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GoAhead Software Supports HP Advanced Open Telecom Platform

*High Availability Middleware Adds Value to HP Carrier-Grade Platform;
Helping Telecom Equipment Manufacturers Achieve Faster Time to Market and Lower Development Costs*

BELLEVUE, Wash., May 11, 2005 — GoAhead® Software, the leader in building integrated middleware for highly available systems, today announced that GoAhead SelfReliant supports the HP Advanced Open Telecom Platform (AOTP). HP AOTP is a comprehensive solutions framework of carrier-grade platforms, software, and global services and support. Based completely on industry standards, HP AOTP enables network equipment providers and operators to replace proprietary hardware and software with commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) technologies – and thus accelerate the design, development and deployment of new solutions for next-generation services.

GoAhead SelfReliant is a full suite of standards-based, platform-independent, high-availability middleware services that is compliant with the Service Availability Forum (SAF) interface specifications. GoAhead SelfReliant delivers a pre-integrated, carrier-grade application-ready platform. By using proven COTS technology from SelfReliant, equipment manufacturers can provide highly available network systems and improve service velocity by shortening the time to market, cutting project costs and reducing project risk.

“Next-generation networks require the telecommunications industry to shift from proprietary platforms, which are expensive to build and support, to industry-standard, open architecture systems that are cost-effective, flexible, and standards-based,” said Jim Ewel, chief executive officer at GoAhead. “To achieve its AOTP vision, HP is relying on the COTS leaders. GoAhead is proud to be part of that vision.”

Founded on the industry’s most complete array of commercial and carrier-grade platforms (rack-mount, blade, and custom), HP AOTP is a comprehensive framework that incorporates a portfolio of operating systems including carrier-grade Linux, telecom network software such as HP OpenCall and HP OpenView, and SAF-compliant management software, as well as platform testing and validation, consulting and integration services, global sales and customer support, and a large ecosystem of tightly-linked solution partners.

“Network equipment providers are moving from proprietary systems to COTS-based component hardware and software building blocks based on industry standards,” said Marco Limena, vice president, Network and Service Provider Solutions, HP. “GoAhead and HP are helping network equipment providers with this transition by delivering powerful, standards-based solutions that are highly available and meet the stringent reliability requirements for telecommunications network elements.”

The standards-based foundation of the HP AOTP ranges from platforms with Intel architecture in both rack mount servers and AdvancedTCA blades, to the Linux operating system with carrier-grade extensions, to middleware such as GoAhead SelfReliant that adheres to the Service Availability Forum interface specifications. GoAhead is announcing support for the underlying AOTP hardware, including HP cc3310 and HP Integrity cx2600 servers, as well as AOTP-preferred operating systems, carrier-grade RedHat and Debian TE Linux.

About GoAhead Software

GoAhead® Software is the expert in building integrated middleware for organizations that manufacture equipment requiring extremely high availability. By providing a fully integrated, application ready platform, GoAhead products and services help equipment manufacturers achieve faster time to market and lower development costs. And with over 4000 units deployed around the globe, GoAhead delivers the software and the expertise necessary to ensure success for a broad range of development projects such as wireless base station controllers, softswitches, defense applications and industrial controllers. GoAhead is a privately held company with headquarters in Bellevue, Washington. For more information on GoAhead, visit the company's web site at www.goahead.com or call 425-453-1900.

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