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SA Forum Releases New Version of Application Interface Specification

*Updated Specification Introduces New Interface for Component Life Cycle in
Availability Management Framework*

PORTLAND, Oregon, November 22, 2004 — The Service Availability™ Forum (SA Forum), today announced the release of the Application Interface Specification (AIS) B.01.01, an interface specification for high availability middleware. The SA Forum, a consortium of industry-leading communications and computing companies, develops and promotes open interface specifications that enable the industry to build high availability network infrastructure products, systems and services.

The AIS is an interface for highly available applications that allows application developers to write application software that is portable across different vendors' implementations of high availability middleware.

“AIS B.01.01 is a major step forward in enabling the communications industry to deliver commercial off-the-shelf building blocks that result in lower costs and better service,” said Manfred Reitenpiess, president of the SA Forum. “The revised specification improves the Availability Management Framework (AMF), clarifies items to avoid ambiguity in the spec and resolves all issues that were reported in the earlier version.”

“With the AIS B.01.01 release, we now have a solid base for implementers and adopters of all of the SA Forum specifications,” said Frederic Herrmann, the AIS Working Group Chair for the SA Forum. “This release also lays the groundwork for future AIS and system management specifications.”

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AIS B.01.01 Updates

- Provides significant enhancement of the Availability Management Framework:
 - Introduction of the Component Life Cycle Interface
 - Extended description of Redundancy Models, Error Recovery Policies and Dependency Relationships
- Resolves all issues reported on the previous version A.01.01
- Extends the description of each service to remove ambiguities about its expected behavior
- Aligns the APIs of the various services to have common signature templates and a uniform programming style

During the development process for AIS B.01.01, the SA Forum committed to ensuring backward compatibility with all anticipated future specification releases.

AIS B.01.01 is free to download at www.saforum.org/specification/download.

About the Service Availability™ Forum

The Service Availability™ Forum is a consortium of industry-leading communications and computing companies working together to foster an ecosystem that enables the use of commercial off-the-shelf building blocks in the creation of high availability network infrastructure products, systems and services. To achieve this goal, the Service Availability Forum develops and publishes high availability and management software interface specifications while promoting and facilitating their adoption by industry. Service Availability Forum membership offers the opportunity to help frame and implement the Service Availability solution. For more information about the Service Availability Forum, visit www.saforum.org.