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**6WIND CONSOLIDATES ITS IPv6 DEFENSE EXPERTISE IN U.S. DoD-BACKED TESTS OF NEXT-GENERATION INTERNET**

**Paris, 22 March, 2004** – 6WIND chalked up another milestone for its IPv6 defense-related expertise with the successful completion of the Next-Generation Internet testing project. Known as Moonv6, the project, which is backed by the U.S. Department of Defense and hosted at the University of New Hampshire InterOperability Laboratory (UNH-IOL), terminated its second phase on March 19, 2004. It verified that the new Internet protocol, IPv6, will be able to run applications with a high degree of stability and security over complex distributed networks.

6WIND's participation from the launch of this test project has been to contribute to the seamless interoperability of Moonv6's complex large-scale network architectures. Its flagship product suite, the 6WINDGate™, enabled stable and secure inter-connectivity with other major IP networking hardware and software. Phase two of the test project focused on network routing protocols, applications, security and transition mechanisms. Moonv6 is ultimately expected to launch a native IPv6 backbone available for peering from anywhere in the world.

"The wheels have been set in motion for IPv6, and it's vital that the industry has at its disposal a neutral proving ground for interoperability and conformance testing," said Ben Schultz, the managing engineer in charge of the Moonv6 project at the UNH-IOL.

"The Moonv6 efforts in North America mirrors the global mobilization around IPv6, particularly in Europe with the NATO INSC project that involves 8 countries and multiple vendors. 6WIND is proud to participate in both projects, enriching further the company's strong experience and background in the defense sector," stated Patrick Cocquet, Vice-President of the IPv6 Forum and Chairman of 6WIND.

6WIND's successful participation in Moonv6 consolidates the company's leadership role in advanced IP networking standards and commitment to all major IPv6 projects around the world, including Euro6IX in Europe and 6Tnet/CNGN in China. It also reaffirms the highly proven maturity and reliability of its technology that recently received the IPv6-Ready logo certification from the IPv6 Forum and the European IST Prize for ground-breaking technologies.

**About Moonv6**

The Moonv6 project is a collaborative effort between the North American IPv6 Task Force (NAv6TF), the University of New Hampshire InterOperability Laboratory (UNH-IOL), Internet2, the Joint Interoperability Testing Command (JITC) and various other U.S. Defense Department agencies. Taking place across the U.S. at multiple locations, the Moonv6 project represents the most aggressive collaborative IPv6 interoperability and application demonstration event in the North American market to date. For more information, visit the organization's Web site at <http://www.moonv6.org>.

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## **About 6WIND**

Considered a key reference in advanced IP technologies, 6WIND is a leader of integrated IPv4 and IPv6 gateway solutions. 6WIND's network access technology empowers operators, ISPs, corporations, and research centres worldwide to have a simpler and more scalable network management, while enriching their services offering to end-users. An award winner of Europe's prestigious IST (Information Society Technology) prize for ground-breaking technologies, 6WIND develops easy-to-integrate, cost-effective and flexible gateway software packages to enable customers to deploy high value-added IP services for secure broadband access, WLAN, mobility and multimedia applications. At the same time, its solutions ensure the seamless transition of existing IPv4 infrastructures towards the new generation Internet being built on the IPv6 protocol.

A spin-off of European professional electronics and defence industry giant, Thales, 6WIND is headquartered near Paris, France, and is present in Asia. For more information on 6WIND, visit <http://www.6wind.com>

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