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## **Acme Packet Showcases Next-Generation Capabilities in 2008 Global MSF Interoperability Event**

*Acme Packet demonstrates multiple product configurations, participates at all service provider-hosted locations and tests in every GMI 2008 scenario*

**BURLINGTON, MA, OCTOBER 30, 2008**— Acme Packet® (NASDAQ: APKT), the leader in session border control solutions, today announced it has successfully participated in the Global MSF Interoperability 2008 (GMI 2008) event, a worldwide multi-vendor interoperability test environment designed by the MultiService Forum (MSF) to test key service concepts that leverage IP Multimedia Subsystem (IMS) and next-generation network (NGN) infrastructures. Acme Packet demonstrated the capability of its Net-Net® session border controller (SBC) and the Net-Net session router proxy (SRP) in emerging next-generation architectures that included converged services across wireless and wireline access networks.

“The GMI 2008 event is the industry’s largest real-world test bed for IMS and NGN architectures: solutions are validated, issues overcome and new approaches considered,” said Joe McGarvey, Principal Analyst for Current Analysis. “The industry as a whole benefits from cooperative events like this that address the issues facing carriers planning for next-generation network migration.”

Acme Packet was one of only four IP communications equipment vendors to test in every service provider location at GMI 2008. Acme Packet’s Net-Net Session Director, a session border controller, and the Net-Net Session Router, a core session routing proxy, were tested in multi-vendor interoperability environments that included a broad range of traditional voice services and emerging broadband technologies, such as End-to-End Quality of Service (QoS) in WiMAX, 3GPP and Broadband Access scenarios, IMS-IPTV and Location Services testing. Acme Packet demonstrated support for numerous IMS

functions including the Proxy-Call Session Control Function (P-CSCF) and Core Border Gateway Function (C-BGF) for controlling subscriber access, the Breakout Gateway Control Function (BGCF) for selecting the appropriate interconnect network and the Interconnect Border Control Function (I-BCF) and Interconnect Border Gateway Function (I-BCF) for controlling the interconnect/peering border.

“Events like GMI 2008 are a valuable proving ground for new technologies and approaches, enabling service providers to examine the pros and cons of various next-generation architectures,” said Seamus Hourihan, vice president of marketing and product management for Acme Packet. “Acme Packet’s experience in helping service providers around the world normalize disparate network infrastructures adds a critical element to these events as service providers continue to require trusted, first-class interactive IP communications in their next-generation architectures.”

### **About Acme Packet**

Acme Packet, Inc. (NASDAQ: APKT), the leader in session border control solutions, enables the delivery of trusted, first class interactive communications—voice, video and multimedia sessions—and data services across IP network borders. Our Net-Net family of session border controllers, multiservice security gateways and session routing proxies supports multiple applications in service provider, large enterprise and contact center networks—from VoIP trunking to hosted enterprise and residential services to fixed-mobile convergence. They satisfy critical security, service assurance and regulatory requirements in wireline, cable and wireless networks; and support multiple protocols—SIP, H.323, MGCP/NCS and H.248—and multiple border points—interconnect, access and data center. Our products have been selected by more than 540 customers in 84 countries, including 29 of the top 30, and 85 of the top 100 service providers in the world. For more information, contact us at +1 781.328.4400, or visit [www.acmepacket.com](http://www.acmepacket.com)

### **About the MSF**

The MultiService Forum is a global association of service providers and system suppliers committed to developing and promoting open architecture, multiservice networks. Founded in 1998, the MSF is an open membership organization comprised of the world's leading telecommunications companies. The MSF's activities include developing Implementation Agreements, promoting worldwide compatibility and interoperability, and encouraging input to appropriate national and international standards bodies. For more information about the MSF and its members, visit the MSF web site at <http://www.msforum.org>

### **About GMI 2008**

GMI 2008 – the Global MSF Interoperability event – links major carrier, government, and academic labs on three continents in a major demonstration of multi-vendor interoperability between a significant number of NGN elements supporting Implementation Agreements developed in support of the MSF Release 4 Architecture and practical deployment scenarios of interest to major carriers. GMI 2008 is being held from

October 20-31, 2008. For more information, see  
<http://www.msforum.org/interoperability/GMI.shtml>