



News Release

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**GoAhead Software announces general availability of ready-to-deploy
Service Availability Forum AIS implementation**

*Network equipment providers leverage GoAhead SAffire to meet schedules and focus on
innovation*

BELLEVUE, Wash.—January 14, 2008—GoAhead® Software, the worldwide leader in open standards-based high availability and systems management middleware for carrier-grade and mission critical systems, announces general availability of GoAhead SAffire™ 2.0. SAffire features the market's most comprehensive implementation of the Service Availability Forum (SA Forum) Application Interface Specification (AIS). This new product also features sophisticated high availability (HA) and management capabilities found in the company's flagship product, GoAhead SelfReliant® – proven on more than 25,000 deployments worldwide.

GoAhead Software conducted an eighteen-month early access program for GoAhead SAffire. A number of leading network equipment providers (NEPs), telecom equipment manufacturers (TEMs), and defense contractors participated in this program.

"Participants in the early adopter program put much effort into a thoughtful, thorough evaluation of GoAhead SAffire, and their invaluable feedback has helped ensure readiness for real-world implementations," states Dr. Asif Naseem, GoAhead president and chief operating officer. "As a result GoAhead SAffire 2.0 is the most comprehensive implementation of the SA Forum AIS specification available in the industry," explains Naseem.

"Many leading NEPs are seeing the cost and time savings in successful deployments of the SA Forum's Hardware Platform Interface (HPI)," states Ulrich Kleber, technical work group chair for the SA Forum. "These NEPs are now looking for ways to extend that model to ensure not only platform portability, but also application portability and the ability to focus resources on innovation. The SA Forum welcomes the release of GoAhead SAffire™ 2.0 as further proof of the growing adoption of the SA Forum's AIS specification," says Kleber.

GoAhead Software continues to offer SelfReliant, the industry's leading commercial-off-the-shelf HA and management solution, in addition to the new SAffire product. Both product lines have roadmaps to future versions, and will be supported by GoAhead's experienced support staff.

SAFfire 2.0: NEW FEATURES AND FUNCTIONALITY

GoAhead SAFfire 2.0 includes the core HA and systems management capabilities found in GoAhead SelfReliant, plus support of SA Forum AIS. Highlights include the following:

- **Support for the SA Forum Application Interface Specification**

For equipment manufacturers aiming to achieve standards compliance, GoAhead SAFfire 2.0 supports the SA Forum Application Interface Specification (AIS B.02 and some services implemented to AIS B.03). Specific functionality supported includes the Availability Management Framework, Information Model Management Service, Cluster Membership Service, Checkpoint Service, Event Service, Message Service, Log Service and Notification Service. For details on these services, please visit http://www.saforum.org/specification/AIS_Information.

- **Sophisticated high availability and systems management capabilities**

GoAhead SAFfire 2.0 features a core base of technology tried and tested for more than a decade in more than 25,000 deployments worldwide to date. This proven and comprehensive functionality lowers project risk and enables shorter development cycles. Highlights include system modeling; discovery; monitoring; high performance with millisecond, stateful failover; fast messaging and low CPU usage; embedded systems management; and a foundational cross-platform, multi-threaded kernel.

- **Platform and operating system independence**

Like GoAhead SelfReliant, GoAhead SAFfire 2.0 offers platform independence, enabling equipment manufacturers choice, flexibility and the ability to quickly adapt to technology changes. SAFfire supports multiple leading hardware platforms (ATCA, cPCI, BladeCenter, MicroTCA, etc.), operating systems (Carrier-Grade Linux, VxWorks, Solaris and Windows) and architectures (IA, PPC and SPARC).

PRICING AND AVAILABILITY

GoAhead SAFfire 2.0 is immediately available. For additional product or pricing information, please contact GoAhead at sales@goahead.com or at (425) 453-1900.

ABOUT GOAHEAD

GoAhead Software is the worldwide leader in open standards-based high availability and systems management middleware for carrier-grade and mission critical systems for which downtime is unacceptable. With more than 25,000 deployments, GoAhead has the only *proven*, open standards-based solution, reducing risk so you can meet time and cost requirements. GoAhead's leadership and long commitment to Service Availability Forum standards prevent vendor lock-in and protect your investments over time. Every day, industry leaders such as Motorola, Italtel, Alcatel-Lucent, and Lockheed Martin entrust GoAhead to speed time to market, lower costs and focus on differentiation. For more information, visit www.goahead.com. For press information, contact Lacy Williams at 425-468-5417 or lwilliams@goahead.com.

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