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Abstracts

NFC, or Near Field Communication, is an emerging field in the wireless communication market that involves communicating data within short distances with devices. Most of the implementations of NFC technology are seen as applications in mobile payments, contactless cards, access control, transportation, and smart retail. The market is emerging and growing across various sectors such as automotive, healthcare, and consumer electronics, primarily due to the rising adoption of smartphones, digital wallets, and IoT applications. Increased security and user convenience are additional demand drivers. Accelerated digital transformation continues to see the need for NFC in seamless, secure, and efficient communication as a modern foundation for contactless communication solutions.

The Near Field Communication (NFC) market is set to show a growth rate of about 11.59% during the forecast period (2025- 2033F). The NFC device market is expected to expand at a substantial rate in the years to come, primarily due to the increasing utilization of contactless technologies, mobile payment systems, and IoT-enabled smart devices. The income of the consumer is fast changing-from all-time high acceleration of convenience, speed, and security into interacting, where NFC technology is fast emerging as a game-changing component of dynamic environments such as retail, transport, health care, and consumer electronics. This demand for NFC-enabled solutions continues to fuel growth across the globe due to smartphone penetration, coupled with the increasing proliferation of wearable devices and smart cards.

Moreover, cashless economies as well as digital transaction promotion by both the government and financial institutions have made a conducive environment for increased adoption of NFC. Other equally important factors driving this market are the technological innovations concerning the inclusion of NFC in the Internet of Things (IoT)

ecosystem and smart home applications, which will ensure seamless communication and automation.

Based on type, the global near field communication (NFC) market is bifurcated into non-auxiliary and auxiliary. Of these, non-auxiliary systems have held a sizable market share. Non-auxiliary systems have enjoyed a considerable share of the market by being able to get integrated directly into smartphones, smart cards, and other portable devices without the need of requiring any additional hardware. Such systems will offer higher convenience and cost effectiveness, and ease of deployment. This would also make them preferred across several industries, such as retail, banking, as well as transport. Further, the growing acceptance of NFC-enabled mobile devices and wearables is increasing the demand for non-auxiliary solutions. Their seamless connectivity with high-security features makes them best suited for contactless transactions, identifications, and real-time data sharing.

Based on application, the global Near Field Communication (NFC) market is categorized into retail, transportation, automotive, consumer electronics, BFSI, and others. The major segment of this will be consumer electronics. This will be primarily due to the increasing integration of NFC technology in smartphones, tablets, smartwatches, and other connected devices. NFC technology delivers highly secure wireless communication for mobile payment, device pairing, data sharing, and access control services, thus improving convenience for users and enhancing experiences. The growth of smart devices and IoT-enabled devices has further stimulated the requirement for NFC-enabled components. Manufacturers are increasingly fabricating products with contactless functions that NFC makes possible in modern electronics.

Based on operating mode, the global Near Field Communication (NFC) market is segmented into card emulation, reader emulation, and peer-to-peer. Card emulation is one of the modes that has captured a considerable share of the market. Card emulation mode offers NFC-enabled devices such as smartphones and smartwatches to act as contactless smart cards for secure transactions-related applications, including mobile payments, access control, and ticketing. The majority utilization of card emulation within digital wallets requiring cards on the major platforms, namely Apple Pay, Google Pay, and Samsung Pay, has led to the applicability of this mode. Card emulation is characterized by convenience, quickness of transaction, and security features, making it best suited for retail, transportation, and BFSI sectors. With growing consumer focus

on contactless experience, the increasing demand for card emulation-based NFC applications is evident.

For a better understanding of the market adoption of Near Field Communication (NFC), the market is analyzed based on its worldwide presence in countries such as North America (U.S., Canada, and the Rest of North America), Europe (Germany, U.K., France, Spain, Italy, Rest of Europe), Asia-Pacific (China, Japan, India, South Korea, Rest of Asia-Pacific), Rest of World. Among these, the North America region has held a dominant market share. With the rising focus on contactless payments, e-commerce payment growth, as well as the integration of NFCs in smart home solutions.

Some major players running in the market include NXP Semiconductors, Broadcom Corporation, Lark Technologies Pte Ltd, Infineon Technologies, Samsung, Qualcomm Inc., Ams AG, STMicroelectronics, Texas Instruments Incorporated, and Flomio, Inc.

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