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Telecom Leaders Commit to Building CP-TA-Tested Products Based on AdvancedTCA, AMC and MicroTCA Specifications

Continuous Computing, Emerson Network Power, Intel, Interphase, Kontron, Pentair/Schroff, Performance Technologies, Polaris Networks, RadiSys and ZNYX Networks Reveal CP-TA Product Plans

BEAVERTON, Oregon – February 28, 2008 – Continuous Computing, Emerson Network Power, Intel, Interphase (NASDAQ: INPH), Kontron, Pentair/Schroff, Performance Technologies (NASDAQ: PTIX), Polaris Networks, RadiSys and ZNYX Networks today announced plans to design, build and support products that meet the interoperability requirements determined by the Communications Platforms Trade Association (CP-TA). CP-TA is an association of communications platform and building block providers dedicated to accelerating the adoption of SIG-governed, open specification-based communications platforms through interoperability testing and certification. CP-TA has delivered interoperability documents for AdvancedTCA and is addressing AMC and MicroTCA specifications.

"CP-TA is committed to enabling the commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) ecosystem and we've provided the interoperability requirement and test procedure documents for AdvancedTCA," said Shlomo Pri-Tal, CP-TA Chairman. "Now, the next step is to have the building block providers use these documents to build interoperable AdvancedTCA products. We are excited to see industry leaders running the CP-TA tests and delivering CP-TA-tested products."

COTS building blocks tested according to the CP-TA Test Procedure Manual (TPM) and validated according to the Interoperability Compliance Document (ICD) will help Network Equipment Providers (NEPs) reduce their integration time and achieve faster time to market. The CP-TA-tested products released by COTS building block providers have followed the guidelines of testing and compliance set out in the TPM and ICD. This testing will provide confidence in open specification-based building blocks to create full systems solutions.

"Emerson Network Power is already using CP-TA tools in our development process. Many of our existing communications servers and building blocks have been designed with CP-TA driven interoperability in mind - including ATCA enclosures, server blades, 10G switching blades and storage blades - and we intend to test these against the CP-TA requirements," said Stephen Dow, President of the Embedded Computing business of Emerson Network Power. "As the leading systems provider in the embedded computing market, we understand not only the complexity of verifying interoperability but also the economic importance of this work to our customers."

"The modular communications platform business represents an attractive market opportunity and we support CP-TA tested products," said Anthony Neal-Graves, General Manager, Embedded and Communications Group Strategic Planning Organization, Intel Corporation. "We believe that adherence with CP-TA interoperability documents and test tools enables NEPs and Service Providers to speed their time to market and break down interoperability barriers."

"As the only open high performance blade standard for Telecom, AdvancedTCA represents an opportunity to break free from closed, proprietary bladed platforms. Interoperability and a strong community are critical to this. As the first company to market with a complete 10G platform, RadiSys understands the critical role of interoperability and platform validation," said Todd Etchieson, Vice President of Communications Networking Product Management, RadiSys. "We fully support the work of CP-TA and our customers will benefit from the lower integration cost and faster time to market that these products provide."

"Increased interoperability will play a key role in the acceptance of open-standards COTS systems," said Edward Bizari, Vice President of Marketing and Worldwide Sales, Performance Technologies. "Working as a CP-TA member to define interoperability guidelines, and incorporating them into our AMC and MicroTCA offering, allows us to provide the reliable time-to-market solutions our customers require."

"ZNYX Networks has a long-standing commitment to participation in key, business-critical standards organizations, including PICMG, IETF, and now CP-TA. ZNYX believes that the interoperability mission of CP-TA is critical to the success of modular, standards-based architectures such as AdvancedTCA and MicroTCA," said Stan McClellan, Chief Architect - Systems & Solutions, ZNYX Networks. "ZNYX shares the commitment of other CP-TA members who ensure multi-vendor interoperability through compliance with CP-TA guidelines."

"AdvancedTCA, AdvancedMC and MicroTCA standards are being adopted to deliver cost-effective highly reliable and high quality infrastructure solutions in the marketplace," said Prasad Kallur, VP Strategic Marketing at Interphase. "The interoperability and integration testing enabled by the CP-TA activities are essential to ensuring further mass market adoption of these standards. As a contributing member in CP-TA, Interphase is committed to ensuring the delivery of interoperable products to help reduce the time to market for our customers."

"Today, no single AdvancedTCA, AMC or MicroTCA provider can deliver an all-inclusive portfolio of products required for a full system design. The system configuration options using COTS are exceptionally diverse," said Benoit Robert, Executive Director, Product Management at Kontron. "With multi-vendor interoperability being the key to the success of open standard, COTS building blocks, we will continue to focus on our core competencies and provide industry standard, CP-TA-tested AdvancedTCA and MicroTCA products."

"Interoperability and testing guidelines are critical integrators in the AdvancedTCA ecosystem and Schroff has been working closely with CP-TA in the development of these guidelines," said Laurie Burger, Director, Product Management, Schroff. "We will strongly encourage our customers to adopt the CP-TA testing guidelines and methodology for evaluating system performance and we will utilize these guidelines for our own DVT testing."

"An open, standards-based platform enables us to better support the telecom equipment manufacturers who deploy our integrated systems**,** with increased flexibility, lower costs and faster time-to-market," said Mike Dagenais, Chief Executive Officer, Continuous Computing. "With its efforts to implement and maintain interoperability standards across the industry, CP-TA has played a vital role in driving the success of standards such as AdvancedTCA and for that, we applaud the organization."

"The MicroTCA-Tester complements Polaris' earlier product, the ATCA-Tester," said Sujit Purkayastha, VP, Business Development, Polaris Networks. "The MicroTCA-Tester shows Polaris' continued commitment to this technology area. In fact, Polaris has introduced important enhancements to the tester

architecture to make it even more useful to manufacturers who plan to bring out MicroTCA-based products to the marketplace."

CP-TA has released its ICD and TPM for AdvancedTCA, and is currently working on defining interoperability requirements and test procedures for PICMG's AMC and MicroTCA specifications, as well as defining a certification program. The CP-TA certification program is the next step in CP-TA's efforts to provide fully compliant and certified products to the market.

For more information about CP-TA or its members, visit www.cp-ta.org.

About the Communications Platforms Trade Association
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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