

Anritsu Corporation acquires Azimuth Systems, Inc. to Expand Its Global Lead in Wireless Test and Measurement

September 29, 2016 - Anritsu Corporation (Atsugi City, Kanagawa, Japan), a pioneer in the implementation of next generation wireless technologies, announced today it is acquiring Azimuth Systems, Inc. (Acton, Massachusetts, USA), a leading provider of automated, real-world RF performance test solutions, for an undisclosed amount. Azimuth Systems will become a subsidiary of Anritsu. Anritsu, with the integration of Azimuth's intellectual property, product portfolio and installed base, expands its test solutions, leveraging the strengths of both companies in the growing IoT and 5G markets.

Mobile broadband technologies are proliferating into every aspect of our society. The complexity of next generation (5G) broadband wireless will create more demands on radio propagation (data) quality. In addition, the dramatic increase expected in the number of IoT devices in the wireless network will increase the need for lab based testing environments that can duplicate communication issues found in the field. Channel emulators, and controlled RF environments in general, are indispensable in lab based testing to ensure expected data quality under any radio propagation environment. The radio propagation technology developed by Azimuth Systems over the past 14 years is a necessary part of evaluation and verification in research and development as well as for conformance test for mobile communications.

“There are a variety of rapidly evolving trends in the wireless industry that require our customers have access to enhanced testing capabilities”, said Pete Paglia, President and CEO of Azimuth Systems. “These trends include the increasing demands on radio propagation quality in next generation wireless networks. Azimuth Systems has been working with the wireless ecosystem from the beginning of the 4G rollout and, as an active participant in the standardization of 5G, is well positioned to lead the definition of 5G radio propagation solutions. Azimuth's radio propagation expertise, as realized in its ACE™ MIMO channel emulation portfolio and Field to Lab (FTL™) solutions, will be highly complementary with Anritsu's extensive wireless test and measurement product portfolio. I am very excited about the opportunities created by becoming part of Anritsu given its prestigious history and am looking forward to the combined companies delivering even greater value to our customers.”

“Anritsu has been expanding its test and measurement business for mobile terminals by integrating fading simulator technology developed internally into its current test solutions for 3G/4G. For future 5G solutions, Anritsu will be integrating Azimuth Systems' channel emulator intellectual property across its wireless test portfolio”, said Hirokazu Hashimoto, CEO of Anritsu Corporation. “In addition to adding key intellectual property to Anritsu’s R&D, Azimuth’s product portfolio expands Anritsu’s addressable market, including the network equipment RF performance test market. And, the regional and customer market penetration of both companies are highly complementary. I believe the combination of these two wireless test equipment leaders will contribute significantly to the realization of IoT / 5G deployment.”

[About Azimuth Systems]

Azimuth Systems, Inc., is a leader in wireless performance test solutions for network operators, device and module OEMs, chipset vendors, and infrastructure providers. Azimuth delivers solutions to re-create real-world device-network interaction and its impact on user experience. Azimuth’s ACE™ RF channel emulators and Spider™ controlled RF environments are designed to replicate wireless environments and isolate RF performance issues of wireless equipment to ensure better functionality of broadband wireless technologies such as 802.11, LTE, LTE-A and 5G. Headquartered in Acton, MA, USA, Azimuth Systems has customers around the world. Learn more about Azimuth Systems at www.azimuthsystems.com or on Twitter (<http://twitter.com/azimuthsystems>)

[About Anritsu]

Anritsu Corporation (www.anritsu.com) is a global provider of innovative communications test and measurement solutions for 120 years. Anritsu’s “2020 VISION” philosophy engages customers as true partners to help develop wireless, optical, microwave/RF, and digital solutions for R&D, manufacturing, installation, and maintenance applications, as well as multidimensional service assurance solutions for network monitoring and optimization. Anritsu also provides precision microwave/RF components, optical devices, and high-speed electrical devices for communication products and systems. The company develops advanced solutions for 5G, M2M, IoT, as well as other emerging and legacy wireline and wireless communication markets. Anritsu sells in over 90 countries worldwide with approximately 4,000 employees.

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