



## **OPTION ANNOUNCES LINUX CONNECTION MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE FOR MIDS**

*GlobeTrotter Connect for Linux brings Mobile Internet Devices closer to market acceptance*

**LEUVEN, Belgium – June 5 2008** — Option, the wireless technology company, announced its GlobeTrotter Connect for Linux — the connection management software for Mobile Internet Devices (MIDs) based on the Intel® Centrino® Atom™ processor technology. The software is written for Moblin-based Linux operating systems, an OS choice well-suited for MIDs.

GlobeTrotter Connect for Linux is expected to quickly become the essential connectivity solution for the rapidly developing MID market. It is a connection management software specifically developed for MIDs, the new range of devices that enables users to access the rich Internet in its entirety, virtually anytime, anywhere.

Laura Papero, Vice President Marketing at Option: “The addition of this new Linux software significantly enhances Option’s portfolio of connectivity products and enables us to deliver solutions for all major operating systems. In addition, it strengthens our customer value proposition in a particularly exciting new market segment – mobile internet devices.”

“Today’s Mobile Internet Devices are using a range of wireless technologies – 3G, Bluetooth, WiFi, WiMAX – to deliver the best Internet experience in pocketable devices,” said Pankaj Kedia, Director of Global Ecosystem Programs in Intel Corporation’s Ultra Mobility Group. “Intel® Centrino® Atom™ processor technology based MIDs, combined with Option’s GlobeTrotter Connect for Linux solution, will make it easier for our customers to seamlessly switch across wireless technologies and deliver a compelling user experience.”

### **Establishing the Linux market standard**

Option’s new GlobeTrotter Connect software for Linux is based on Moblin, which is focused on encouraging the open source community to develop new Linux-based technologies such as browsers, media players and Internet connection managers for MIDs. Linux is the operating system of choice for MIDs because of its small footprint, fast responsiveness, ease of customization, and low cost.

### **Supporting all mobile connections**

GlobeTrotter Connect for Linux will support 3G, Bluetooth, Wi-Fi and, later, WiMax technologies. Option is currently partnering with system manufacturers to demonstrate the capability of its software, and anticipates commercial availability of the solution in the second half of 2008. With the introduction of GlobeTrotter Connect for Linux, Option broadens its suite of software products to cover all major operating systems. Other Option software connectivity products include: GlobeTrotter Connect, GlobeTrotter

Connect for Mac, GlobeTrotter Mobility Manager and GlobeTrotter Unlimited Connection.

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### **ABOUT OPTION**

Option, the wireless technology company, is a leading innovator in the design, development and manufacture of 3G HSUPA, HSDPA, UMTS, EDGE, and WLAN technology products for wireless connectivity solutions. Option has established an impressive reputation for creating exciting products that enhance the performance and functionality of wireless communications. Option is headquartered in Leuven, Belgium. The company also has Research & Development in Belgium (Leuven), Germany (Düsseldorf and Adelsried) and an ISO 9001 production engineering and logistics facility in Ireland (Cork). Option maintains offices in Europe, US, Asia, Japan and Australia. For more information please visit [www.option.com](http://www.option.com).