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New *iGR* study forecasts the number of VoLTE subscribers in the U.S. to grow at a CAGR of 187 percent between 2012 and 2017

New iGR study also discusses expected impact of VoLTE on U.S. consumers

AUSTIN, Texas, December 13th, 2013 – VoLTE, or Voice over LTE, is very important to mobile operators because this technology enables them to eventually terminate their legacy, circuit-switched voice 2G/3G network infrastructure in favor of consolidating voice traffic on the LTE network platform. Gradually, VoLTE will allow many operators to refarm spectrum away from 2G/3G to LTE, which will significantly lower voice infrastructure costs.

Several major U.S. mobile operators will likely make VoLTE commercially available on a wide basis in the second half of 2014. Until that time operators will continue testing with select users, resolving significant technical issues, and finalizing their deployment strategy. Once VoLTE is widely deployed, *iGR* expects the number of VoLTE subscribers to grow significantly – at a CAGR of 187 percent between 2012 and 2017.

“VoLTE promises to energize both mobile operators and vendors,” said Iain Gillott, president and founder of *iGR*, a market research consultancy focused on the wireless and mobile industry. “Consumers will benefit from the many new multimedia products and services that mobile operators will be able to offer as they transition from legacy voice solutions to the new platform.”

iGR's new market study, *U.S. VoLTE Market Forecast, 2012 – 2017: Still Moving Toward the VoLTE Era*, provides an overview of VoLTE, an expected timeline of deployments, profiles of the major vendors, and a forecast of VoLTE's potential impact on the U.S. cellular market.

The following key questions are addressed in *iGR's* research study:

- What is VoLTE?
- How did VoLTE originate?

- Why are mobile operators interested in VoLTE?
- What are the benefits of VoLTE?
- What are some of the challenges surrounding the implementation of VoLTE?
- What are the deployment plans of the major U.S. mobile operators?
- How will VoLTE be implemented in the U.S. market?
- Who are the major VoLTE vendors?
- What is the forecast for VoLTE adoption in the U.S.?

In addition, a number of VoLTE vendors are profiled in the report, including:

- Alcatel-Lucent
- Cisco
- D2 Technologies
- Ericsson
- Huawei
- Imagination Technologies Group
- Mavenir
- Mindspeed Technologies
- NSN (Nokia Solutions and Networks)
- OpenCloud
- Qualcomm
- Samsung Electronics
- Taqua

The information in these reports will be valuable for:

- Mobile operators
- Device OEMs
- VoLTE solution vendors
- Content providers and distributors
- Financial analysts and investors.

The reports can be purchased and downloaded directly from *iGR*'s website at www.iGR-inc.com. Alternatively, contact Iain Gillott at (512) 263-5682 or at iain@iGR-inc.com for additional details.

About iGR

iGR is a market strategy consultancy focused on the wireless and mobile communications industry. Founded by Iain Gillott, one of the wireless industry's leading analysts, in late 2000 as *iGillottResearch*, *iGR* is now entering its thirteenth year of operation. *iGR* continuously researches emerging and existent technologies, technology industries, and consumer markets. We use our detailed research to offer a range of services to help companies improve their position in the marketplace, clearly define their future direction, and ultimately improve their bottom line.

iGR researches a range of wireless and mobile products and technologies, including: smartphones; tablets; mobile applications; bandwidth demand and use; small cell architectures;

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