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New members accelerate ONVIF's standardization work

- ▶ Working groups established
- ▶ 2nd version of specification initiated
- ▶ Next step conformance

With the support of multiple new members, ONVIF now accelerates its efforts towards an open global standard for the interface of network video products. Several working groups were recently established with focus on conformance tools and the next version of the specification.

"We initiated five different working groups in the beginning of March, and many of the member companies are now directly involved in the development work. The broad member base, and the new members' participation in committees and working groups, is very valuable for the development of the second version of the specification," says Ken Iwasaki at Sony Corporation, member of ONVIF's Steering Committee.

Already in the end of 2008, ONVIF released the first version of its core specification and test specification, both publicly available on the forum's website www.onvif.org. These specifications cover local and remote device discovery, device management, imaging configuration, media configuration, real-time streaming of audio and video, event handling, video analytics, PTZ (Pan, Tilt and Zoom) control and security. One of the recently formed working groups is dedicated to storage, another on continuous development of the core specification, while the remaining three focus on support and conformance issues.

"Conformance is a central matter for any standardization forum," says Ken Iwasaki. "We are now working intensively to complete the test tool and conformance process that will enable manufacturers to market ONVIF conformant products. Our strategy to provide well-defined documentation and tools is key to ensure product interoperability, which is what the market is looking for," Ken Iwasaki explains. The ONVIF test tool and conformance process are planned to be released within the next month.

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About ONVIF

Established in 2008 by Axis Communications, Bosch Security Systems and Sony Corporation, ONVIF (Open Network Video Interface Forum) is a global and open industry forum that is committed to the adoption of network video in the security market. ONVIF's mission is to facilitate the development and use of a global open standard for the interface of network video products. ONVIF membership is open to manufacturers, software developers, consultants, system integrators, end-users and other interest groups that wish to participate in the activities of ONVIF.