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“We will release our first Interoperability Compliance Document (ICD) for AdvancedTCA in February and welcome PICMG's input in the process,” said Shlomo Pri-Tal, CP-TA Chairman. “The benefits of interoperability are tremendous. Companies that implement open specification-based interoperable building blocks will no longer have to develop proprietary solutions or devote resources to custom developments of interoperability test suites, allowing them to focus on their unique value-add, reduce their time-to-market and reduce lifecycle costs.”

The ICD will address thermal, manageability and data transport interoperability for AdvancedTCA. In the near future, CP-TA will also address interoperability requirements for PICMG's MicroTCA and AMC specifications.

About CP-TA

The Communications Platforms Trade Association is a global organization of communications platform and building block providers whose mission is to accelerate the adoption of SIG-governed,



open-specification-based communication platforms by certifying interoperable building blocks. For more information about CP-TA, visit www.cp-ta.org.

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