



Clarion Selects Espial Components for New Telematics Projects

Espial software chosen for new automotive telematics designs by Clarion Japan

([PRWEB](#)) September 28, 2002 -- Espial Technology Will Power Java-based Vehicle Applications

OTTAWA, Canada-September 26, 2002-Espial, a leading provider of software and services for smart Internet devices, today announced that Clarion, a leading automotive system OEM, have selected Espial products for next-generation vehicle applications with critical driver interaction requirements. Clarion built the first hands-free device integrating car audio, computing functions, navigation, and wireless communication that can be built into the automotive dashboard. The company will use Espial software and technology to further advance features and functionality for the growing telematics market.

"One of the strengths of Espial technology is that it is Java-based, and is extremely important as we work across computing platforms and look ahead to emerging standards such as OSGi," said Dr. Kazuyoshi Sugai, Manager, R&D Division, Advanced Technology Development Department at Clarion. "The use of Espial technology will help expand our offerings to new markets and to a new level as manufacturers seek cost effective solutions to make vehicles safer and the time spent on the road more efficient and enjoyable."

Automotive designers are implementing telematics technology to improve safety, security, vehicle performance, communication, navigation, and to provide Internet based services. The telematics market is predicted to grow to more than \$7 Billion by 2005. Next generation telematics systems are OSGi-based and include Web browsing capabilities, which can be enabled via the Espial Suite for Telematics.

"Clarion has led the industry with the AutoPC(TM), and now with the selection of the Espial technology will further advance the company's leadership in providing telematics solutions," said Bob Egner, vice president of global marketing at Espial. "Due to the advanced engineering by Espial, our solutions are compliant with the latest standards such as OSGi, and are built to meet the needs of the demanding telematics applications."

Analysts predict that more than 60 million vehicles with telematics systems will be on the road in the US 2010, and more than 150 million worldwide. The coming revolution in automotive software design and deployment is predicted to be built on secure standards as those Espial has deployed in the DTV, wireless, and Internet appliance markets.

About Espial Escape

Espial Escape is the first 100% Java browser to offer a scalable configuration that supports key Internet standards. Thanks to its exceptional feature set, Escape has emerged as one of the only Java browsers to have been successfully deployed on multiple Java Virtual Machines (JVMs). Now in its fourth major commercial release, Escape is proven Java browser technology that has been commercially deployed and works across a range of smart Internet device categories, including: Internet appliances, interactive digital TVs, wireless devices and automotive infotainment systems, For more information on Espial Escape, visit

<http://www.espial.com/escape>.

About Espial

With more than 90 device design wins with companies such as Intel, Motorola, On Command, Philips, and Samsung, Espial has deployed proven solutions for devices relying on Internet connectivity. Espial software allows customers to create services, deliver devices, manage infrastructure while building revenue in a cost



effective manner. Espial technology applies universally, across sectors as TV, wireless, and automotive. Visit www.espial.com.

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