

Worth Noting

OTT Video News, Deals, Launches and Products

Non-profit trade group the **HomeGrid Forum** has announced that Chinese chip vendor **Xingtera** has become the first certified silicon vendor of G.hn chipsets in China. Xingtera's XT18000 chipset will support the G.hn home networking standard, allowing for cable network speeds of up to 1 Gbps. It says G.hn is China's most "accepted" smart home wireline home network technology.

The **European Aviation Network** (EAN) says it has successfully carried out a program lab test to deliver an in-flight broadband video conference. The EAN, fronted by **Inmarsat, Deutsche Telekom, Nokia** and **Thales**, claims this is the first live over-the-air (OTA) connection of its type, using its dedicated LTE mobile network – a network which can work at speeds of up to 1,200 km/h.

Three new Home Gateway Initiative (HGI) specifications have been published by **The European Telecommunications Standards Institute** (ETSI), covering smart home architecture, wireless home area networks, and requirements for HGI Open Platform 2.1 regarding modular software deployments on the home gateway.

Lionsgate has extended its streaming deal with Chinese online video platform **iQiyi**, to distribute content via SVoD, TVoD, and advertising-supported models to iQiyi's 500 million unique users. iQiyi is the exclusive holder of Lionsgate rights in China, including titles such as Robin Hood, American Assassin, and The Glass Castle.

US cable and satellite TV network **Starz** has teamed up with Spotify, providing viewers with the ability to listen to the soundtrack of a movie directly after watching it, on the Starz mobile app – as long as the viewer is a subscriber to both services. The more interesting aspect of the partnership is that Starz will be able to recommend titles based on the listening habits of Spotify users.

The company behind the camera and audio facilities for **Amazon's** most successful show ever, The Grand Tour, has been tasked to Netherlands-based outside broadcast service provider **United**, which used a 16-fader Lawo mc²36 for front of house, and a 24-fader, mc²36 for the gallery located in another tent. The Grand Tour is being filmed in 4K HDR at 23.98 fps.

The **European Parliament's** Committee on Industry, Research and Energy has taken on a proposal to set roaming rates below the prices set out by the **European Commission** and EU member states. It will cap prices at €0.03 per minute and €4 per GB, as of June, next year, awaiting full parliamentary approval and a vote by telecom ministers on December 2.