



Press Release

## **COAI welcomes Reliance Jio Infocomm as Core Member**



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Reliance Jio Infocomm has joined COAI, the leading Mobile Communications Association presently representing six of the largest mobile service Operators and the majority of telecom equipment manufacturers, as well as other communication services and product companies in India.

With RJIL on board as a core member, the number of COAI's Core Members has gone up to seven. COAI's Core Membership comprises of telecom companies that hold a valid license from the Government of India for provisioning of Communication Services.

On the development, **Mr. Sandip Das, Managing Director, Reliance Jio Infocomm** said: *"We are all acutely aware of the significance of the expansion of advanced data networks such as LTE in our country. This will hasten our broadband penetration, which currently pales in comparison to the penetration rates in both the developed and developing countries. We see an opportunity for the policy makers and the industry to be aligned with respect to understanding what stands between the average Indian and their crying demand for better broadband! We see ourselves contributing significantly by building out a nationwide high speed data network. We are therefore pleased to join the COAI, where along with other operators, we hope to create an operating environment that will help us realise this ambition for all Indians as an industry, in the overall context of our nation's development."*

Said **Mr. Rajan S Mathews, Director General, COAI**, *"We are delighted that Reliance Jio Infocomm has joined us in our common endeavor to roll out innovative and affordable mobile broadband services to the citizens of India. Together, with Reliance Jio and our other members, we look forward to working with the government to achieve the ambitious targets enshrined in the government's agenda of creating the new 'i-way', smart cities and broadband for all."*

COAI's other Core Members are private cellular operators, namely - Aircel Ltd., Bharti Airtel Ltd., Idea Cellular Ltd., Telewings Communications Services Pvt. Ltd., Videocon Telecom and Vodafone India Ltd. These members provide about 68% of subscribers and around 71% of revenue share in the market. Apart from the seven Core Members, COAI also has 12 Associate Members – the companies that manufacture or support the functioning, promotion, research development and evolution of Mobile Communications Services.

A part of India's biggest private sector enterprise, Reliance Industries, RJIL holds pan-India broadband wireless access (BWA) spectrum in 2300 MHz band that is used for providing 4G services on the Long-Term Evolution (LTE) platform. The company also holds spectrum in the 1800 MHz band,

across 14 out of 22 service areas in the country. RJIL acquired the unified licence from the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) in October 2013.

Currently in process of creating the digital infrastructure backbone, RJIL is expected to commercially launch its high speed data and voice services (4G) in 2015.

In addition to fixed and wireless broadband connectivity, RJIL also plans to enable end-to-end solutions that address the entire value chain across various digital services in key domains of national interest such as education, healthcare, security, financial services, government-citizen interfaces and entertainment.

The company has entered into agreements with various telecom companies including Reliance Communications, Bharti Infratel, American Tower Corporation, Tower Vision India, Viom Networks and Ascend Telecom for sharing of their infrastructure for rolling out 4G services. RJIL will be offering its 4G services through a combination of towers they are renting from these partners and those that they are constructing on their own.

### **About COAI**

COAI was constituted in 1995 as a registered, non-governmental society. COAI's vision is to establish India as the global leader of innovative mobile communications infrastructure, products and services and achieving a national teledensity of 100%, including broadband. The association is also dedicated to the advancement of modern communication and towards delivering the benefits of innovative and affordable mobile communication services to the people of India.

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