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Intel, Novell Extend Collaboration to Drive Moblin Adoption

Novell Works with Intel to Advance Mobile Computing;

Commits to Moblin-Based Product for Intel(R) Atom(TM) Platforms

SANTA CLARA, Calif. & WALTHAM, Mass.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Intel Corporation and Novell Inc. today announced broad efforts to closely collaborate and encourage original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) and original design manufacturers (ODMs) to adopt Moblin, an optimized open source Linux software platform for enabling rich Internet experiences on Intel(R) Atom(TM) processor-based netbooks and other mobile systems.

Intel and Novell signed an agreement outlining their plan for collaboration. Novell also announced it will create a Moblin-based product for netbooks that it will take to market to a wide range of OEMs and ODMs. Additionally, Novell will establish Novell(R) Open Labs in Taiwan to foster the adoption of Moblin and will work with the Taiwan Moblin Enabling Center (MEC), a joint effort of Intel and the Taiwan Institute for Information Industry, to validate designs for Moblin compliance.

Intel launched Moblin in 2007 and incubated the effort until last month when the Linux Foundation became host of the community. Intel continues to contribute key technologies and work with the developer community to advance the effort. Novell began contributing to the Moblin project last October.

"Novell has taken a significant leadership role in the Moblin community since joining the effort late last year, and today's announcement will extend Novell's level of involvement," said Doug Fisher, vice president of Intel's Software and Services Group and general manager of the System Software Division. "The combination of Intel Atom processor-based platforms and Moblin-based Novell software will provide even more opportunities for OEMs, ODMs and the broader Moblin community to deliver excellent mobile Internet solutions."

Novell's contributions to the Moblin ecosystem include leading the open source development of key operating system features such as window, e-mail and media management.

"We are extending our involvement with Moblin because we believe that it provides a richer mobile Internet experience," said Ron Hovsepian, Novell president and CEO. "The emergence of such mobile computing platforms as netbooks presents a significant growth opportunity. We believe that Moblin-based Novell software on Intel-based platforms will offer OEMs and ODMs exceptional solutions for delivering a full Internet experience on such devices."

About Intel

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About Novell

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About Moblin

Moblin is an optimized open source Linux software stack and technology framework that delivers visually rich Internet and media experiences on Intel(R) Atom(TM) Processor-based devices including MIDs, netbooks/nettops, in-vehicle infotainment (IVI), and embedded systems. More information can be found at www.moblin.org.

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