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Enhancement of Local 5G Service under Collaboration of Our Business Partner, Navic Co., Ltd. and Versa Networks, Inc.

- Development of the first service in Japan where "SASE" is implemented in the local 5G platform -

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## 1. Overview

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Versa has expanded "Versa SASE" globally as the leader in "SASE" field. "SASE" is the security framework which integrates the security function and network function in the IT environment into one cloud service. By combining this "Versa SASE" and Navic's Local 5G Sharing Service, we will be able to provide the communication environment which is secure, flexible and easy to operate. According to Versa, it is their first time in Japan to introduce this "Versa SASE" on the platform of the Local 5G Sharing Service (provisional name), the combination of SASE function and local 5G is an unprecedent approach.

One of the advantages of local 5G is the rapid and stable communication including latency, and it is expected to be introduced to factories, construction sites, hospitals, etc. for automation and remote management of work by using robots. Therefore, it is important to ensure security between the bases. Versa's "SASE" has a flexible management function which takes advantage of 5G's network slicing technology and allows secure base-to-base communication only whenever communication is needed.

We will continue to promote digital transformation in the future.