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**THE ZIGBEE ALLIANCE AND CONTINUA HEALTH ALLIANCE COLLABORATE  
TO EXPAND TELEHEALTH CAPABILITIES**

*Groups will define standards for personal health solutions*

**San Ramon, Calif. & Beaverton, Ore.** -- Oct. 5, 2009 – The ZigBee® Alliance and the Continua Health Alliance today announced a liaison agreement to expand their relationship and collaborate further on defining interoperable communication standards for personal health solutions on low-power local area networks (LAN). Personal health solutions allow individuals to be checked remotely by families and healthcare providers with an array of medical and activity devices that increase individual independence, improve safety and personalize health and wellness management.

ZigBee and Continua will work together to expand the ZigBee Health Care public application profile to define and certify capabilities specific to personal health solutions. ZigBee Health Care was selected in June by Continua for use in professional settings, homes, recreation centers and large campuses and will be included in an upcoming version of Continua Health Alliance's Design Guidelines for interoperable personal health solutions. ZigBee Health Care offers Continua's 200-plus members a ready-to-implement solution featuring interference-free and secure wireless connectivity, capable of supporting thousands of devices on a single network. These solutions will reliably monitor and control wide-ranging devices, designed to help aging and physically challenged people remain independent.

"The urgency inherent in patient monitoring calls for a very robust, multi-path wireless technology that doesn't bottleneck important data," said Rick Cnossen, Continua Health Alliance president and chairman of the board of directors. "ZigBee Health Care is an international, open standard that provides the reliability and performance necessary to satisfy Continua's cost, quality, and functional objectives."

ZigBee Health Care offers secure, robust, battery-efficient wireless connectivity for patient activity and facilities monitoring while delivering the freedom of wireless operation outside of buildings. ZigBee peacefully coexists with other wireless technologies, including Wi-Fi, a critical requirement for patient safety and use in healthcare facilities.

"Continua is a great partner to work with on utilizing ZigBee Health Care for telehealth solutions," said Bob Heile, chairman of the ZigBee Alliance. "Continua's members represent a knowledgeable community of technology, medical device and health care industry leaders who can help us deliver independence, safety and improved health to patients everywhere, every day."

**ZigBee Health Care – The Standard for Monitoring Health, Wellness and Fitness**

More broadly, ZigBee Health Care provides a global, open standard for interoperable wireless devices enabling secure monitoring and management of noncritical, low-acuity healthcare

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services targeted at chronic disease management, obesity and ageing. It provides full support for IEEE 11073 devices. The standard is designed for use in homes, fitness centers, retirement communities, nursing homes and a variety of medical care facilities. It meets the requirements of consumers, service providers, care providers, payers, product manufacturers and policymakers. ZigBee Health Care certified products can interact with other ZigBee certified products found in residential and commercial settings. Visit [www.zigbee.org/healthcare](http://www.zigbee.org/healthcare) for more information.

### **About Continua**

Continua Health Alliance is a non-profit, open industry coalition of the finest health care and technology companies joining together in collaboration to improve the quality of personal health care. With more than 200 member companies around the world, Continua is dedicated to establishing a system of interoperable personal health solutions with the knowledge that extending those solutions into the home fosters independence, empowers individuals and provides the opportunity for truly personalized health and wellness management.

### **ZigBee: Control your world**

ZigBee is the global wireless language connecting dramatically different devices to work together and enhance everyday life. The ZigBee Alliance is a non-profit association of more than 300 member companies driving development of ZigBee wireless technology. The Alliance promotes worldwide adoption of ZigBee as the leading wirelessly networked, sensing and control standard for use in consumer electronic, energy, home, commercial and industrial areas. For more information, visit: [www.ZigBee.org](http://www.ZigBee.org).

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