

# Aware Announces Licensing Agreement with PMC-Sierra for VDSL2

## Aware expands market presence of its StratiPHY3 VDSL2 solution

BEDFORD, Mass., June 7 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Aware, Inc. (Nasdaq: AWRE), a leading supplier of broadband technology, today announced PMC-Sierra, Inc. (Nasdaq: PMCS) as a new licensee of Aware's StratiPHY3<sup>™</sup> VDSL2 technology. As a leading provider of broadband communications semiconductors, PMC-Sierra is using Aware's StratiPHY3 technology for its MSP7140 VDSL2 residential gateway system on a chip (SoC) product.

"We are pleased to be working with PMC-Sierra as it executes on its digital home strategy," commented Edmund Reiter, Aware's president. "PMC-Sierra's latest product demonstrates a deep understanding of the multi-service gateway market, and we welcome our expanded partnership as a further endorsement of StratiPHY<sup>™</sup> as the most effective way to develop and maintain high-performance and interoperable DSL-enabled SoCs."

With an integrated VDSL2 modem, PMC-Sierra's MSP7140 is ideally suited for multi-service VDSL2-based gateways. The MSP7140 device, with Aware's StratiPHY3, is interoperable with legacy VDSL1 and emerging VDSL2 central office chipset solutions, and is backwards compatible to ADSL2+. The MSP7100 SDK also supports PMC-Sierra's MSP7120/30 ADSL2+, which uses Aware's StratiPHY2+ IP.

Aware will be demonstrating its industry-leading StratiPHY3-based multi-vendor VDSL2 interoperability this month at NXTcomm in Chicago.

### About StratiPHY3

Aware's StratiPHY3 is a field-proven, high-performance and highly interoperable DSL platform that contains all of the requisite technology for semiconductor and vertically integrated system vendors to rapidly incorporate DSL into their central office (CO) or customer premises (CPE) product offerings. StratiPHY3 intellectual property supports ADSL, ADSL2 and ADSL2+ as well as VDSL1 and VDSL2 and allows silicon providers to combine a complete, field-proven DSL solution with the strength and diversity of their own silicon product offerings to penetrate the world's largest broadband access market. StratiPHY3 deliverables include RTL and firmware source code, development systems, sample silicon and technical support from initial development and demonstrations through high-volume production.

Aware's line of StratiPHY platforms and its VDSL2 solutions will be featured in its booth at NXTcomm 2007 (#1858) from June 18 - 21, 2007 in Chicago. For more information on Aware or StratiPHY3 please visit Aware's website at http://www.aware.com.

### About Aware

Aware is a leading technology supplier for the telecommunications industries. For more than ten years, Aware has pioneered innovations at telecommunications standards-setting organizations and continues to develop and market DSL silicon intellectual property and test and diagnostics products. Its StratiPHY<sup>™</sup> IP product line supports DSL standards, including ADSL2+ and VDSL2, and has been broadly licensed to leading semiconductor companies. Telecom equipment vendors and phone companies use Aware's DSL test and diagnostics modules and Dr. DSL<sup>®</sup> software to help provision DSL circuits globally. Aware is also a veteran of the biometrics industry, providing biometric and imaging software components used in government systems worldwide since 1992. Aware's interoperable, standard-compliant, field-proven imaging products are used in a number of applications, from border management to criminal justice to medical imaging. Aware is a publicly held company (Nasdaq: AWRE) based in Bedford, Massachusetts. http://www.aware.com

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statements. The DSL factors include, but are not limited to: we have a unique business model, our quarterly results are difficult to predict, we depend on a limited number of licensees, we derive a significant amount of revenue from a small number of customers, we depend on equipment companies to incorporate our technology into their products, we face intense competition from other DSL vendors, DSL technology competes with other technologies for broadband access, and our business is subject to rapid technological change. We refer you to the documents Aware files from time to time with the Securities and Exchange Commission, specifically the section titled Risk Factors in our annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006 and other reports and filings made with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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