



## Press Release

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### Wengo entrusts the OpenWengo project to its partner MBDSYS

*Paris, January 28, 2008* – Wengo today announced an agreement with MBDSYS, to begin maintaining the OpenWengo open source project. Long-time contributors to the project, the new leadership will give new momentum to the future development of OpenWengo.

Since the beginning of 2005, Wengo has created, supported and financed the *OpenWengo* project, a viable, open source alternative to proprietary voice, video and instant messaging over IP solutions. **The project has now reached sufficient maturity to be used by the general public**, and there is an opportunity now for the community and the project to develop further, and find new business opportunities which Wengo is not the best placed to develop.

Wengo is therefore handing over maintainership to MBDSYS, its long-standing partner and co author of the software. A developer of professional VoIP applications specialised in embedded systems, MBDSYS will now support the open source project and its community.

MBDSYS has been a contributor from the outset and uses some OpenWengo modules in the context of its work developing projects, such as: the voice over IP interface for CB radio platforms, virtual secretariat applications, motorway interphone systems, IP door interphones, WiFi telephones, multifunctional USB keys, a VoIP module for use on web pages, etc.

The project can now evolve and meet the requirements of the developers, testers, documentation specialists and technology enthusiasts who are part of the OpenWengo community. A long-standing contributor, MBDSYS intends to continue to distribute resources free of charge and provide users with support whilst encouraging the development of IP technology as a joint collaborative effort.

For everyone in the community wanting to be involved in developing the OpenWengo project, it was vital to transfer maintainership. David Bitton, Wengo's MD, explains: “

**I am delighted that the OpenWengo project, in which we have invested ourselves for three years, continuous to exist and can profit from new development impetus with MBDSYS”.**

It is a major step for Hervé Baroukh, CEO of MBDSYS, who said: ‘Our objective is to **continue to make OpenWengo the most dynamic and comprehensive Open Source project with regard to communication over IP**, as it constitutes a source that is capable of sustaining a number of innovative projects. In the past, MBDSYS has produced applications for clients in both industry and telecommunications. By beginning today this second stage in the life of the OpenWengo project, we become the actor who is best placed to help other businesses with their technology requirements.’

MBDSYS plans to launch a brainstorming session within the community in the near future to come up with a new name for the project. It is Vadim Lebedev, the charismatic Technical Director of MBDSYS, who will run the project and involve the community. Vadim has also been an active contributor to OpenWengo since the project started.

## **About the OpenWengo project**

<http://www.openwengo.org/>

### **About Wengo.fr**

Wengo.fr is the first ultra-simple platform for purchasing and offering services over the Internet. Any individual who would like to offer their expertise for payment is free to do so; the community of customers then gives its verdict, enabling each service on offer to be rated. Wengo.fr thus offers an open approach to the services being made available. In 2007, Wengo joined up with partner sites of calibre, such as PriceMinister and AuFéminin. The aim: to create new advice services for their customers via a dedicated platform, available online. At the same time, Wengo.fr was strengthened by content service partners guaranteeing the quality of the editorial content of the various articles, and the status of the advisors.

For more information: [www.wengo.fr](http://www.wengo.fr)

### **About MBDSYS**

Created in 2004, MBDSYS is located in France, with applications worldwide. Its work is mainly based on the subcontracting of IT and electronics Research and Development to help operators and industry. MBDSYS's skills are based on its expertise in voice technology, video and instant messaging on the Internet, with a great team of engineers behind the world's 1st voice over IP adapter. This specialism is backed up by considerable expertise in embedded systems; hence the development of electronic systems has resulted in MBDSYS constantly rising to new challenges to enable market players to remain competitive. The effective incorporation of the components of embedded systems makes it possible to have a system that gives excellent performance at low cost. MBDSYS includes the following amongst its clients: ARCOR, CASTEL, COMVERSE, GEMALTO, NET2PHONE, NEUF CEGETEL, ON-WAVES, WINCOR NIXDORF, XPLORIUM GROUP, ...

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