G Licensing is responsible for the commercialisation worldwide of the W-CDMA Patent Licensing Programme. The scope of the programme covers the W-CDMA standards defined by 3GPP including W-CDMA FDD, High Speed Packet Access (HSPA) and the planned evolution to LTE (Long Term Evolution). 3G Licensing is incorporated in England, UK and located in Stamford, UK.