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Mangrove Systems Selects WAN Interface Software from NComm

*Proven Wide Area Network (WAN) interfaces ensures high performance, highly reliable
T1/E1, T3/E3, SONET and SDH connectivity*

Salem, New Hampshire – October 27, 2003 -- NComm™, Inc. today announced that Mangrove Systems has selected the NComm Telecommunications Management Software (TMS) full suite of WAN interface solutions to meet the WAN interface requirements on its flagship product. After extensive research, the NComm solution was chosen because it offered Mangrove Systems a proven path for adding reliable, standards-compliant network interfaces to its communications platform, a critical requirement for its service provider customers. The use of NComm TMS will enable Mangrove Systems to deliver mature, time-tested T1/E1, T3/E3, SONET and SDH functionality while devoting core engineering resources to advancing its differentiated switching technology.

“Building a true carrier grade system requires robust wide area network interface implementations. NComm’s proven TMS platform enables Mangrove to deliver a highly reliable, fully functional and standards-based system that meets the exacting requirements of today’s service providers,” said Jonathan Reeves, Mangrove Systems founder and CEO. “We looked at a variety of software and only the NComm solution met our requirements.”

The flexibility, quality and performance of NComm TMS were the compelling factors that drove Mangrove’s decision. NComm ships its software with no known bugs and a sample application that allows the developer to bring up a fully functional interface that can be completely tested before integrating with the communications platform. Its flexible Application Programming Interface (API) enables Mangrove to integrate hardware from different vendors of choice as well as develop its own software drivers and easily integrate into the system. In addition, NComm provided responsive and knowledgeable support to ensure the easy and complete implementation of NComm TMS.

“The selection of NComm TMS by such an experienced management team is a solid endorsement of the comprehensiveness and reliability of the product; as well as its value proposition that enables our customers to focus on their value-added technology while having complete confidence in their WAN interface functionality,” said Bill Matern, president and CEO of NComm, Inc. “We are thrilled to be working with a company such as Mangrove Systems that is developing revolutionary technology.”

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About Mangrove Systems

Mangrove Systems was founded in mid-2002 by one of the industry's most experienced technology leadership teams. Mangrove Systems is a privately held networking company developing the industry's first family of GFP (generic framing procedure) based switching systems. The Mangrove product line is focused on addressing the demand for efficient and effective converged services. Mangrove products will enable service providers to leverage their existing infrastructures while providing a seamless migration path to next-generation protocols without expensive upgrades. For more information visit www.mangrovesystems.com.

About NComm

NComm provides network equipment vendors with proven, standards-compliant Wide Area Networking (WAN) source code, software, and custom engineering. Its TMS trunk management suite enables faster time-to-market for network systems by reducing the development time for WAN interfaces from months to hours. The suite includes the turnkey software and source code to embed into WAN equipment, which performs all the framing, alarming, performance monitoring, line testing, and signaling functions that all WAN devices or products must have to operate. NComm, privately held and based in Salem, New Hampshire, has customers ranging from start-ups to well-established communications companies such as ADC, 3Com, and Sonus. For more information, please visit the NComm website at www.ncomm.com.

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