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### Tail-f Systems Proves Interoperability with Juniper Networks NETCONF Software

*Successful interoperability testing gives carriers a more affordable way to manage and scale complex multi-vendor networks*

**STOCKHOLM, Sweden – August 26, 2008** – Tail-f Systems, the leading software developer of XML-based network management solutions, announced today the completion of NETCONF interoperability testing with Juniper Networks Inc.'s (NASDAQ:JNPR) carrier-class NETCONF software. The NETCONF protocol, defined by the IETF standard published in RFCs 4741/2, enables network operators to automate the configuration of network devices in a highly resilient manner. Tail-f Systems' successful interoperability with Juniper Networks' JUNOS® software marks an important step towards the adoption of NETCONF by network operators in need of a way to manage equipment from multiple vendors sharing a standard approach to configuration management.

“Network configuration errors cause unnecessary downtime,” said Tracy Corbo, Senior Analyst, Network and Service Management, IDC. “The manual configuration of individual network devices increases the risk of fat finger configuration errors. The automation of network configuration will enable policy implementation and enforcement and greatly reduce the opportunity of introducing errors into the configuration files.”

The NETCONF protocol provides management applications with a mechanism to manipulate the configuration of network elements. NETCONF uses XML for encoding configuration data and protocol messages and includes powerful capabilities such as transaction safe configuration changes, pre-validation of candidate configurations, and rollbacks. These capabilities ensure configuration changes are made consistently across network elements, and reduce the risk of configuration errors that can cause network outages.

“We are pleased to have teamed with Juniper to complete this comprehensive interoperability testing of our NETCONF implementations,” said Hakan Millroth, President and CEO, Tail-f Systems. “Juniper is the leader in high-performance networking and was one of the first companies to identify the core concepts underlying NETCONF.”

Through this interoperability testing with JUNOS, Tail-f has validated the implementation of the NETCONF protocol in its ConfM product for basic operations like manipulating data, and for more advanced capabilities, such as committing and rolling back candidate configurations.

### **About Tail-f Systems**

Tail-f Systems is the leading developer of XML-based network management software for the providers of networking equipment and software. Customers using Tail-f Systems' technology radically reduce their time-to-market and benefit from carrier-grade implementations of NETCONF, Web, CLI, and SNMP interfaces. Tail-f is a venture-funded company headquartered in Stockholm. For more information see [www.tail-f.com](http://www.tail-f.com).

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