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Polaris Networks releases SA Forum compliant AIS/PLM Tester

Lexington, Massachusetts, October 27, 2009 – Polaris Networks, a technology leader in wireless and telecom protocol software test tools, announced today the release of its AIS (Application Interface Specification) Tester. The AIS Tester is an automated software tool to test an AIS implementation for conformance to Service Availability™ (SA) Forum specifications. It is targeted towards telecom middleware developers, system integrators and equipment manufacturers.

The first version of the AIS Tester tests the Platform Management (PLM) service for conformance to SA-Forum PLM specification SAI-AIS-PLM-A.01.01. It includes more than 100 tests for the 13 PLM API functions and covers all features, including Mapping of PLM and HPI (Hardware Platform Interface) Entities, Readiness Status Tracking, Entity Dependencies, etc. Future releases will add tests for other AIS components such as the Clustering and Messaging services.

“Test solutions can accelerate the adoption of open specifications by Telecom Equipment Manufacturers,” said Alan Meyer, SA Forum Compliance Governing Board Chair. “By bringing test solutions such as its AIS Tester to market, Polaris Networks is helping to advance the commercial off-the-shelf ecosystem for highly available platforms.”

Commenting on this release, Aditya Saraf, VP, Sales and Marketing of Polaris Networks, stated, “Telecom middleware developers, system integrators and equipment manufacturers who wish to test their High Availability systems based on SA-Forum standards will find this automated tester extremely useful for system QA and compliance testing and reducing the time-to-market for their products.”

The AIS Tester includes an HPI and Hardware emulator that permits testing of AIS middleware without the need of real HPI-compatible hardware such as an ATCA Shelf. The test cases, scripted in TCL, are editable and users can add their own test cases. The user-friendly GUI of the AIS Tester allows the automated execution of all test cases as well as the viewing of detailed decodes of all IMM and PLM API function calls. The Tester has undergone Beta testing at several sites and is now commercially available.

“The automated AIS Tester is a very useful test suite in testing the error-handling abilities and the stability of service availability software, and in identifying gaps between the implementation and the standard,” said Bill Yaman, Vice President of Marketing, GoAhead Software. “We expect the middleware providers as well as applications developers utilizing the SA Forum AIS specifications will find the test suite to be highly beneficial,” he added.

About Polaris Networks

Polaris Networks is an established player in the business of developing test tools for Networking Protocols and Platforms. The company is based in Massachusetts, USA, with a Research and Development Center in India. Since its inception, Polaris has played a significant role in promoting and facilitating the widespread adoption of new communication technologies and platforms. Polaris Networks has played critical roles in various standards bodies (EPCglobal, WiMAX Forum, PICMG, CP-TA, SA-Forum, etc.) in creating interoperability guidelines and developing test tools that help manufacturers and service providers meet compliance requirements. For more information on Polaris Networks, visit www.polarisnetworks.net.

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