

™ Frost & Sullivan Extols XConnect's Unique and Comprehensive Product Line Strategy for Federated VoIP Peering

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Palo Alto, Calif. — July 16, 2007 — Frost & Sullivan announced today it has selected XConnect as the recipient of the 2007 North American Frost & Sullivan Award for Product Line Strategy based on its unique and comprehensive three-pronged approach to the VoIP peering market. XConnect was awarded this prestigious distinction because it is the only voice peering provider to address ENUM registry, VoIP signaling and security while also providing a flexible solution for managing the commercial relationships between members of a peering federation.

Each year Frost & Sullivan presents this award to the company that has demonstrated the most insight into customer needs and product demands. The recipient should have optimized its product line by leveraging products with the various price, performance, and feature points required by the market.

XConnect is a neutral and global provider of federation-based VoIP peering and interconnection services. Its services include:

- Private Federations™, custom implementations of federated VoIP Peering managed by XConnect for groups of PTTs, Tier 1 Carriers, MSOs and other strategically aligned providers with group defined peering policies and settlement approaches.
- Global Alliance™, a settlement free federation created and managed by XConnect based on SIP signaling and with data security and privacy protection
- Direct Route™ offering termination cost reduction options via ENUM based routing to the wholesale community, as well as;
- ENUM Exchange™ offering private plan peering, and bilateral peering solutions.

"XConnect peering federations offer service providers the ability to exchange traffic via intelligent interconnects, while maintaining advanced IP based features, and exploring flexible settlement arrangements," says Frost & Sullivan Research Analyst Lynda Starr. "The XConnect federations are currently the only dedicated and globally deployed peering solutions for VoIP service providers which address the need for a fast local ENUM lookup, while preserving the security and privacy of ENUM data."

A managed signaling component of XConnect's federations guarantees interoperability among all members and supports rich VoIP features including video and wideband audio. The service also incorporates sophisticated security functions to mitigate and prevent the risks of spam over Internet telephony (SPIT) and "vishing" (a type of fraud known as voice phishing).

Strategic federations enable either hosted or local deployments of the XConnect Federated Peering solution for closed user groups of service providers, with peering policies and commercial arrangements tailored to members' needs. This includes the world's first national VoIP peering solution—SIP Exchange in the Netherlands. XConnect is also deploying in-network private federations for PTTs, MSOs and tier-one carriers in other regions.

XConnect DirectRoute Outbound enables wholesale carriers to benefit from reduced cost termination to numbers in XConnect's ENUM registry, and VoIP service providers to migrate inbound traffic from their TDM interconnects to their VoIP infrastructure while earning revenue on inbound calls.

Private-plan peering helps VoIP service providers that issue customers with private plan or internal numbers that cannot normally be used outside their network to accept calls from other VoIP service providers.

Lastly, the ENUM Exchange is a service that supports efficient bilateral peering (where signaling and commercial agreements are arranged between peers) by providing a facility for peers to securely automate the exchange of ENUM data between them.

"To eliminate the latency associated with remote registry queries, data from the central registry is pushed out to a patent-pending local directory server at each member's end, which enables them to perform in-network queries while encrypting the database contents," notes Starr. "This unique solution enables peering between members that are not comfortable disclosing ENUM data, including the individual phone numbers for each subscriber and implied commercially-sensitive data such as changing subscriber numbers."

XConnect manages signaling between members, ensuring compatibility across multiple signaling protocols including endless variants and implementations of SIP. It supports multiple commercial models including balanced traffic relationships and more traditional minutes or call-based settlement.

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About XConnect

About XConnect Global Networks:

XConnect is the leading neutral and trusted provider of federated VoIP Peering based on ENUM; enabling service providers and carriers to dramatically reduce the costs of communication, and deliver rich multimedia IP communications to their customers on a cross-network basis. Headquartered in London with offices and facilities in the USA, Europe and Asia, XConnect provides ENUM and peering services to over 400 VoIP operators in more than 35 countries, and includes numerous PTTs and Tier1 customers. XConnect services include comprehensive multi-lateral signaling and interconnection of networks, centrally managed ENUM registries with local query functionality, advanced VoIP Security, and highly flexible settlement features. Founded by its management and backed by Tier1 Venture Capital firms such as Accel Partners and Venrock Associates, XConnect, with its technology partner Kayote Networks Inc., was selected by the cable industry in the Netherlands to operate the first nation-wide VoIP peering solution, and recently acquired the European carrier ENUM exchange, e164.info and US based peering service IPeerX Inc. For more information, please visit www.xconnect.net.

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