

iPass and Intel sign agreement to enable wired and wireless enterprise connectivity for Banias-based notebooks

REDWOOD SHORES, Calif. – December 16, 2002 – iPass Inc. (www.ipass.com) announced today a multi-year agreement to collaborate with Intel Corporation to improve the wireless experience on future notebook PCs through advancing ease-of-use and more secure wireless connectivity to the Internet. Under the agreement, the first phase of the collaboration focuses on enabling simple and predictable wireless connectivity on notebook PCs based on Intel's forthcoming Banias mobile technology.

"There are significant barriers to Wi-Fi adoption that need addressing," said Ken Denman, president and CEO of iPass. "IT departments are concerned about the security of data transmitted in the air as well as the costs associated with both purchasing Wi-Fi devices and training their people on how to connect. Intel and iPass have begun to address these concerns through Intel's Wi-Fi enabled devices with advanced security standards and iPass' client software. Our two companies are now working together to try to make the Wi-Fi user experience as simple to use as Internet dial-up but with the speed and productivity of a broadband connection."

Under the multi-year agreement, iPass and Intel are to validate the interoperability between the future release of iPassConnect™ client software and Intel Banias mobile technology-based notebooks with the Intel WLAN Network Interface Card. For PC manufacturers, IT departments and end users, the agreement establishes a validation process between the iPassConnect client and notebook computers based on Banias mobile technology with the aim of providing mobile users of these systems the benefit of the same simple interface for dial-up, wired and public wireless access worldwide.

"Banias mobile technology-based notebooks will be delivering new capabilities to take productivity wherever users might find themselves," said Anand Chandrasekher, vice president and general manager, Intel's Mobile Platforms Group. "We believe the collaboration with iPass should make Banias-based notebooks a powerful business tool and help to deliver on our vision of predictable, secure wireless connectivity."

As part of the collaboration with Intel to make wireless access simple and predictable for Banias mobile technology users, iPass is working with wireless Internet service providers (WISPs) with the goal of ensuring optimal configuration of their access gateways in order to achieve the best possible user experience. As with all connectivity technologies available on the iPass virtual network, Wi-Fi hotspots must go through a rigorous quality assessment and operations testing regimen to ensure interoperability with the leading VPNs and personal firewall technology. Upon passing this battery of tests, networks are certified by iPass as "Enterprise Ready." iPass is now testing for Intel Banias mobile technology compatibility as part of its Enterprise Ready program.

About iPass

iPass Inc. (www.ipass.com) provides software-enabled enterprise connectivity services designed to give employees secure access to information and applications on the corporate network from any location in the world. As a virtual network operator (VNO), iPass offers enterprise employees a range of Internet protocol-based connectivity technologies, including wired and wireless broadband service at airports, hotels and conference centers worldwide. The iPassConnect™ smart client can be easily deployed across multiple computing devices and operating systems within an enterprise. Once deployed, the iPass service gives the corporate IT department complete control over how network resources are accessed. Founded in 1996, iPass is headquartered in Redwood Shores, Calif., with offices throughout North America, Europe and Asia Pacific.