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	<p>John Anderson, Managing Director, Communications, Media & Technology, Accenture - John is a Managing Director in Accenture's Communications, Media, and High Tech industry practice, focused on the cable segment. Having spent most of his 23 years with Accenture in its Technology Architecture & Consulting groups, John has helped to envision, design, and deliver customer-oriented solutions that integrate devices, content, and services, and yield rich analytical insight. John currently works out of Philadelphia and leads the Accenture team responsible for Rapid Product Engineering, where he focuses on exploring and expanding the vertical and horizontal integration of RDK throughout the digital home and beyond.</p>
	<p>Pedro Bandeira, Vice President, Customer Product Transformation, Deutsche Telekom - Pedro is a highly experienced Engineering and IT development executive who, over the years, has lead multiple teams to new degrees of success in the telecommunications, Cable and IT industries. He has a very strong technical and financial background, and hands-on experience in strategic planning, system engineering, IT platforms, Cable and IP TV, Online Media and ad technology for both TV and online. Pedro is very focused on accomplishing the organization's business requirements, identify problems and propose solutions, always proposing new ideas to cut cost, increase revenues and maximize the efficiency. Pedro has been a strong supporter of the RDK initiative, having deployed RDK-V in 2016 and is in the process of deploying RDK-B during 2018.</p>
	<p>Jason Briggs, Executive Director, RDK - Jason leads licensing and strategic development for the company and oversees strategies designed to expand the scale of the RDK both in terms of adoption and community engagement.</p>
	<p>Charles Cheevers, CTO, Customer Premises Equipment, CommScope - Charles is responsible for the two to five year technology vision of ARRIS CPE Division and the evolution of home gateways, set-top boxes and solutions that interact with consumer's digital services in the home. He is responsible for defining new home architectures for CPE devices and their cloud to ground solutions as well as new devices and solutions for consumer digital life requirements. With over 16 years in the telecommunications industry, he has developed DVB, DOCSIS, xDSL, PON Network and CPE Video Voice and Broadband solutions and in the last six years has specialized on the connectivity and new technology driven user experiences in the home. With a focus on guiding ARRIS and its customer's directions in Wi-Fi, IoT, IP Video, TV Experience and STB technology, Smart Solutions and new converged Wireless solutions above and below 6GHz, Charles and ARRIS have been busy creating new home platforms for many of the world's leading Service Providers. Charles served previously as Chief Technology Officer of Europe at ARRIS Group, Inc. from May 2006 and also as GM for ARRIS EdgeQAM business from 2008 to 2010. He</p>

has served on the board of the Open Connectivity Foundation, one of the leading IoT standards initiatives and is also a recipient of the 2006 and 2011 Cable and Satellite Euro50 award for his contributions to cable technology and a top five Shortlisted Nominee in 2011. Before joining ARRIS in 2003 Charles held Senior Management positions in Com21 Inc and Apple Inc.



Wouter Cloetens, Lead Architect CPE Connectivity Software, Liberty Global - Wouter is the lead architect of Liberty Global's RDK-B development organisation and the chair of the RDK-B Architecture Review Board. In his fifteen year long career as a residential gateway architect, he deployed tens of millions of satellite, DSL, fibre, hybrid DSL/LTE routers, IoT gateways and wireless extenders across Europe, the middle East and Africa, and was engaged in the open source community and standards organisations such as the IETF and the Wi-Fi Alliance.



Paul Cox, Senior Director, Software Engineering, Broadcom - Paul Cox is the Snr. Director SW Engineering in Broadcom UK responsible for STB SW development in the EMEA region. Paul had lead the SW development team in Broadcom UK since 2005 and during that time has been responsible for all Broadcom HD & UHD deployments in the region. Prior to that Paul lead the development of transport and security SW at STMicroelectronics and has spent the last 21 years in the STB silicon business.



Jim Crammond, Senior Director of Operator Business Development, Intel - Jim Crammond is the senior director of operator business development in Intel's Connected Home Division and has more than 15 years of experience in the cable industry. Jim works with worldwide cable operators on next generation home gateways that will deliver multi-gigabit performance to the home. Previously, Jim worked on architecting gateway and STB solutions for the video delivery within the home and driving increased performance to bring a new level of user experience to the set top box.

Prior to Intel, Jim worked at Moxi Inc and Digeo Inc as an engineering director responsible for delivering an advanced set top box to the marketplace.



Albert Dahan, Founder & CTO, Metrological - Albert co-founded Metrological in 2005 and is the architect of the Metrological Application Framework and Open-Source Browser. Under Albert's technical leadership, Metrological has grown into the world's leading application framework supplier, reaching more than 40 million households worldwide, and is a leading contributor of open-source solutions for the pay-TV industry.

Albert is a technology veteran with 18 years of software development experience. He is a pioneer in developing open source technology solutions that enhance the performance of apps and video services for the world's leading operators. He began his career as a software developer for Rabobank ICT, a large financial services provider in The Netherlands where he was responsible for developing the architecture and back-end technology for the company's website.

Albert attended St. Lauren's College in The Netherlands. He is a published author and presenter, specializing in application platforms, software development and open source technology for the pay-TV industry, including RDK-based technology deployments. He played a key role in architecting the world's first delivery of online content and OTT apps to subscribers using legacy STBs for UPC Hungary, which garnered a Cable Europe Innovation Award. Albert was recently named to Multichannel News' 40 Under 40 list.



Leslie Ellis, Owner of Ellis Edits Inc. and Translation-Please.com, a Denver-based analysis/writing firm specializing in the technologies used in cable, multichannel and broadband delivery systems. Her specific focus is "translating" the dense language surrounding the technologies and technology strategies of service providers, and particularly cable service providers.



João Ferreira, Director of Product Development, NOS



João Freitas, Product Architect, Vodafone Group - Joao works as Product architect for Fixed devices as Vodafone Group Services. Joao started as researcher and lecturer on software architectures at University in M-ITI and UMA. After that, he had a number of roles in a Portuguese operator as network and testing engineer. He has also work some years as consultant before joining Vodafone.



Liam Friel, Technology Consulting Principal Director, Accenture's Digital Video group - Liam is a Director in Accenture's Communications, Media and High Tech industry practice, focusing on connected devices and services. Liam is based in Ireland, and has spent over two decades working with many of the largest operators, OEMs, and component vendors in the world designing, developing and delivering end-end solutions for the digital TV and connectivity industries, and currently leads CMTs device engineering teams in Europe. A current focus for his team is leveraging Accenture's analytics capabilities and the telemetry available from RDK devices to provide actionable insights for RDK operators.



Steve Heeb, President & General Manager, RDK - Steve is responsible for managing all aspects of the joint venture, including leading faster development and innovation cycles and managing relationships between a diverse set of licensees, such as OEMs, MVPDs, and other key vendors/suppliers.



Labeeb Ismail, Senior Vice President, Product Development Engineering, Comcast - Labeeb Ismail runs the CPE software team for Comcast. His team is responsible for development, testing, deployment and field operations of RDK across all Comcast devices including Video Gateways, Wifi Gateways, Video client devices, Cameras, Remote Controls and Home Security devices. He was one of the initial members of Comcast's X1 team that created RDK, and later worked to open it up to the community.



Pret Joseph, Practice Head, RDK, Tata Elxsi - Pret Joseph is Head of RDK Practice, Broadcast Business Unit at Tata Elxsi. Pret has around 30 years of experience in product development, IP and network solutions spanning across multiple technology organizations. He is experienced in Access, Edge and Core networks. Pret currently drives RDK initiatives at Tata Elxsi focusing on RDK-B, virtualization, IPTV, delivery QoS and QoE. Most recently, he has been leading development of Telemetry based solution and QoS across various network elements.



Endika Miragaya, Delivery Manager, Vodafone Group - Currently working for Vodafone Group Services, responsible for product and services on Fix Net devices and architecture. Started with technology consultancy and I have 19 years experience on telco industry in a number of different roles. The last years I have working mostly on delivering services for mobile and fixed devices.



Andrea Peiro, President, CUJO AI - After a decade as a naval intelligence officer, Andrea has spent over twenty years in Silicon Valley, where he joined the founding team of multiple successful startups at the forefront of networking, security and virtualization technologies. While at Xerox PARC he co-founded PowerCloud Systems that was acquired by Comcast in 2014. At Comcast, Andrea led the executive vision and development of xFi, the company's cloud-based broadband delivery platform. As President of CUJO AI, Andrea covers a wide range of responsibilities with particular focus on product portfolio innovation, global growth, and strategic planning.



Ashwani Saigal, Vice President, Broadband Product Unit, Technicolor - Ashwani is currently Vice President in Technicolor's Connect Home division. He leads the Broadband Product Unit in the Global CPE business unit. He is accountable for Broadband business in Connected Home and leads a worldwide team of Product Managers and Engineers who are responsible for complete PDLC (Product Development Life Cycle). He joined Technicolor in 2015, as part of the Cisco's Connected Devices BU acquisition.

Ashwani is a veteran of the CPE, Communications and Networking industries and prior to joining Technicolor has held various positions of responsibilities at Cisco, Scientific Atlanta and Siemens.

Ashwani earned a MSEE degree from Duke University in 1994.



Weston Schmidt, Director of Engineering, WepPA, Comcast - At Comcast Weston's team focuses on developing the open source projects Xmidt, Webpa & Codex. His team deploys and operates instances of the services for Comcast. Weston is passionate about developing secure, quality software on devices as well as in the cloud.



Fraser Stirling, Group Chief Product Officer, Sky - Fraser joined Sky as Group Chief Product Officer in June 2019 from Sky's parent company Comcast. He joined Comcast in 2014, rising to Senior Vice President of Digital Home, Devices and AI overseeing product developments including the company-wide effort to become all IP and the launch of the first voice-controlled remote control.

Prior to his time at Comcast, Fraser held roles at Verizon and Intel Media and Sky.



Rob Suero, Technology Planning & Development, RDK - Rob oversees all technical activities and strategy for RDK Management, LLC, including roadmap, code management, contributions, releases, training, tools development, and other initiatives.



Bill Warga, Vice President of Technology, Liberty Global - Mr. Warga's primary responsibilities include research and evaluation of new innovative technologies as it relates to Liberty's business, strategic and operational objectives. With decades of experience in both the broadcasting and cable industries, Mr. Warga is currently serving in leadership positions across the cable industry's initiatives and consortiums including: Chairman of SCTE/ISBE Board of Directors, RDK Management LLC, CableLabs Technical Advisory Committee and CableLabs European CTO advisory committee. He also a member of the SCTE/ISBE Foundation Board, as well as various technical advisory boards of fortune 500 companies.



Matt Zelesko, SVP and Chief Technology Officer, Comcast - Matt leads the Product organization, which is focused on delivering best in class products in each of three key areas: Digital Home, including xFi and Xfinity Home; Entertainment, encompassing X1, Flex and Stream; and AI & Discovery, focused on the AI, Voice, Discovery and Personalization platforms. He also leads several cross-company initiatives for Comcast, including user experience and design, and enterprise software strategy.

Prior to joining Comcast, Matt held corporate and technology leadership positions at both early-stage and established media companies, including Time Warner Cable and Joost. As Senior Vice President, Converged Technology Group, for Time Warner Cable, Matt drove technology strategy and product development across all video products, web properties, and converged services that enable the video and web experiences. At Joost, Matt served the company's global technology organization as Senior Vice President of Engineering before stepping in as CEO to lead the company through a restructuring and successful acquisition. Prior to Joost, Matt was a founding member and Vice President of Engineering for Comcast's Interactive Media (CIM) division that focused on delivering digital video over IP as well as a founding member and director for the Reference Design Kit (RDK) Management Entity chartered to drive and support adoption of RDK across the operator ecosystem.

Matt graduated with a B.S. in Computer Science from Cornell University and holds a M.S. degree from Stanford University.