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New Members Reflect Growing Adoption of SA Forum Specifications

Astute Networks, Continuous Computing, embeddedMIND, Sonus Networks and Tail-f Systems Join SA Forum

BEAVERTON, Ore. – October 10, 2007 — The Service Availability Forum™ (SA Forum) today announced that Astute Networks, Continuous Computing, *embeddedMIND*, Sonus Networks, Inc. and Tail-f Systems have joined the forum of industry-leading communications and computing companies, which includes the world's leading high availability middleware implementers. These new members reflect increasing adoption of SA Forum specifications by users, and collectively, this group will help enhance the specifications to interface with network management, storage systems, standards-based platforms and voice over IP systems.

“Our new members reflect the maturity of our specifications,” said Henry Turko, SA Forum Member Relations Officer. “While many of our current members work on spec development, we’re now gaining traction from end users of products that implement SA Forum specifications as well. These new members include independent software vendors (ISVs), and we look forward to utilizing the unique perspective and ideas that they bring to the group.”

“The SA Forum’s mission and [Astute Networks](#)’ goals have clear synergies, such as contributing to high availability, high performance network infrastructures using available commercial building blocks,” said Mike Heumann, VP of Sales and Marketing, Astute Networks. “By offering AdvancedTCA storage blades to carriers, Astute Networks is committed to supporting Service Availability solutions defined by the SA Forum.”

“Having developed high availability platforms and fault-tolerant Trillium software over the years, we have seen a trend in customers demanding SA Forum compliance for their carrier-grade systems,” said Mike Coward, Chief Technology Officer, [Continuous Computing](#). “Conforming to the SA Forum specifications allows applications to be

independent of the underlying technologies, which enables our customers to focus on their differentiating value-add while we help accelerate their overall time to market.”

“As SA Forum members, [embeddedMIND](#) looks forward to participating in the joint effort to establish standards for use in carrier-grade network equipment software architecture,” said David French, VP Product Management at *embeddedMIND*. “We are currently working to provide the market-leading northbound management component within the SA Forum platform.”

“Standards-based, highly available platforms offer significant value to network operators and promote the efficient development of new technologies,” said Vikram Saksena, Chief Technology Officer, [Sonus Networks](#). “With nearly 10 years of experience deploying open, distributed, standards-based IP-voice networks, Sonus is in a unique position to contribute to the continued development of standards that will be leveraged to help transform communications networks, and we are committed to advancing the mission of the SA Forum.”

“We are very pleased to join the Service Availability Forum,” said Hakan Millroth, President and CEO, [Tail-f Systems](#). “Network management has become one of the critical factors in delivering highly available networks and we look forward to contributing our resources to the valuable standardization work being undertaken by the Forum.”

SA Forum members continue to collaborate to advance the Forum’s Hardware Platform Interface (HPI) specification and Application Interface Specification (AIS). Enhanced versions of these specs, which will include new services, are scheduled to be released in Q4 2007.

SA Forum and Members Exhibiting at AdvancedTCA Summit 2007

Visit the SA Forum at booth 215 at the AdvancedTCA Summit, taking place October 16 – 18, 2007 in Santa Clara, CA. Stop by the booths of our many member companies exhibiting at the event. Contact Liz Delapoer at ldelapoer@vtm-inc.com to schedule an on-site meeting with SA Forum board members.

About the Service Availability Forum

The Service Availability Forum™ (SA 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 SA Forum develops and publishes high availability and management software interface specifications while promoting and facilitating their adoption by industry. SA Forum membership offers the opportunity to help frame and implement the Service Availability solution. For more information, visit www.saforum.org.

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