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**IPeria Announces Industry's First Commercially Available VoiceXML
Business Voice Messaging Application**

*TalkingNets is first next generation telephony provider to evaluate and trial the
IPeria VoiceXML solution in an all IP-based network*

PHOENIX, AZ - March 21, 2001 – IPeria Inc., a leading provider of carrier-class communications software solutions, announced today at the VON (Voice over the Net) show (Booth # 1108) that it is the first vendor to offer a commercially available voiceXML business voice messaging application. Carriers are now able to take advantage of this new technology which allows them to improve their time-to-market to offer their subscribers the most flexible and state-of-the-art business voice messaging products.

VoiceXML is a standardized extension to the industry adopted eXtensible Markup Language or XML. It provides a high-level data and application definition to application developers. This enables them to rapidly develop and deploy new web and now voice based applications.

“We have been working very closely with IPeria and anticipate deploying their voiceXML solution in our network,” said Mark Cortner, vice president of marketing of TalkingNets, a telephony applications service provider (ASP) headquartered in Wilmington, NC. “We plan to integrate the IPeria voiceXML business voice messaging application, along with other SIP-based applications and devices, in our completely IP-based voice network.”

"The rapid emergence of voiceXML and Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) based networks will enable tried and true applications, such as business voice messaging to be deployed by carriers to produce new, incremental revenue opportunities," said Mark Winther, group vice president, worldwide telecommunications, IDC. "IPeria is leading the way to integrate both web and voice-based user interfaces for carriers and service providers deploying enhanced IP applications in a live network."

“IPeria’s goal has always been to enhance the time-to-market that allows carriers to rapidly deploy enhanced messaging services to their subscribers,” said Mike Katz, vice president of product management of IPeria. “Being the first vendor to offer voiceXML applications on SIP networks will immediately match the needs of the carriers as they continue to build their next-generation networks and look for new ways to increase revenues.”

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About TalkingNets

TalkingNets (www.talkingnets.com), a telephony ASP, provides an wholesale telephony service that enables broadband service providers, including ISPs, data CLECs, and BLECs, to offer advanced voice services to their existing and new business customers without having to invest in their own voice networks or address regulatory requirements. In addition to providing services similar to the local calling services offered by “Baby Bells”, TalkingNets offers network-based services that can equal the capabilities of the most modern enterprise telephone systems. TalkingNets’ voice services can provide small medium business customers with an attractive alternative service choice, lowering total cost of ownership, improving customer care, and increasing employee productivity.

About IPeria Inc.

Founded in 1997, IPeria is the leading developer of an application server and subscriber applications that enable telecommunications service providers to attract and retain customers. Its innovative ActivEdge™ Enhanced Communication System provides voice mail, unified messaging, voice e-mail and other high-value subscriber services. Service providers use the IPeria™ I-account user interface of the ActivEdge system to build strong, long-term relationships with their customers by allowing customization and personalization of the services. Privately held, IPeria is headquartered in Burlington, Massachusetts. Additional information is available at <http://www.iperia.com>.

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