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Tail-f Systems and IP Infusion Partner to Deliver Carrier-grade Solutions for Network Equipment Providers

Integration of ConfD and ZebOS provides standards-based XML management for advanced routing protocols

SAN JOSE, Calif., and STOCKHOLM, Sweden – January 30, 2008 – Tail-f Systems, the leader in XML-based network management solutions for network equipment providers, and IP Infusion, An ACCESS Company, the leading provider of intelligent network software for enhanced IP services platforms, today announced a strategic partnership to integrate their products and collaborate on sales and marketing. Together the companies will enable network equipment providers to benefit from leading routing protocols managed by standards-based XML configuration management software.

“Modern enterprise and carrier networks are increasingly complex as they deliver innovative applications and services to their users,” said Mr. Koichi Narasaki, President and CEO for IP Infusion. “Network equipment providers need powerful routing protocols with state-of-the-art configuration management software to effectively respond to their customers. We are excited to work with Tail-f Systems to bring market leading offerings to the industry.”

Tail-f’s ConfD product provides key management interfaces including CLI, Web UI, SNMP, and NETCONF with a robust infrastructure to meet carrier-grade requirements for high availability and security. ConfD is based on XML and implements the same transaction model used by the NETCONF standard for automated configuration management across all management interfaces. With NETCONF, enterprises and carriers are able to carryout multiple configuration steps as part of a single transaction with built-in safeguards to ensure valid and consistent network changes. This results in lower operating costs and fewer network outages.

“IP Infusion’s broad suite of networking protocols and unique modular architecture are widely adopted by networking equipment providers,” said Hakan Millroth, President and CEO, Tail-f Systems. “By integrating ConfD and ZebOS, we will be able to offer the industry a unified approach to configuration management, faster time-to-market, and reduced costs.”

IP Infusion's Advanced Routing Suite (ARS) is a scalable, robust and standards-based Layer 2 and Layer 3 carrier-class switching and routing software solution that allows OEMs to rapidly add networking capabilities to their new or existing lines of communications products. The ZebOS ARS platform-independent architecture enables OEMs to choose from an impressive array of protocols and solutions to add to their equipment offerings.

The companies are already able to demonstrate integration between ConfD and several of IP Infusion's routing modules. Development work to support full back-end integration and data modeling work is underway. In addition to work on product integration, the two companies will collaborate on marketing and sales initiatives.

About Tail-f Systems

Tail-f Systems is the leading software developer of XML-based network management software for network equipment suppliers. Customers using Tail-f's technology radically reduce their time-to-market and benefit from carrier-grade implementations of NETCONF, CLI, Web, and SNMP interfaces. Tail-f is a ventured funded company headquartered in Stockholm. Visit www.tail-f.com for more information.

About IP Infusion

[IP Infusion](http://www.ipinfusion.com) delivers advanced software solutions that power communications equipment for packet-based Next Generation Networks (NGN). With a unique modular architecture and the industry's broadest suite of communication protocols, IP Infusion enhances product differentiation and market agility for many of the world's leading networked equipment vendors. Incorporated in Delaware in October 1999, IP Infusion is headquartered in San Jose, California, and is a wholly owned, and independently operated, subsidiary of ACCESS CO., LTD.

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