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Steve Pazol is GM, Wireless Charging for Qualcomm Incorporated, where he runs the IP licensing businesses for WiPower (wireless charging of phones, wearables and other consumer devices) and Halo (wireless electric vehicle charging). Most recently he was vice president and entrepreneur in residence at Qualcomm, where he looked after a variety of internal Qualcomm startups.

Prior to this, Steve was the president of nPhase, a Verizon Wireless / Qualcomm joint venture, where he directed all aspects of the company's business. nPhase provided a cloud-based machine-to-machine (M2M) wireless platform across a wide variety of market segments, including healthcare, manufacturing, utilities, transportation and consumer products. nPhase was successfully sold to Verizon Wireless in 2011.

A recognized thought leader and industry expert, Steve has received numerous awards, including the prestigious Chicago Innovation Award, was named one of the original 10 M2M Pioneers by M2M Magazine, and served as moderator of the first M2M web log—M2Mblog (www.M2Mblog.com). He has written numerous articles in technology journals, was on the Advisory Board of M2M Magazine, was the technical editor of the Unicenter Advisor magazine for more than 7 years as well as guest editor of Internet Security Advisor. He is also the technical editor and co-author of Unicenter TNG for Dummies. A frequent speaker at industry conferences, Steve has also been a featured speaker and panel member at multiple Wharton School of Business, University of Chicago Graduate School of Business and Northwestern Business School entrepreneurial classes.

Prior to running the nPhase joint venture, Steve was vice president and general manager for Qualcomm's Global Smart Services group, the business unit that provided the basis for the nPhase joint venture. During his tenure at Qualcomm, Steve also served as vice president of sales and as the vice president of Worldwide OEM Channels.

Steve is a seasoned entrepreneur and CEO with a 20+ year track record of successful startups in technology and emerging markets, including M2M, enterprise software and wireless technologies. In 2003 Steve started the original nPhase in Chicago, and served as CEO until Qualcomm acquired nPhase in 2006.

In 2005, Steve founded Skychain LLC, a joint venture between nPhase and Air Products and Chemicals which focused on automated supply chain replenishment in the chemical industry. Steve was CEO of Skychain until 2006 when nPhase was acquired by Qualcomm.

Before founding nPhase, Steve spent 15 years providing IT consulting and systems implementation services as President of Professional Consulting Services (PCS) which he started in 1988. He also co-founded Mehta & Pazol Consulting Services Pvt. Ltd. in Pune, India in 1992.

Prior to founding PCS, Steve worked for Burroughs Corporation and Unisys Corporation in their consulting groups in Detroit and Chicago.

Steve is a mentor at Evonexus, a San Diego technology incubator and Connect, a technology innovation organization, has been advising startups and also represents Qualcomm's investment in Macheen. Steve has been active with a number of civic organizations and is currently on the board of the San Diego chapter of the Arthritis Foundation. Steve has a degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering from the University of Michigan.

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