Kodiak Networks and Airo Wireless Partner to Produce Specialty Devices for Field Workforce, Government and Military Markets

Mobile solutions innovator Kodiak Networks and Airo Wireless Inc., a leading provider of GPS-enabled wireless devices, today announced they have signed a licensing and strategic marketing agreement to integrate Kodiak Connected Applications&#153 on a variety of specialty devices for outdoor and professional use. Based on the Windows Mobile platform, these ruggedized handsets will be enabled with a variety of voice applications designed to address the real-time communications requirements of field personnel including those chartered with emergency response and public safety.

The Kodiak Connected Applications suite is based on a multi-generational IMS platform, which ensures the quality of service (QoS) required for heavy field use, including immediate response to high-risk and emergency situations. Airo and Kodiak will be integrating a variety of applications including Push to Talk, mobile conferencing and messaging capabilities.

"We are very pleased to partner with Airo on the development of specialty devices that bring the Kodiak mobile application suite to field personnel in these important vertical markets," said Timothy Hall, vice president of strategic alliances, Kodiak Networks. "In particular, the GPS tracking functionality and ruggedized form factor are the perfect complement to our applications, which are designed to foster instant, group-based communications during critical situations."

"We view this partnership with Kodiak as a significant extension of our business strategy," said Tom Ventulett, president of Airo Wireless. "The combination of our rugged device portfolio and the Kodiak broad suite of real-time, group-oriented applications will help fill a void for emergency response personnel, field service and outdoor professionals."

"This announcement signals a breakthrough for the enterprise, public safety and government markets, which have been seeking robust handsets that allow for efficient group communications and include GPS functionality," said Andrew M. Seybold, Principal Analyst, Outlook4Mobility.

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