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# Patton-Inalp Appoints Ramon Felder as President and COO

**Berne, Switzerland:** Patton-Inalp Networks, creator of the SmartNode<sup>™</sup> brand of industry-leading VoIP technology solutions, announces today that the board of directors has appointed Ramon Felder as President and COO.

The move will increase corporate profitability by streamlining management structure and improving operational efficiency. The appointment reflects a reorganization that strengthens and focuses the Patton-Inalp team by realigning key talent so each member can play to his strengths.

"Ramon has a great reputation within the organization," said Dr. Andreas Danuser, Patton-Inalp's Chairman of the Board. "His in-depth knowledge and broad experience make him the perfect candidate for this position."

Mr. Felder will manage corporate communications, business development and daily operations for Patton-Inalp, located in Berne, Switzerland. Before Mr. Felder's appointment, Dr. Andreas Danuser, in addition to functioning as CEO and Chairman of the Board, also served as President of Patton-Inalp. With Mr. Felder assuming presidential responsibilities, Dr. Danuser can more effectively focus on his critical functions as Chairman and CEO. In his new position as President and COO, Mr. Felder also joins the Patton-Inalp board of directors, serving with Dr. Danuser and Mr. Robert R. Patton, President of Patton Electronics.

Mr. Felder brings a rich palette of skills and experience to his new set of responsibilities. Prior to joining Inalp in 1996 (the firm's founding year), Mr. Felder served Ascom in product management, sales, support, and hardware and software engineering functions. In addition to his most recent role as SmartNode™ Product Manager, Mr. Felder has served Inalp as Director of Sales for Europe, managed technical support, and provided leadership for the firm's sales and marketing activities. Mr. Felder holds a diploma from the Institute for Mikro-Technology in Neuchatel. He graduated in 1996 from the Federal Institute of Technology in Lausanne.

As COO, Mr. Felder replaces the former acting COO and Director of Engineering, Dr. Thomas Siegrist, who is leaving the organization. Marco Liechti, former Senior Software Engineer, will take over Mr. Felder's prior role as SmartNode™ Product Manager effective October 1, 2005.

### About Patton-Inalp

Inalp Networks was founded in 1998 to design, develop and market advanced Internet Protocol (IP) based multi-service platforms that allow the combined offering of voice, video

and data services over the same networks. Patton Electronics, Co. (Maryland, USA) and Inalp Networks AG (Berne, Switzerland) joined forces 2002 to produce and market the SmartNode™ brand of advanced VoIP products. Patton-Inalp Networks AG is a VoIP competency center and Europe-Middle-East-Africa (EMEA) sales organization for the Patton brand of products.

#### About Patton

Patton Electronics Company is a US manufacturer and marketer of data communications products, including VoIP gateways & routers with advanced QoS, Remote Access (V.92, V.90, K56Flex, V.34+, and ISDN dial-in), Last Mile/Local Loop Access (T1, E1, and xDSL modems, NTUs and CSU/DSUs), Multi-Service Access (voice, intranet, extranet, and Frame Relay access), and Connectivity (interface converters, short range modems, multiplexers, and surge protectors).

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