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SA Forum Announces 2008 Officers and Further Strengthens Industry Position through Increased Membership

Key Partnerships, Enhanced Specifications and New Member Companies Contribute to Bright Outlook for 2008

BEAVERTON, OR, February 19, 2008 — The Service Availability Forum™ (SA Forum), the leader in developing open specifications for carrier-grade service availability, today announced its newly elected officers for 2008, the addition of five new member companies in 2007, growing adoption of its recently enhanced specifications, and higher levels of collaboration with industry organizations to further the growth of the commercial-off-the-shelf (COTS) ecosystem. SA Forum members are poised to continue this momentum into 2008, enabling implementers to bring their products and services to the market faster and more cost-effectively.

SA Forum 2008 Officers

The following SA Forum officers for 2008 were elected at the December members' meeting:

- Asif Naseem, GoAhead Software, has been re-elected as president
- Ulrich Kleber, Nokia Siemens Networks, follows Magnus Karlson, Ericsson, as technical chair
- John Fryer, Emerson Network Power, has been re-elected as marketing chair
- Jean-Paul Lauranson, Sun Microsystems follows Eivind Rongved, Sun Microsystems, as secretary / treasurer
- Bryan Harold, IBM, has been re-elected as compliance governing board chair
- Jim Lawrence, Enea, follows Henry Turko, Nokia Siemens Networks, as member relations officer

“With new members and partners on board, the SA Forum plans to carry this energy from the past year into 2008 as we prepare to release another set of enhanced specifications, updated education materials and new white papers,” said Asif Naseem, SA Forum president.

The SA Forum released two suites of enhanced specifications in 2007, with Release 4 in February followed by Release 5 in October. The new specifications maintain backwards compatibility while offering a richer set of features for both the Application Interface Specification (AIS) and the Hardware Platform Interface (HPI) specification.

New Members Reflect Further Adoption of SA Forum Specs

The following companies joined SA Forum in 2007:

- Astute Networks
- Continuous Computing
- *embedded*MIND
- Sonus Networks
- Tail-f Systems

“Our new members bring fresh resources, innovative ideas and new energy to all of our work groups,” said Jim Lawrence, SA Forum member relations officer. “With their help, we hope to further the development of our specifications and, in turn, see our specifications requested in more RFPs and implemented in additional products in 2008.”

The SA Forum continues to actively participate with other industry organizations to further the COTS ecosystem. In 2007, the SA Forum and the Communications Platform Trade Association (CP-TA), the industry’s leading organization for interoperability certification, announced a liaison agreement to drive the certification of COTS products for the telecommunications industry. The SA Forum also maintains its relationship with industry groups through the Mountain View Alliance. The SA Forum continues to engage with the SCOPE Alliance, taking SCOPE profiles and recommendations into consideration in the evolution and creation of SA Forum specifications.

Look for the SA Forum at the Mountain View Alliance Communications Ecosystem Conference March 11-12, 2008 in San Francisco, CA. For more information, visit www.mvacec.com.

For more information about the SA Forum and the benefits of membership, please visit www.saforum.org.

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.

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