Bridge Alliance and Ericsson partner to fuel the Internet of Things

Bridge Alliance and Ericsson allow device manufacturers, enterprises or service providers to deploy their Internet of Things (IoT) services in multiple countries with the benefits of a domestic quality of service and commercial conditions.

Ericsson deploys the Device Connection Platform as a single platform to manage IoT across the Bridge Alliance’s mobile operators, covering 36 countries.

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Bridge Alliance, composed of 36 mobile operators from Asia-Pacific, Middle East and Africa, has chosen to deploy the Ericsson (NASDAQ:ERIC) Device Connectivity Platform (DCP) multi-domestic solution for the Internet of Things (IoT).

Alessandro Adriani, CEO of Bridge Alliance, says: “The combination of Ericsson’s technology leadership in IoT connectivity and Bridge Alliance’s geographical coverage is an unmatched vehicle for any device original equipment manufacturer or enterprise looking to propel its business. Offering this unified experience requires more than just harmonizing interfaces across mobile operators. We have done more with Ericsson, including standardizing our footprint on a common core network. This will truly guarantee harmonized sets of features and service levels within the footprint to our customers.”

This development means that any original equipment manufacturer (OEM), enterprise or service provider can deploy IoT solutions across multiple countries. With Ericsson DCP deployed on a global scale, operators and their customers will enjoy a unified experience. This includes a single global SIM card, harmonized service levels and business processes. They can also leverage access to DCP consumer services to manage new B2B2C business models.

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Today, the delivery of mobile communication is a well-established model of subscription retail, where the consumer experience of buying communication services and applications are separated. With the Internet of Things, the delivery of mobile communication is an
embedded model in which devices, communications and services are bundled by an enterprise or a device manufacturer.

Matt Hatton, Machina Research, says: “Mobile operator revenues in Asia-Pacific should soar from USD 3bn in 2015 to USD 9.2bn in 2020 and account for nearly 40% of global revenue.”

Anders Lindblad, Senior Vice President, Business Unit Cloud & IP, Ericsson, says: “The partnership with the Bridge Alliance members to deploy the Ericsson DCP is a critical milestone to make the adoption of cellular services in IoT devices economically viable for device OEM and enterprises.”

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