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**Paris-Based Ars Aperta Signs License Agreement with Open Invention Network to Provide Intellectual Property Protection**

**Paris (October 10, 2007)** - Open Invention Network (OIN), the company formed to spur innovation and protect the Linux System, today announced that Ars Aperta, an independent consulting firm focusing on open standards and open source software related strategies for corporate and governmental organizations, has signed on as a licensee during OIN's tour of France. By becoming a licensee, Ars Aperta has joined the growing list of companies that are leveraging the Open Invention Network to ensure Linux-based, intellectual property protection for themselves.

Patents owned by Open Invention Network are available royalty-free to any company, institution or individual that agrees not to assert its patents against the Linux System. This enables companies, like Ars Aperta, to continue to make significant corporate and capital expenditure investments in Linux – helping to fuel economic growth. By developing a web of Linux developers, distributors, sellers, resellers and end-users that license its patent portfolio, Open Invention Network is creating a shielded Linux Ecosystem that is a deterrent against organizations looking to harm or slow the pace of Linux growth and adoption.

“As we look to grow the Linux Ecosystem, we are pleased to have Ars Aperta become a licensee,” said Jerry Rosenthal, chief executive officer of Open Invention Network. “Ars Aperta is one of a growing number companies, of all sizes, that value the openness and collaborative culture of the Linux community. We applaud their support for Linux.”

“We consider that software patents hamper innovation and put useless barriers for both private and public sectors. This is why we believe that our agreement with the OIN will benefit our customers,” said Charles Schulz, founding partner of Ars Aperta. “We see

significant advantages in licensing OIN's patents. It means that we at Ars Aperta will be able to help our customers innovate, grow and use Free and Open Source Software.”

OIN has accumulated more than 100 strategic, worldwide patents and patent applications. These patents are available to all licensees as part of the patent portfolio that OIN is creating around, and in support of Linux. Through the accumulation of patents that may be used to shield the Linux System, including users of Linux software, OIN has reduced the need for offers of protection from others.

This makes it economically attractive for companies that want to repackage, embed and use Linux to host specialized services or create complementary products. Additionally, it helps ensure the continuation of innovation that has benefited software vendors, customers, emerging markets and investors.

The Open Invention Network license agreement can be found at [www.openinventionnetwork.com/pat\\_license.php](http://www.openinventionnetwork.com/pat_license.php).

### ***About Ars Aperta***

Ars Aperta is an independent consulting firm focusing on open standards and open source software related strategies for corporate and governmental organizations.

Ars Aperta helps its customers through change management, methods, and technical, relational and legal expertise on Free & Open Source projects.

Member of several technical committees of the OASIS consortium, Ars Aperta assists organizations in their strategic reflexion on interoperability and the use of solutions based on open standards, in particular OpenDocument format.

For more information, visit the company at [www.arsaperta.com](http://www.arsaperta.com)

### ***About Open Invention Network***

Open Invention Network is an intellectual property company formed to further the Linux System by acquiring patents and ensuring their availability. It promotes a positive, fertile Linux Ecosystem, which in turn drives innovation and choice in the global marketplace. Open Invention Network has considerable industry backing. It was launched in 2005, and

has received investments from IBM, NEC, Novell, Philips, Red Hat and Sony. For more information go to [www.openinventionnetwork.com](http://www.openinventionnetwork.com).

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