

SVOX brings speech solutions to Android

Zurich, Switzerland, May 27, 2009 – SVOX, the leading provider of embedded speech solutions, today announced that it has joined forces with Open Handset Alliance members to enable speech user interfaces on the Android platform, according to SVOX CEO Martin Reber. SVOX has joined the Open Handset Alliance and shares the Alliance’s vision to develop an open, complete and free platform for mobile devices. The company will enrich the mobile experience of consumers by contributing an industry-leading speech output solution known under its development name SVOX Pico.

The SVOX contribution to Android platform is comprised of the SVOX Pico TTS engine, six language packages (US and UK English, German, French, Spanish and Italian) and tools that can be used to create new languages and voices. The company’s speech solutions portfolio, with more than 20 languages, covers all major markets.

Mr. Reber noted that “SVOX is committed to bringing high quality speech to the mobile market, with first-class support and integration services. This is the first step in our mission to bring natural-language technology to the Android community.” He added “Device manufacturers, service providers and application vendors will all benefit from the newest TTS being part of the Android Platform.”

About Open Handset Alliance

A multinational alliance of technology and mobile industry leaders, the Open Handset Alliance is committed to fostering innovation on mobile devices and bringing consumers innovative new mobile experiences. The first product of that commitment is the development of Android, a truly open and comprehensive platform for mobile devices. Through Android, developers, wireless operators, and handset manufacturers will be better positioned to bring innovative new products to market faster and at a much lower cost. The end result will be an unprecedented mobile platform that will enable wireless operators and manufacturers to give their customers better, more personal, and more flexible mobile experiences. For profiles of the founding members of the Alliance and further info, visit www.openhandsetalliance.com.

About SVOX AG

SVOX, a leading supplier of embedded speech solutions, has a reputation for quality and customer focus. SVOX drives adoption of speech user interfaces in automotive and mobile device industries. The company offers Speech Recognition (ASR), Speech Output (TTS) as well as complete Speech Dialog solutions. Our focus on quality and the use of flexible software architectures allows for optimized embedded speech solutions that can be easily tailored to customers’ technical requirements and market needs. For more information, please visit: www.svox.com.

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