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### **DTG publishes new MHEG-5 Profile**

The Digital TV Group today publishes an updated MHEG-5 UK Profile, version 1.06. Intended to replace the version currently used in UK DTT receivers, version 1.05, the new 1.06 offers improved interoperability, functionality and ease of authoring

The final step in the process to adopt MHEG-5 v1.06 came at the end of March in a letter to the DTG from Andy Townend, Chairman of TDN - the 'club' of UK multiplex operators - who confirmed that the TDN Executive had agreed that MHEG-5 UK Profile 1.06 should be adopted as the UK profile 'with immediate effect.'

The move comes as the culmination of two years' work by a joint TDN/DTG group of MHEG experts from broadcasters and manufacturers who developed the new specification. Now that the new Profile is published, it is hoped that it will appear in new products perhaps as early as this autumn, bringing improvements in receiver and application functionality and performance. DTG Testing will develop suitable test specifications and procedures to deal with the new Profile. Over-air downloading of version 1.06 to upgrade existing receivers is in the planning stage.

The DTG's Technical Director, Peter Marshall, commented, "This is another important building block in the drive for a genuinely interoperable future. The DTG greatly welcomes the publication of the new specification, and I would also like to pay tribute to team of experts for their sterling work on this."

In a reference to the interest in MHEG-5 which is growing in some other countries, Andy Townend also said, "The TDN is also minded to transfer the Profile and the associated IPR to ETSI to permit its incorporation into the new European specification being prepared by the ETSI MHEG group."

**The new Profile is available as a downloadable pdf from the DTG website at [www.dtg.org.uk](http://www.dtg.org.uk)**

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## NOTES FOR EDITORS

### About the DTG

**The DTG was formed in 1995 to set technical standards for the implementation of digital terrestrial television (DTT) in the UK and now encompasses all digital TV platforms and convergence issues on a world-wide basis.**

**Membership of the DTG is open to all companies involved in digital TV broadcasting on all platforms with a commitment to published standards and open markets. We now have over 100 member companies which include broadcasters, platform operators, manufacturers, retailers, regulators and others, including a growing number of world affiliates.**

The DTG...

- encourages an open market in receivers and set-top boxes.
- supports regulators' requirements for interoperability and open access.
- works in support of the Government's Digital Action Plan
- acts as a technical clearing house, publicising the work of members and providing a user-group to implementers around the world.
- has established a wholly-owned subsidiary, DTG Testing Ltd., to provide interoperability testing services to the industry.
- fulfils marketing and regulatory roles on behalf of its members and the industry.
- is actively working to enhance broadcasting with interactivity and internet technology.
- is an active member of the DVB Project.
- is a founder member of DigiTAG.
- exhibits at major international trade fairs.
- advises on DTT implementation world-wide.

### About the TDN

Members of The Digital Network (TDN) are the broadcasting organisations which hold digital terrestrial multiplex operator's licences.

The four organisations represented are: BBC (Multiplex 1 and Multiplex B), D3&4 (ITV and Channel 4 - Multiplex 2), SDN (S4C Digital Network - Multiplex A), Crown Castle International (Multiplexes C & D)

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