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## ASSIA AND BT JOINTLY ANNOUNCE UK LITIGATION SETTLEMENT

*Truce Includes End of EPO Patent Opposition Activities*

**REDWOOD CITY, Calif., USA and LONDON, England** — July 29, 2015 — Adaptive Spectrum and Signal Alignment, Inc. (ASSIA), a leading broadband solutions company, and British Telecommunications PLC (BT) today announced that they had agreed to settlement terms ending long-running patent infringement disputes between the parties, involving litigation dating to 2011. The settlement provides that the parties will cross-license portions of their patent portfolios. In addition, the parties will each stipulate to the dismissal of all pending matters in the UK High Court and associated appeals, termination of several proceedings in the European Patent Office in which the parties had challenged the validity of each other's patents, and dismissal of patent infringement litigation brought by BT against ASSIA in the United States.

"We are pleased that we have been able to resolve the issues with BT" said ASSIA Chairman and CEO John M. Cioffi.

ASSIA currently holds over 250 issued patents and another 250 applications in process in the fields of broadband optimization – including Dynamic Spectrum Management (DSM) Levels 1 and 2, vectoring (DSM Level 3), phantom mode DSL, DSL bonding, and other complementary technologies. At March 2015, BT had a worldwide portfolio of more than 4,500 patents and applications around the world in a variety of technologies – including Dynamic Spectrum Management (DSM) and related technologies.

"Both BT and ASSIA are pleased to end this long running dispute to the mutual satisfaction of both parties," said BT's Managing Director of Service Strategy & Operations, Mike Galvin.

### **About BT**

BT's purpose is to use the power of communications to make a better world. It is one of the world's leading providers of communications services and solutions, serving customers in more than 170 countries. Its principal activities include the provision of networked IT services globally; local, national and international telecommunications services to its customers for use at home, at work and on the move; broadband, TV and internet products and services; and converged fixed/mobile products and services. BT consists principally of five customer-facing lines of business: BT Global Services, BT Business, BT Consumer, BT Wholesale and Openreach.

For the year ended 31 March 2015, BT Group's reported revenue was £17,979m with reported profit before taxation of £2,645m.

British Telecommunications plc (BT) is a wholly-owned subsidiary of BT Group plc and encompasses virtually all businesses and assets of the BT Group. BT Group plc is listed on stock exchanges in London and New York.

For more information, visit [www.btplc.com](http://www.btplc.com).

**About ASSIA, Inc.**

ASSIA, Inc. is a strategic and trusted solutions vendor to broadband service providers and consumers worldwide. ASSIA solutions enable providers to grow revenues, increase customer satisfaction, improve operational efficiencies, and deliver new multimedia content to the broadband-enabled home. ASSIA has more than 70 million broadband lines under contract with top-tier service providers worldwide and is backed by a broad portfolio of strategic investors. For more information, visit [www.assia-inc.com](http://www.assia-inc.com). “ASSIA” is an acronym for “Adaptive Spectrum and Signal Alignment.”

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