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SPRINT ANNOUNCES NEW SOLUTION FOR HARD OF HEARING CUSTOMERS – WEBCAPTEL ON THE GO!

Captions can now be read on a number of mobile phones @ www.sprintcaptel.com.

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. – October 10, 2008 – Sprint (NYSE:S) today released Sprint WebCapTel® on the Go, a new, free mobile web-based service that allows a person who has a hearing loss, but prefers to speak and use their residual hearing over the phone to read word-for-word captions on Windows Mobile 6 web browsers, such as the HTC Mogul, Treo 800w, and the Motorola Q9c. In addition, Sprint WebCapTel on the Go is available on Safari. This new service is expected to help an estimated 30 million Americans with hearing loss.

“We are always looking for ways to offer unique and easy user experiences for our customers. This new solution from Sprint will offer the hard-of-hearing community mobility by being able to read real-time web-based captions on Windows enabled mobile devices,” says Mike Ligas, director of Sprint Relay.

With Sprint WebCapTel on the Go, users can make calls using two phones - reading captions on a wireless phone and listening and speaking on a second phone. Prior to making a call, the user would log onto www.sprintcaptel.com on one mobile device to read text captions of what the other party is saying. Captions appear virtually at the same time as the caller speaks, allowing users to enjoy a natural telephone conversation with two phones.

With this new service, Sprint WebCapTel on the Go is available almost anywhere as long as the wireless device is equipped with Windows Mobile 6 or an Apple Safari web browser. Sprint WebCapTel on the Go changes spoken words and sounds heard over a telephone into words to read.

“Sprint’s WebCapTel on the Go allows individuals with hearing loss the mobility that many of us take for granted” says Robert Engelke, president of Ultratec, Inc., the company that developed CapTel technology. “It gives people with hearing loss the independence to make and receive telephone calls without the necessity of wireline phones or computer connectivity.”

This free service is available for Sprint customers anywhere in the United States and within the US Territories. However, calls to or from international locations, such as Canada or Mexico, are not available. To learn more about this free service, visit www.sprintcaptel.com.

Sprint WebCapTel on the Go is an extension of Sprint’s existing WebCapTel service, which also provides captions during phone calls, but requires a computer with an internet browser of Internet Explorer 7.0, Firefox 3.0, or Safari 2.0 on which to display the captions.

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ABOUT SPRINT NEXTEL

Sprint Nextel offers a comprehensive range of wireless and wireline communications services bringing the freedom of mobility to consumers, businesses and government users. Sprint Nextel is widely recognized for developing, engineering and deploying innovative technologies, including two robust wireless networks serving approximately 54 million customers at the end of 2007; industry-leading mobile data services; instant national and international push-to-talk capabilities; and a global Tier 1 Internet backbone. For more information, visit www.sprint.com

ABOUT ULTRATEC INC.

Ultratec, Inc. is the world's leading developer of text telecommunications equipment for people who are deaf or hard of hearing. Since 1978, the company has been responsible for numerous advancements in telecommunications technology, including a full range of text telephones, public telephones, amplified telephones, and signaling systems for people with hearing loss. Ultratec works extensively with government agencies, emergency services, and local and national advocacy groups to ensure equal telecommunications access for people who are deaf or hard of hearing.