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## Motorola Furthers Funding for WiMax

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**Motorola Inc.'s** venture capital arm Motorola Ventures has given "substantial" investment capital to Sequans Communications, a supplier and developer of fixed and mobile WiMax semiconductor solutions.

According to Sequans, the investment is an extension of Sequans' recent round of funding announced in July. Further financial details of the funding have not been disclosed.

"We are delighted to be investing in a company which has demonstrated leadership in WiMax silicon," John O'Donohue, managing director of Motorola Ventures in Europe, said in a statement. "This demonstrates Motorola Ventures' commitment to investing in world class technology companies as part of the strategy of delivering Wi4, Motorola's next generation wireless solutions to the marketplace."

The investment comes as no big surprise: For some time now, Motorola has been investing in the development and deployment of WiMax. In July, Motorola announced the **acquisition of Clearwire's subsidiary NextNet Wireless**, a provider of OFDM-based non-line-of-sight wireless broadband infrastructure equipment, in the interest of developing WiMax technology.

Another well-known WiMax cheerleader is **Intel Corp.**, which last month debuted the **WiMax Connection 2250**, the company's next-generation system-on-chip and its first designed to support mobile networks in addition to fixed networks. According to some analysts, the relatively new technology is a sound investment. Earlier this year, Semico Research predicted that **revenues from WiMax** could increase from \$21.6 million in 2005 to \$3.3 billion in 2010.

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