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New *iGR* study analyzes all aspects of the U.S. LTE infrastructure market, including LTE metrocells

The U.S. LTE market is leading the global transition to LTE

AUSTIN, Texas, May 29th, 2013 – Global LTE deployments are progressing worldwide, and the United States is leading the way with many U.S. operators adding new LTE markets each week. There is still a great opportunity for growth, as U.S. operators will continue to build out their LTE infrastructure to keep up with an increasing number of U.S. consumers who want to take advantage of the faster mobile data speeds of LTE. Operators must balance their network CapEx between coverage and capacity by providing sufficient coverage to be competitive and sufficient capacity for the growing subscriber base.

“The U.S. LTE market is progressing rapidly, as operators have invested significantly in the build-out of their LTE networks,” said Iain Gillott, president and founder of *iGR*, a market research consultancy focused on the wireless and mobile industry. “As the LTE rollout continues, it is important to understand all aspects of LTE, including the ongoing OpEx, as well as future enhancements to LTE, such as LTE Advanced and LTE Carrier Aggregation.”

iGR's new market research report, *U.S. LTE Infrastructure Market: Leading the Global Transition to LTE*, provides an overview of the LTE infrastructure market in the United States. A combination of recent *iGR* market studies, this report provides an updated status on the LTE rollouts of the major U.S. operators, as well as a five-year forecast of LTE subscribers, LTE mobile data traffic, LTE infrastructure CapEx, and LTE infrastructure OpEx. In addition, the market study provides a total addressable market forecast for 4G LTE metrocells and a detailed analysis of two emerging LTE technologies: LTE Advanced and LTE Carrier Aggregation. Finally, the report provides a profile of eight vendors that provide LTE Infrastructure products to the U.S. market.

The following key questions are addressed in the new research study:

- At what state of their LTE rollout are the major U.S. operators?
- What is the forecasted number of LTE subscribers in the U.S. through 2017?

- What is the forecasted mobile data traffic in the U.S. through 2017?
- What is the forecasted LTE CapEx for U.S. operators through 2017?
- On what network components will the LTE CapEx be spent through 2017?
- What is the forecasted LTE OpEx for U.S. operators through 2017?
- What is the forecasted total addressable market for 4G LTE metrocells?
- What is LTE Advanced?
- What is LTE Advanced's current state in the market and what will be its impact on mobile technology?
- What is the outlook for LTE Advanced in the next one to four years?
- What is LTE Carrier Aggregation?
- What is LTE Carrier Aggregation's current state in the market and what will be its impact on technology in the mobile market?
- What is the outlook for LTE Carrier Aggregation in the next one to four years?
- Who are some of the vendors providing LTE infrastructure products and services?

The information in this report will be valuable for:

- Mobile network operators
- LTE network infrastructure vendors
- Small cell OEMs and vendors
- Financial and investment analysts.

The new report 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; DAS; LTE; WiMAX; VoLTE; IMS; NFC; GSM/GPRS/UMTS/HSPA; CDMA 1x/EV-DO; iDEN; SIP; macro-, pico- and femtocells; mobile backhaul; WiFi and WiFi offload; and SIM and UICC.

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