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Paris, le 16 juillet 2002 _- Qualcomm Incorporated (Nasdaq : QCOM), pionnier et leader mondial de la technologie numérique mobile CDMA (Code Division Multiple Access) et Alcatel (Paris : CGEP.PA et NYSE : ALA), l'un des principaux équipementiers mondiaux en télécommunication, annoncent la signature d'un accord portant sur l'utilisation du brevet des équipements CDMA. D'après les termes de l'accord, Qualcomm a concédé à Alcatel, contre le paiement de royalties, une licence mondiale lui permettant de développer, fabriquer et vendre des équipements de 3e génération WCDMA (UMTS) et TD-SCDMA à partir du portefeuille de brevets CDMA de Qualcomm.

Dans le cadre de cet accord, Alcatel a accordé à Qualcomm l'utilisation gratuite au niveau mondial de son portefeuille de brevets pour développer, fabriquer et vendre des circuits incorporables dans les équipements CDMA mobiles et multimodes.

« QUALCOMM is pleased to license Alcatel, a premier worldwide equipment manufacturer to develop, manufacture and sell WCDMA and TD-SCDMA wireless infrastructure products using QUALCOMM's patents, » said Steve Altman, president of QUALCOMM Technology Licensing. « This agreement further validates the strength of QUALCOMM's patent portfolio and applicability to WCDMA, also known as UMTS, and TD-SCDMA. »

« This license strengthens Alcatel's leadership position as an enabler of mobile data and 3G CDMA wireless services, » said Marc Rouanne, president of Alcatel's Mobile Networks activities. « We are now, more than ever, well positioned to provide mobile operators with field-proven 3G solutions with everything in place, from UTRAN, Core network, ATM switches to Open service Platform and Software solutions. »

Alcatel's UMTS radio infrastructure (UTRAN) offering is developed and produced by Evolium SAS, the joint venture between Alcatel and Fujitsu. This joint venture leverages Alcatel's expertise in GSM, GPRS and EDGE as well as in ATM and IP technologies, and combines it with the advanced experience of Fujitsu as supplier of NTT DoCoMo, which has a commercial UMTS network in service since October 2001.

À propos de QUALCOMM

QUALCOMM Incorporated (www.qualcomm.com) is a leader in developing and delivering innovative digital wireless communications products and services based on the Company's CDMA digital technology. The Company's business areas include CDMA chipsets and system software ; technology licensing ; the Binary Runtime Environment for Wireless(TM) (BREW(TM)) applications platform ; QChat(TM) push-to-talk technology ; Eudora® e-mail software ; digital cinema systems ; and satellite-based systems including portions of the Globalstar(TM) system and wireless fleet management systems, OmniTRACS® and OmniExpress®. QUALCOMM owns patents that are essential to all of the CDMA wireless telecommunications standards that have been adopted or proposed for adoption by standards-setting bodies worldwide. QUALCOMM has licensed its essential CDMA patent portfolio to more than 100 telecommunications equipment manufacturers worldwide. Headquartered in San Diego, Calif., QUALCOMM is included in the S&P 500 Index and traded on The Nasdaq Stock Market® under the ticker symbol QCOM.

Except for the historical information contained herein, this news release contains forward-looking statements that are subject to risks and uncertainties, including the Company's ability to successfully design and have manufactured significant quantities of CDMA components on a timely and profitable basis, the extent and speed to which CDMA is deployed, change in economic conditions of the various markets the Company

serves, as well as the other risks detailed from time to time in the Company's SEC reports, including the report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2001, and most recent Form 10-Q.

À propos d'Alcatel

Alcatel conçoit, développe et construit des réseaux de communications innovants et compétitifs permettant aux opérateurs, aux fournisseurs de services et aux entreprises d'offrir tous contenus (voix, données ou multimédia) à tous clients, partout dans le monde. A partir d'un portefeuille complet de solutions qui vont des infrastructures optiques aux réseaux fixes et mobiles et à l'accès large bande, les clients d'Alcatel peuvent se consacrer à l'optimisation de leurs offres de services et de leurs sources de revenus. Avec un chiffre d'affaires de 25 milliards d'euros en 2001 et fort de 99 000 salariés, Alcatel est présent dans plus de 130 pays.

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