

Wellingborough, UK - 7 March 2006 - Sarantel, the leading manufacturer of revolutionary filtering antennas for mobile and wireless devices, today announced that Benefon Oyj of Finland has embedded a GeoHelix® GPS antenna inside its new TWIG Discovery personal navigator and GSM mobile smartphone. Benefon, a global leader in the design and manufacture of GSM+GPS mobile phones, selected the GeoHelix antenna for the Twig because its small size and high performance enables Benefon to create a truly consumer-friendly, reliable navigation experience.

Benefon has a long track record of providing high quality, high sensitivity GPS receiver technology in products targeted at security, personnel and fleet management. Announced at 3GSM in Barcelona, the TWIG Discovery extends that reputation into a line of innovative GSM mobile phones for consumer markets.

"There are a lot of mobile phones on the market that claim GPS functionality," said Jonathan Bate, Benefon's CEO. "The truth is, navigation is much harder to accomplish if it's not a core technology of the phone. Benefon has designed its best navigation technology into the Twig resulting in a reliable and precise navigation experience for the consumer. Sarantel's antenna allowed us the luxury of not having to compromise navigation performance while at the same time keeping the Twig small enough to meet consumer's expectations," Bate concluded.

The GeoHelix GPS antenna combines several properties that are of great value when designing GPS into mobile devices. The antenna has a small near-field, so it doesn't detune or lose satellite signals when users hold the phone in their hand or near their head. It acts as its own filter, rejecting noise from the GSM transceiver which adversely affects GPS reception. Additionally, the GeoHelix antenna is omni-directional, providing good reception in random orientations so the user does not need to think about where the antenna is pointing. These factors, along with the small size of the antenna, allowed Benefon to embed the GPS antenna inside the phone rather than having to resort to a more traditional, flip-up patch antenna solution as is commonly used in conventional handheld navigation devices, or forcing the user to purchase a separate wireless GPS device.

David Wither, Sarantel CEO says, "The TWIG Discovery really plays to the strengths of our GeoHelix technology. The high performance, small size, and omni-directional nature of the antenna are ideal for a device like a mobile telephone that needs to work efficiently even when the user is holding it. The best thing about this product is that the consumer doesn't have to know about the technology behind the device to appreciate the fact it is truly portable and it gets them where they want to go, reliably and accurately. It was a privilege to work with the highly experienced Benefon team on this excellent GPS/GSM integrated product."

Sarantel Limited is a dynamic, growing company that develops and manufactures a new generation of miniature filtering antennas for wireless communications. Based on 20+ years of research and development, the company has over 200 worldwide patents covering the design and manufacture of antennas that provide clear signals and high performance in all conditions of use. The parent company, Sarantel Group PLC, is based in Wellingborough, England, with offices in Singapore, New York, Seattle, and Dallas. It is publicly traded on the AIM market of the London Stock Exchange under the symbol SLG. Please visit www.sarantel.com for further information.

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About Benefon

Benefon Oyj is a leader in GSM+GPS mobile telematics equipment and solutions. Professional and consumer applications include professional security, personal safety, field and workflow management, asset tracking, and health. Headquartered in Salo, Finland, Benefon has designed and manufactured mobile equipment for GSM and NMT cellular systems since 1988. Please visit www.benefon.com for further information. More information on Benefon's new product Twig Discovery can also be found on www.twigme.com.

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