

PAYCIRCLE AND PARLAY ANNOUNCE JOINT SPECIFICATION FOR MOBILE WEB SERVICES

Co-Branded Parlay X Web Services Specification includes PayCircle Payment APIs

San Ramon, CA (27 May 2003) – Two consortia working in the fields of network-independent applications and of payment applications, Parlay and PayCircle, today announce their collaboration and – as a first result – a co-branded specification called Parlay X Web Services APIs. This specification combines the efforts of Parlay in allowing third party applications to get integrated into 3rd generation mobile networks as well as into many other types of networks using an open payment interface. Therefore, Parlay X Web Services APIs support the mobile industry and web service providers in delivering value added services to their subscribers. These services are seen as the basis of commercial success of 3rd generation mobile networks. For the mobile market the co-operation of PayCircle and Parlay is an important sign of de-fragmentation since several industry consortia are working in the field of m-commerce.

The Parlay Group was formed to encourage the development of open application programming interfaces (APIs) that enable the use of applications that operate across multiple networking platforms. Through this collaboration with the Parlay Group, parts of the PayCircle mobile payment APIs have been integrated into the Parlay specification. The specification is available for download at: www.parlay.org/specs/index.asp

"We are delighted with the success of this collaboration effort between PayCircle and the Parlay Group," said Zygmunt A. Lozinski, Parlay Group President and Telecom Solution Executive, IBM. "Working together over the past year, our organizations have created a specification that enables whole new types of applications for service providers. We are looking forward to this work continuing with PayCircle."

"PayCircle is pleased to be working together with the Parlay Group to harmonise standardisation and implement additional functionality in this important payment area. In this regard PayCircle believes that Parlay / OSA is an important partner in driving open standards and interoperable web services across the world", says Hans Wolf, PayCircle President & VP Siemens IC mobile.

PayCircle believes that open and interoperable "payment API's " are the key to market growth for mobile Web Services. PayCircle has developed and published a PayCircle Payment Web Service Specification and a Reference Implementation for this specification. The specification contains WSDL sources and XML schema definitions to meet the requirements of today's mobile application developers. With this Reference Implementation PayCircle proved that mobile payment has become a reality for various business scenarios. The PayCircle scenarios outline actual mobile payment applications and services for electronic goods like MP3 files, video clips, subscription based online magazines, streaming video/radio channels or on-demand gaming, as well as for interaction with point of sale terminals or vending/ticketing machines. The PayCircle specification also supports implementation of these applications on any Java enabled infrastructure utilised by the providers.

PayCircle and Parlay expect that their common specification will meet the requirements of general standardization. Therefore, it is aimed to submit the specification to other standardization bodies.

About PayCircle

PayCircle is a non-profit organisation including companies like CSG Systems, Hewlett-Packard, Oracle Corporation, Siemens and Sun Microsystems as PayCircle Board Members. PayCircle membership is open to anyone who is active in the mobile payment market such as application developers, payment service providers, merchants, content providers, manufacturers of payment systems, suppliers for mobile infrastructure and mobile devices, network operators, banks, credit card companies, and others. The PayCircle consortium was formed January 2002 to define standard APIs for mobile payments, regardless of the payment systems used by application or service providers. This open approach guarantees that the necessary interfaces can be developed in a co-operative manner.

Additional information about PayCircle is available at www.paycircle.org

About the Parlay Group

The Parlay Group is a multi-vendor consortium formed to develop open, technology-independent application programming interfaces (APIs) that enable the development of applications that operate across multiple, networking-platform environments. Parlay integrates intelligent network (IN) services with IT applications via a secure, measured, and billable interface. By releasing developers from underlying code, networks, and environments, Parlay open APIs allow for innovation within the enterprise. These new, portable, network-independent applications are connecting the IT and telecom worlds, generating new revenue streams for network operators, application service providers (ASPs), and independent software vendors (ISVs).

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