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Communications Platforms Trade Association Adds Five New Member Companies to its Roster

Performance Technologies, Enea, B-STAR, GoAhead Software and Sun Microsystems join CP-TA

BEAVERTON, Oregon – August 29, 2006 – The Communications Platforms Trade Association (CP-TA) today announced that B-STAR, Enea and Performance Technologies have joined as Contributor Members and that GoAhead Software and Sun Microsystems have joined as Adopters, bringing total membership to 25 companies. The addition of these key industry players will help further CP-TA’s vision of a mainstream market for open industry standards-based communications platforms.

“Each new member company brings additional expertise in implementing open specifications from PICMG®, OSDL and the Service Availability Forum,” said Shlomo Pri-Tal, CP-TA Chairman. “By joining in a concerted effort to develop and promote interoperability based on open industry standards across the base platform, members will be able to provide their customers with interoperable building blocks.”

“As Performance Technologies begins marketing our new 10Gb AdvancedTCA® platform and building block products, easy integration of third party hardware, enabled by CP-TA certification, will allow us to better address the interoperability needs of our customers,” said Ed Bizari, vice president of marketing for new Contributor Member, Performance Technologies.

“CP-TA is a global organization and the addition of Contributors Enea and B-STAR expands our presence in Europe and Asia,” said Rohit Chhabra, CP-TA Vice President. “Network Equipment Providers and Service Providers will be able to purchase interoperable products from multiple vendors around the world. Communications vendors can benefit from the multi-billion dollar market opportunity for interoperable standards-based products.”

CP-TA is currently defining interoperability test requirements and procedures for PICMG’s AdvancedTCA specification aligned to the SCOPE AdvancedTCA profile. In the future, CP-TA will address specifications from OSDL and the SA Forum.

“PICMG, OSDL and the SA Forum have made tremendous progress establishing standards for open architecture platforms,” said Terry Pearson, VP of product management at Enea. “CP-TA takes platform standardization to the next level, establishing the compliance criteria needed to validate interoperability between platform building blocks. We look forward to working with other CP-TA members to create and



implement testing and certification processes that facilitate industry-wide, multi-vendor interoperability for open architecture hardware, software, and systems. NEPs who are looking to outsource their system design and utilize off-the-shelf technology should find the CP-TA testing and certification process especially attractive.”

Member companies participate in the creation of interoperability test documents and will be able to promote their products meeting the requirements as CP-TA-certified. CP-TA’s members include leading communications platforms and building block providers. For information on joining the CP-TA and membership benefits, visit www.cp-ta.org/join.

About the Communications Platforms Trade Association

The Communications Platforms Trade Association is a global organization of 25 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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