

Media Release

Dr Bryant to address Femto Forum

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Dr Rod Bryant, SigNav's founder and CTO, has been invited to speak at the up coming Femtocells Europe 2008 conference held in London, June 23rd to 25th. Dr Bryant, who was recently named by GPS World as one of the 50 plus "key individuals shaping the future of positioning, navigation and timing", will be addressing the Forum on location, clocking and synchronisation issues for femtocells.

"Location, clocking and synchronisation are all critical for femtocells, yet these are not well understood by the industry at large", said Dr Bryant, "Several options are available to developers but few scale to the envisaged deployments or are robust enough for a consumer application."

Highly accurate clocking and synchronisation are essential for handing active calls between the femtocell and the mobile macro network. Without these mobile calls would be dropped when a subscriber either enters or leaves the range of the femtocell. This results in poor quality of service and disgruntled customers.

Location is required to satisfy emergency mandates, such as E911 in the USA. Under these every call to an emergency service, including those from mobiles or cell phones, must be accompanied with an accurate location, ensuring a rapid response to the correct address.

"SigNav has been working on femtocells for over 3 years," said Dr Bryant, "So we believe we have answers to these perplexing issues."

About Dr Rod Bryant

Rod Bryant founded SigNav as Sigtec Navigation Pty Ltd in 1994. Previously he worked at Auspace Ltd for 8 years in a variety of Engineering, Management and Business Development roles associated with Satellite Engineering. It was at Auspace in 1987 that Rod conceived the open-loop GPS receiver signal processing scheme that is at the heart of SigNav's technology. Before joining Auspace, Rod was engaged in real time ultrasonic imaging research at the University of Adelaide. He was awarded a William Culross Prize for his Ph.D. research on the related topic of Optimal Systems For Echo-Location. Prior to 1991 Rod was engaged in a variety of development activities as a Telecommunications Engineer with Telecom Australia.

With 35 years of experience in the electronics industry as everything from Trainee Technician to CEO.

In May of 2008, Rod was selected by GPS World, a prestigious industry magazine, as one of the 50 plus "key individuals shaping the future of positioning, navigation and timing".

About SigNav

SigNav is leading vendor of Global Positioning Systems (GPS) solutions including its unique subATTO™ technology, which is the cornerstone upon which the company's offerings are built. SigNav supplies GPS chipsets, micro modules, modules and custom developed products to a global customer base. The company has offices in Canberra and Sydney, Australia and Orange County, California, USA.

About The Femto Forum

Femtocells are low-power wireless access points that operate in licensed spectrum to connect standard mobile devices to a mobile operator's network using residential DSL or cable broadband connections. The Femto Forum (www.femtoforum.org) has been set up to promote the wide-scale adoption of femtocells. The Forum will support and drive the adoption of industry wide standards and common architectures to enable the widespread adoption & deployment of femtocells by operators around the world. It will direct and implement a multi-faceted marketing campaign to raise the profile, drive technology development & deployment and to promote the potential of femto solutions among industry stakeholders, journalists, analysts, regulators, special interest groups, standards bodies and consumers.

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