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Yesterday, leading IPTV provider, Time Broadband Services (TBSPL), and UK-based IPTV platform supplier, Amino Communications, announced a commercial deal to manufacture AmiNET125 H.264 AVC (MPEG-4, Part 10) compliant Set Top Boxes (STBs) for the Indian market through Time Broadband's overseas associate company, Dimensions Broadband UK.

While Amino will provide the IPTV software and hardware design for the manufacture of the STBs, TBSPL will mass deliver its 'My Time' IPTV Package across the Indian subcontinent, the Middle East, and parts of East Africa through the STBs integrated with dynamic middleware provided by US-based Kasenna, as also Content Protection provided by US-based Verimatrix.

AmiNET125 STBs are designed on "Da Vinci" SOC chips from US-based Texas Instruments (TI). The STBs are integrated with Kasenna Middleware and Verimatrix Content Protection, allowing TBSL utilize these attributes in its superior IPTV ecosystem developed around H.264 AVC compression technology.

According to Amit Dev, Managing Director and Chief Operating Officer of TBSPL, while the deal with Amino is in place, Time Broadband Services is currently in discussions with multiple telecom operators including MTNL, BSNL, and 6 other private operators, for making its IPTV service available to consumers.

Dev says, IPTV has several components: with telecom operators being at the front end, while the back end mainly comprising major content providers such as the Film and TV Producers' Guild and the Indian Music Industry Association.

The Amino-Time Broadband Services deal covers a significant licensing contract, as