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World IPv6 Day Pledge by aqI Provide “IPv6” Mobile Broadband.

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June 8th is World “IPv6” day. This is the day that many ISP’s and internet access providers make the ‘compatibility pledge’ or actually ‘turn on’ IPv6 services. The day is all about sharing the challenges that IPv6 will bring – from customer support, billing and security as well as the opportunities – the ability to give every person and every connected ‘thing’ a unique internet address. To get all these devices online, more internet address space is needed, IPv6 is the answer.

Globally, the number of connected users and devices is set to explode. This is being experienced by aqI’s wholesale 3g broadband platforms supporting many of the UK ISP’s as they go mobile in order to address the ‘Internet of Things’ also known as the machine-to-machine ‘m2m’ marketplace.

Earlier this year, Hans Vestberg, CEO of Ericsson, predicted the growth in the number of connected devices to rise from 5 billion to 50 billion by 2020. Much of this connectivity is fuelled by innovative new devices in areas such as e-health and logistics. The new IPv6 scheme is essential to allow this level of expansion and the benefits it will bring.

aqI are also the providers of JANET 3G, the 3G mobile data service for research and innovation, available via the UK’s academic connectivity provider (JANET (UK)). The mobile data service is uniquely placed to offer support to UK research projects that need mobile internet connectivity.

aqI’s pledge to ensure scalable support for connected devices is to provide IPv6 mobile

connectivity before the end of 2011. aql are already working with leading strategic network operators and ISP's to achieve this. Internet Minister Ed Vaizey states "It's great to see proactivity and collaboration to keep Britain on track to support next generation access and the 'Internet of Things' which will drive the UK technology industry forward".

There's support from other aql partners - Andy Davidson, Director of European Operations (Hurricane Electric) adds 'Hurricane Electric are the world's largest IPv6 network backbone, with 1500 connections to other IPv6 networks and are working closely with aql. We believe IPv6 enabled services are essential to facilitate the mobile m2m business models and services of the future, and we look forward to assisting aql shape the new face of mobile internet.'

Dr Adam Beaumont, MD of aql stated "As the preferred connectivity supplier for the academic community, aql are keen to support connected-device projects from inception. aql are also dedicated to innovation and to working with government initiatives such as 6UK. This, coupled with our relationship with JANET UK to provide JANET 3G, who offer an industry-beating m2m tariff, means we can support from prototype to commercial rollout and be able to fulfill any opportunity".

aql's unique relationship with 3G networks allows aql to enable any ISP or network operator to layer their own internet addresses onto aql's rebrandable SIM's. This means that the UK's fixed line ISP's can go mobile, providing innovative solutions to fixed line customers. aql are dedicated to ensuring that as the fixed line ISP industry rolls out IPv6, they can do this in the mobile domain without any problems.

Adrian Kennard, Managing Director of ISP Andrews & Arnold "We've been providing IPv6 to customers for 9 years and we welcome the chance to extend that to mobile data services this year thereby making all of our services IPv6 and future proof."

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