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Tektronix Communications Participating in the Global MultiService Forum Interoperability 2008

Tektronix Monitors VoIP and IPTV Services over IMS Test Environment for Advancement of Next-Generation Network Standards and Interoperability

RICHARDSON, Texas, November 4, 2008 – Tektronix Communications, a leading worldwide provider of communications monitoring and test solutions, announces its participation in the MultiService Forum (MSF) sponsored Global MSF Interoperability 2008 (GMI 2008) event to promote multivendor interoperability and the advancement of monitoring and test solutions for multiservice networks, including specific test scenarios for IPTV and VoIP services over IMS.

Intended to further the development of next-generation network (NGN) standards, GMI 2008 includes six test scenarios focused on service delivery over IMS. The tests include an IPTV tests and standards assessment, end-to-end session control, end-to-end Quality of Service (QoS), locations-based services, service-oriented architecture (SOA) and management. This year, the event focuses on providing a technical validation of the MSF Release 4 Architecture as the basis for interoperability between vendors within practical network deployments. At GMI 2008, Tektronix Communications is monitoring both voice and video services simultaneously in the access and core networks. Building on its heritage of innovation and industry leadership in next-generation network monitoring, Tektronix Communications is using its Unified Assurance suite of solutions including GeoProbe and Advanced Performance Monitoring (APM) for network monitoring in a multiservice environment.

“Participation in GMI 2008 showcases Tektronix’ commitment to meeting service operators’ needs as they migrate towards multiservice environments”, said Mark Driedger, Vice President and General Manager, Network Management, Tektronix Communications, “however, there is a great deal of complexity that needs to be managed in a multiservice environment in order to ensure a high quality of service, which is fundamental to customer retention and reduced churn. In this environment, a monitoring solution that supports open standards and vendor interoperability is crucial for network operators to leverage the highest return on their network investments.”

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Tektronix Communications' scalable and flexible GeoProbe hardware platform is the most widely deployed passive probing system of its kind in the world. Network data collected by the GeoProbe is used by the Unified Assurance application called APM, or Advanced Performance Monitoring, which can provide end-to-end real-time network monitoring, historical data tracking, reporting and trending analysis.

About Tektronix Communications

Tektronix Communications provides network operators and equipment manufacturers around the world an unparalleled suite of network diagnostics and management solutions for fixed, mobile, IP and converged multi-service networks. This comprehensive set of solutions support a range of architectures and applications such as LTE, fixed mobile convergence, IMS, broadband wireless access, WiMAX, VoIP and triple play, including IPTV. Tektronix Communications is headquartered in Richardson, Texas. Learn more about the company's test, measurement and network monitoring solutions by visiting www.tek.com/communications.

About Tektronix' Unified Assurance Portfolio

Tektronix' industry-leading Unified Assurance (UA) network management suite provides integrated, end-to-end performance monitoring solutions for customer, service and network assurance. UA supports a full range of monitoring capabilities across next generation mobile and IP networks, including active test solutions that provide active troubleshooting, provisioning and automated service quality monitoring. The Tektronix solutions quickly identify, localize and quantify service and network issues, giving customers an integrated, end-to-end next generation network.

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 – will link 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 will be held from October 20-31, 2008. <http://www.msforum.org/interoperability/GMI.shtml>

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