



The Wireless Video Company

Company news

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ProVision Communications unveils in-home wireless video division, appoints VP of Business Development

Ian Walsh named VP of Business Development, to cultivate market for innovative in-home wireless video products

ProVision Communications, the Bristol, UK based specialists in video over wireless technology, has announced the establishment of its new division focused on consumer products delivering HD video over wireless throughout the home.

To support the division, Ian Walsh has been appointed as VP of business development. Ian is an experienced business development specialist with an extensive background in electronics, telecommunications, and semiconductor products for both large companies and start-ups. He will play a key role in the new division by spearheading the introduction of the new products to the marketplace.

Ian was formerly CEO of Paris-based MnD Semiconductors, a multiprocessor SoC company specialising in broadband and MPEG-4/H.264 video codecs. Prior to that he held a series of senior positions at various technology companies including Alcatel Microelectronics, Rockwell Digital Communications and Westell Ltd., the VoIP and xDSL wireless router OEM. He holds an MSc in Electrical and Electronic Engineering from Portsmouth Polytechnic.

“Ian’s background in H.264 devices and in broadband routers, combined with his reputation for driving forward growth and market share with technology pioneers, is a perfect fit for expanding our wireless over video business,” commented David Sykes, CEO of ProVision Communications. “He is joining us at an exciting time – as we are unveiling our wireless video expertise to the world and bringing our in-home product to market. Ian’s skills and experience will be key to realising the business plan.”

“With its unique combination of expertise in HD video, H.264 and streamed media along with 802.11, MIMO and RF propagation, ProVision has very compelling technology and exciting products,” said Ian Walsh. “There is a big gap in the market for wireless distribution of HD video around the home, so I am very much looking forward to introducing ProVision’s products to the global market.”

“ProVision has been working for a long time towards the commercial exploitation of our unique wireless video IP,” added Professor Andy Nix, professor at the University of Bristol and one of ProVision Communications’ founders. “With the announcement of the new product division and the appointment of Ian we are stepping up our activity, and moving into the next exciting phase of realising this goal.”

About ProVision Communications

ProVision Communications, a wireless and HD video company, has worked with leading broadcast operators and set top box manufacturers including Thomson, Pace, the BBC, and BSkyB since 2001. Recent developments have included real time video transmission over Wi-Fi to portable devices at outside broadcasting events, along with HD and wireless innovations for set top boxes and media home gateways. ProVision’s expertise lies in its end-to-end understanding of wireless networks and video systems: this includes MPEG4/H.264 Advanced Video Codecs, radio propagation, antenna design, wireless networking, and reliable interoperability between HD video and wireless standards. ProVision is now strongly placed to deliver its world-leading HD video networking products and technologies to cable and satellite TV operators. The company is based in Bristol, UK.

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