



OPTION'S *u*CAN TRANSFORMS USB MODEM INTO A VIRTUAL PC

Professionals and consumers CAN access their own applications, content and personal Internet connection from any PC

LEUVEN, Belgium and BARCELONA, Spain – February 16, 2009 – Option N.V. (EURONEXT Brussels: OPTI; OTC: OPNVY), the wireless technology company, today announced a ground-breaking innovation in the high-growth USB wireless modem market with its new *u*CAN software platform.

With *u*CAN, a USB modem user can connect to the internet or access their applications, documents, MP3 collections or any other content via a “one click” launch pad from any personal computer. With applications running from the USB modem, Option's Zero Footprint technology, ensures no trace of activity is left on the host computer, running either Windows XP, Windows Vista or Mac OS, when the device is disconnected.

This unique and versatile functionality will appeal to anyone who prefers - or needs - to travel light without a laptop. *u*CAN-enabled USB modems will find applications among professionals and consumers. Business users will, for example, be able to edit documents and update spreadsheets using applications such as Open Office or keep up-to-date with their emails. Consumers will be able to enjoy simple one-click access to chat or Twitter services or any of their favourite social networks. By enabling users to make use of the large screen and full keyboard of virtually any PC, *u*CAN delivers a consistent and user-friendly mobile Internet experience anywhere in the world - irrespective of the computer being used.

“*u*CAN transforms a wireless broadband USB modem into a virtual PC capable of supporting an almost infinite range of useful, and for the operators revenue-generating, applications and services. This is really the Internet in your pocket,” said Jan Callewaert, CEO of Option. “*u*CAN also marks a new chapter in Option's evolution – opening up new software licensing revenues to complement our existing mobile broadband hardware business.”

Shipments of *u*CAN-enabled *i*CON USB devices are scheduled for the first half of 2009. Over time, the technology is likely to be offered across Option's range of *i*CON USB modems as media players, instant messaging and web 2.0 applications open up consumer market segments.

Option is demonstrating *u*CAN in **Hall 1, stand 1C 43** at the Mobile World Congress in Barcelona (February 16-19).

An online demo of *u*CAN is available at <http://www.option.com/en/ucan/launch/>

More information and screenshots of uCAN launch pad are available at <http://www.option.com/en/newsroom/media-center/photo-gallery/>

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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 Augsburg) 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 our brand new website www.option.com.

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