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TTPCom IP stays open for licensing

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The intellectual property (IP) portfolio of Cambridge-based TTP Communications will remain available to other companies to license following the acquisition of the firm by Motorola.

"They [Motorola] do specifically see this as being an opportunity to move forward and to enable and licence the [AJAR 3G] platform to others," Peter Davies, head of marcoms at TTPCom told *Electronics Weekly*.

"The definite intention from what we've heard is that they see open standards as being the way forward and they want us because we do have other customers. The intent is to spread this among other handset customers as well. They're not doing it to lock it up as Motorola proprietary," said Davies.

Motorola has been expanding its mobile development activities in the UK over the last 12 months and last week agreed on a **cash offer for TTP Communications** plc, which owns the Cambridge-based wireless developer TTPCom and also has stakes in Ip.access and 7 Layers UK. The offer, which has been recommended by the directors, will value the company at £103m.

TTPCom develops applications, protocols and silicon IP for wireless terminals, including the AJAR applications framework of which Motorola is a licensee. Ip.access designs basestations for in-building mobile coverage and 7 layers is a handset test and certification business.

"We already have a strong relationship with TTPCom and look forward to continuing the momentum the firm has built with its customers and partners across the mobile industry," said Ron Garriques, president of Motorola's mobile devices business.

TTPCom, which currently has approximately 575 employees, will remain headquartered in Cambridge but it is not clear if the name will be retained. Motorola has said there will be no short term job losses.

"This gives us stable financial backing and a closer relationship with the world's number two handset manufacturer which has got to be a very good thing," said Davies. "And it validates our technology."

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