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ArrayComm welcomes Dougan's appointment

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ARRAYCOMM Inc, developer of wireless telecommunications products and technology has welcomed Ambassador Diana Lady Dougan to its board of directors.

Chairman and co-founder of ArrayComm, Mr Martin Cooper said the company is honoured to have the guidance and counsel of Dougan, who is a distinguished and experienced telecommunications authority.

Cooper, known as the "Father of Cellular Phones" said, "We are very pleased because she is a very experienced telecommunications authority.

"Besides that ... she is a smart business person and most of all she is not afraid to speak her mind.

"For somebody like me, that is important because I am also not afraid to speak my mind.

"It is good to have somebody who does not always accept what you say. She is always challenging me ... which is good," Cooper told Business Times in Kuala Lumpur.

Dougan has served in senior policy and management positions in industry and US government for more than three decades, including appointments by both Republican and Democratic presidents in Senate-confirmed positions.

In addition to serving as the International Communications Studies Chair at the Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), she serves on diverse boards and commissions, including co-chairing the Governing Board of the Centre for Information Infrastructure and Economic Development, based in Beijing under the auspices of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

She has spearheaded a number of multilateral, multi-industry initiatives including the founding of the Global Information Infrastructure Commission.

From 1982 to 1988, as the first statutory US coordinator for international communications and information policy, she spearheaded international negotiations and policies involving telecommunications, broadcast, and Information Technology services on behalf of 14 federal agencies and served administratively as assistant secretary of state. She holds the permanent rank of ambassador.

Dougan is also the only non-corporate person (as well as the sole woman) to be invited by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to be on the International Advisory Panel of the Multimedia Super Corridor.

ArrayComm is in smart antenna-based wireless communications. Its IntelliCell processing platform dramatically enhances the quality, capacity and coverage of wireless telecommunications networks.

The fully adaptive technology combines innovative digital signal processing with antenna arrays to create virtual wire links with each user.

IntelliCell technology, on which ArrayComm has extensive patent coverage, can work with all wireless standards and forms the basis of the IntelliWave wireless local loop system (WLL), which is designed for fixed application.

The IntelliWave technology is licensed to Kyocera, which is one of the major wireless manufacturers and the parent company of DDI in Japan.

The field trials of IntelliWave WLL were successfully conducted by SMART Communications in the Philippines, together with NTT.

Headquartered in San Jose, California, ArrayComm has offices in Japan,

India, France and Argentina. The company's WLL systems have been deployed in Brazil and the Philippines.

In Malaysia, ArrayComm has successfully conducted field trials for Telekom Malaysia in the last six months.

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