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## **eBuddy Launches Instant Messaging Application for Android *eBuddy for Android Now Available via Android Market***

**San Francisco, CA – May 14, 2009** – [eBuddy](#), the world's leading independent web and mobile instant messaging (IM) platform, today announced the launch of eBuddy for Android, a free instant messaging application that enables users with AIM, Facebook, ICQ, Google Talk, Yahoo! or MSN Windows Live Messenger to have multiple chats in one interface, and provides a high quality, fast and reliable 'on-the-go' chat experience.

The eBuddy for Android multi-language instant messaging application will be immediately available as a phone download via [Android Market](#), the destination where consumers can discover and download a variety of fun applications to personalize their Android-powered phone to fit their unique lifestyle.

[eBuddy for Android](#) features include:

- eBuddy ID – one log-in to access all your favorite IM networks
- Free, fast, reliable and high quality IM experience
- Ability to run in the background
- New message notifications in the Android status bar
- Emoticons for every IM network
- Buddy list grouping, profile viewing and account management
- Automatic reconnect
- Ability to receive offline messages
- Compatible with Android 1.1 and 1.5 (Cupcake)

"eBuddy Mobile Messenger has been downloaded over 20 million times and is one of the world's fastest growing mobile IM services with over 5 million unique monthly users," states Jan-Joost "JJ" Rueb, CEO and co-founder of eBuddy. "We believe the global market for Android-powered phones and applications is primed for exponential growth, and we're excited to give eBuddy users and Android enthusiasts around the world access to eBuddy whenever and wherever they want!"

### **About Android**

The [Android Market](#) has recorded 40 million downloads during the initial 6 months since launch, and currently features over 3K apps of which one-third are paid. Free applications in the Android Market are currently available for download in the US, UK, Canada, Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Austria, Switzerland, The Netherlands, Czech Republic, Poland, Australia and Singapore. Android mobile owners download an average 40 applications per phone. More than 1 million Android-powered [T-Mobile G1](#) phones have been sold since the device launched in September 2008. [Vodafone](#) has begun exclusive sales of its Android-powered [HTC Magic](#) mobile phone in the UK, Germany, Spain and France, with more countries to follow. HTC plans 2 additional Android-powered handsets this year, and Samsung, SE and Huawei plan to release Android-powered handsets in Q3 2009.

### **About eBuddy**

[eBuddy](#) created the world's first independent web browser-based IM service in 2003 and extended the service to mobile in June 2007. eBuddy is available in over 30 languages and

is currently processing over 6 billion messages per month. eBuddy's patent-pending technology enables more than 18 million unique monthly visitors with AIM, Facebook, Google Talk, ICQ, MySpace, MSN Windows Live Messenger and Yahoo! IM accounts to chat free of charge in one interface without having to download or install any application. eBuddy offers two versions of its mobile IM client, the popular J2ME version, [eBuddy Mobile Messenger](#), and the mobile Internet version, [eBuddy Lite Messenger](#), and is one of the world's fastest growing mobile IM services with over 5M unique monthly visitors. eBuddy is based in Amsterdam with additional offices in London and San Francisco, and is a privately held company backed by Prime Technology Ventures and Lowland Capital Partners. Learn more at <http://www.ebuddy.com>.

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