

## **NDS LICENSES EXPWAY BINXML™ SOFTWARE FOR INTEGRATION INTO ITS BROADCAST SOLUTIONS**

*Integration will offer broadcasters bandwidth efficient solution for data intensive applications*

**London, UK – December 6, 2004** – NDS Group plc, a News Corporation company and a leading provider of technology solutions for digital pay TV, today announced that it has licensed EXPWAY's Binary XML solution, BinXML™, as part of its ongoing commitment to provide state of the art technology solutions to operators and broadcasters. NDS plans to integrate and deploy BinXML™ into its range of head-end systems and receiver middleware solutions.

The integration of BinXML into NDS headend and set-top box middleware will enable data to be compressed, offering broadcasters and operators the opportunity to deliver faster, richer and more bandwidth efficient applications. Data intensive applications, such as the Electronic Program Guide (EPG), will, with the integration of BinXML, be able to support the delivery of enhanced information to the customer using less bandwidth, potentially reducing costs for broadcasters and operators.

Nick Thexton, vice president TV Platforms, NDS said: "Constrained network environments present huge challenges for broadcasters. NDS is always looking for advanced solutions that will maximize bandwidth efficiency and ultimately will provide the consumer with a more compelling viewing experience. Integrating EXPWAY's BinXML software with our own products provides us with that ideal solution."

Based in France, EXPWAY has a strong expertise in the efficient handling of XML data for constrained networks and devices mainly in the broadcast and telecom industries. EXPWAY has gained market recognition through its active participation in metadata related standards bodies such as MPEG, TV-Anytime and DVB.

Antoine Weil, CEO of EXPWAY commented: "This deal will give us the opportunity to deploy our solution worldwide and demonstrates our capacity to address end users' need to access rich and efficient services."

### **About EXPWAY**

EXPWAY is one of the leading providers of software solutions for managing XML transfer and processing dedicated to TV and mobile networks. It draws its expertise from its proven and world-class patented binary XML technology, BinXML™, already adopted as the binary XML transport format by MPEG-7, TV-Anytime and DVB standards. EXPWAY solutions are suitable for constrained environments and devices such as digital TV set-top-boxes and mobile phones. EXPWAY was created in 2000 and is headquartered in Paris. See [www.expway.com](http://www.expway.com) for more information about EXPWAY.

## About NDS

NDS Group plc (NASDAQ/Euronext Brussels:NNDS) is a leading supplier of open end-to-end digital pay TV solutions for the secure delivery of entertainment and information to television set-top boxes and IP devices. See [www.nds.com](http://www.nds.com) for more information about NDS.

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