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## **Axis, Bosch and Sony announce Open Network Video Interface Forum (ONVIF)**

- ▶ Announcement of ONVIF as the global open forum for the standardization of network video interfaces
- ▶ Launch of ONVIF web site at [www.onvif.org](http://www.onvif.org)

In May 2008, Axis Communications, Bosch Security Systems and Sony Corporation announced their cooperation to create a global open forum for the development of a standard network interface for network video products. Today the forum is introduced as ONVIF (Open Network Video Interface Forum). By creating an independent, non-profit organization the three founding members ensure the openness needed to develop an open industry standard. Interested parties may register to participate via the web site at [www.onvif.org](http://www.onvif.org). The site provides information about the benefits of a global standard and answers to frequently asked questions.

ONVIF is committed to accelerating the adoption of network video in the security market through a global open interface standard. The standard will define a common protocol for the exchange of information (such as device discovery, live video, audio, metadata and control information) between network video devices.

The ONVIF interface will provide interoperability between network video products regardless of manufacturer. It will become even easier for end users, integrators, consultants and manufacturers to take advantage of the possibilities offered by network video, resulting in more cost-effective and flexible solutions, expanded market opportunities and reduced risk.

Spokespersons for the three founding members Axis, Bosch and Sony are available in their respective booths at ASIS 2008 in Atlanta, USA. ONVIF will be officially open for membership at Security 2008 in Essen, Germany where the forum will be represented with its own dedicated booth.

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#### **About Axis Communications**

*Axis is an IT company offering network video solutions for professional installations. The company is the global market leader in network video, driving the ongoing shift from analog to digital video surveillance. Axis products and solutions focus on security surveillance and remote monitoring, and are based on innovative, open technology platforms.*

*Axis is a Swedish-based company, operating worldwide with offices in more than 20 countries and cooperating with partners in more than 70 countries. Founded in 1984, Axis is listed on the OMX Nordic Exchange, under the ticker AXIS. For more information about Axis, please visit our website at [www.axis.com](http://www.axis.com).*

#### **About Bosch**

*The Bosch Group is a leading global supplier of technology and services. In the areas of automotive and industrial technology, consumer goods, and building technology, some 271,000 associates generated sales of 46.3 billion euros in fiscal 2007. The Bosch Group comprises Robert Bosch GmbH and its more than 300 subsidiaries and regional companies in roughly 50 countries. This worldwide development, manufacturing, and sales network is the foundation for further growth. Each year, Bosch spends more than 3 billion euros for research and development, and applies for over 3,000 patents worldwide. The company was set up in Stuttgart in 1886 by Robert Bosch (1861-1942) as "Workshop for Precision Mechanics and Electrical Engineering."*

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*Additional information can be accessed at [www.bosch.com](http://www.bosch.com).*

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