



Broadband World Forum 2015: SoftAtHome and Metanoia partner to propose ultra-broadband WAN access package

Broadband World Forum 2015, London - October 21, 2015 – SoftAtHome, a software provider of home operating platforms enabling convergent services for the digital home, and Metanoia, a leading developer of very high speed xDSL PHY chipsets for the wireline broadband market, have announced their collaboration to propose a G.Fast universal “Upgrader” package with Metanoia G.fast device, and with SoftAtHome associated software package to upgrade Home Gateway to ultra-broadband speed.

This new Upgrader will enable broadband operators to upgrade their existing Home Gateways to the latest high speed WAN standards such as G.fast, avoiding the need for expensive hardware upgrades. This will be achieved by building the package around the universal SFP (Small Form-factor Pluggable) transceiver via which gateways can be connected to all key copper and fibre access network types, including G.fast, VDSL2 and the upcoming VDSL2 35b profile. G.fast is the latest generation DSL standard designed for local loops under 500 metres long, taking advantage of downstream fibre build out to deliver higher bit rates over even shorter copper access circuits. G.fast enables bit rates up to 1 Gbps, depending on loop length.

The combined solution will be based on a new single device from Metanoia, MT-G5321, embedded into an SFP unit and running SoftAtHome’s carrier grade SOP software platform for Home Gateways. SoftAtHome’s SOP also enables access to 4G/LTE mobile services so that the resulting gateway will be capable of accessing all the principal wired and wireline WAN options.

“Operators want to leverage their existing gateway platforms as long as they can to avoid high costs when they want to upgrade some of the gateway features like the WAN communication capabilities,” noted Lionel Gremeau, SoftAtHome Director of Product Marketing Management. “Combining Metanoia G.fast SFP and our SOP software platform will yield significant cost savings for operators in both CAPEX, since they only need to install an SFP unit instead of a new gateway, and OPEX because there is only one CPE type to manage rather than multiple products for each type of WAN communication. For the same reasons this approach will also deliver long term cost savings when incorporated in new gateway products.”

Metanoia’s VP Sales and Marketing Didier Boivin added, “Leveraging the SFP cage of Gateways as a WAN interface has been part of our strategy, starting with our

current VDSL2 chipset, and now with our new G.fast chip. We have been working on advanced DSL chipsets ever since our inception and our partnership with SoftAtHome will enable us to address the full Home Gateway market. This comes at an opportune time of fundamental market shift, as ultra-high performance becomes a de facto expectation rather than a luxury.”

The Upgrader package will also meet rising expectations for low power consumption in a small form factor SFP package consuming less than 2W.

Come to see our latest innovations on stand C70 at ExCel London during Broadband World Forum, stand C70. We also invite you to listen to a panel discussion with Wojtek Makowski, CTO of SoftAtHome - Day one of the Broadband World Forum at 15.40 - Open Source, Collaborating to Accelerate Real, Deployable Virtualization Solutions.

Metanoia will participate in the 15th Annual Broadband World Forum 2015 in London, UK. Metanoia will be demonstrating its newest G.fast solution and the world's smallest VDSL2 SFP. In addition, we will prepare a live demo of our G.hn Meta Home Link. Welcome to visit us at BBWF 2015 (Booth MR9).

About SoftAtHome

SoftAtHome is a fast growing software company delivering leading connectivity, Pay TV and digital services for Operator devices in the home. Through its SOP product, SoftAtHome is empowering operators to compete against local competition and global players alike by leveraging the ecosystem to deliver outstanding services. SOP is central to delivering standard based cost-effective solutions that are simple and long lasting. Its solutions are already deployed on over 25 million homes in more than 15 countries in multiple broadband and broadcast deployments for major operators.

The company is headquartered in France with development and sales teams also in Belgium and the UAE.

For more information, visit our website at www.softathome.com or follow us @SoftAtHome.

About Metanoia Communications Inc.

Metanoia Communications ("Metanoia"), a subsidiary of Elan Microelectronics, was established in Hsinchu Science Park, Taiwan. Since its inception, Metanoia is contributing to develop semiconductor and software solutions to the Wireline Broadband and the in-home networking markets, delivering to broadband manufacturers very high-speed PHY chipsets with reliable and superior performances.

Metanoia's turnkey reference designs and outstanding customer support allow system integrators and partners to gain time-to-market advantages and deliver customized solutions to fulfill their application requirements. For more information about Metanoia, please visit our website at www.metanoia-comm.com

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