

PIGEON POINT SYSTEMS JOINS SERVICE AVAILABILITY FORUM TO PROMOTE AdvancedTCA SHELF MANAGEMENT INTEGRATION

Scotts Valley, CA, January 17, 2005 – Pigeon Point Systems™, the leading supplier of shelf and board management solutions for AdvancedTCA®, announces that it has joined the Service Availability™ Forum (SA Forum) in order to focus on the integration of SA Forum interfaces with PICMG® platform management interfaces, particularly in AdvancedTCA. The SA Forum is a consortium of industry-leading communications and computing companies working together to develop high availability and management software interface specifications. These enable the implementation of carrier-grade systems and services built with commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) building blocks.

Pigeon Point Systems will join with other member companies to enhance interface specifications for high availability and will add to the existing expertise in AdvancedTCA and CompactPCI platform management. This expertise is based on Pigeon Point Systems' leadership in the development of PICMG platform management specifications and on their IPM Sentry family of PICMG shelf and board management solutions, which have already been delivered to dozens of OEMs for incorporation in their products. The IPM Sentry family of hardware and software products enables cost-effective, interoperable management of open modular platforms based on the Intelligent Platform Management Interface (IPMI) standard. Using IPM Sentry components, developers of PICMG standards-based products can quickly and efficiently incorporate compliant, competitive and interoperable management solutions into their systems.

Pigeon Point Systems has already demonstrated its commitment to the work of the SA Forum by delivering, on a custom basis, an implementation of the SA Forum Hardware Platform Interface (HPI), integrated with its IPM Sentry Shelf Manager product.

“We're pleased to welcome Pigeon Point Systems into the Service Availability Forum,” said Deepak Shahane, president of the SA Forum. “Their depth of knowledge and experience dealing with the complexities of AdvancedTCA board and shelf management will add a valuable perspective. Pigeon Point Systems, like the SA Forum,

is committed to supporting open standards as a key means to enable COTS building blocks for the high availability network infrastructure domain.”

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About Pigeon Point Systems

Pigeon Point Systems (PPS) provides products and services that enable cost-effective management of standards-based platforms – including AdvancedTCA, AdvancedMC (AMC), CompactTCA and CompactPCI – and is a leader in the definition of those platforms. With its IPM Sentry shelf management products, PPS offers the first shelf management building blocks that compatibly support AdvancedTCA and CompactPCI, with similar support for CompactTCA to come. The IPM Sentry board management products – also the first off-the-shelf offerings in the industry – enable compact, cost-effective management subsystems for boards and other FRUs, including AdvancedMC (AMC) carriers and modules. PPS, an executive member of PICMG, is a leader in the AdvancedTCA, AdvancedMC and CompactTCA subcommittees and is active in many other technical subcommittees. PPS is also a contributing member of the Service Availability Forum. For more information about PPS, visit their web site at www.pigeonpoint.com or call their headquarters at 831-438-1565.

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 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 about the SA Forum, visit www.saforum.org.