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NComm Releases SONET Interface Software

Communications equipment manufacturers quickly add proven, standard-compliant SONET capabilities to network and customer premise platforms

SALEM, NH – April 16, 2002 – NComm, Inc. today announced the release of NComm TMS™ SONET, a suite of Wide Area Network (WAN) interface development software that enables network equipment vendors to bring standard-compliant SONET capabilities to market quickly without the cost and risk of Layer 1 optical software engineering. The addition of SONET to NComm's Trunk Management Software (TMS™) product line extends the company's transmission software offerings to include VT, STS-1, and OC-n trunk management. Upon release, the software supports SONET transmission framer products from Agere (NYSE:AGRa) and PMC Sierra (NasdaqNM:PMCS).

"Increasingly, SONET transmission is being deployed because it easily accommodates traditional network building blocks such as T1/E1 and DS3, and allows edge networks to easily evolve to newer, higher speed technologies," said Bill Matern, president and CEO of NComm, Inc. "NComm TMS SONET source code provides a cost and time effective path to incorporate SONET functionality into communications platforms without needing to staff up dedicated experts in an area that is not necessarily a product differentiator for the manufacturer."

NComm TMS SONET consists of trunk management software and its source code that enables an equipment manufacturer to embed SONET transmission functionality into its platforms quickly and with ease (See NComm TMS SONET Data Sheet). Because NComm's engineering specialty is focused on developing WAN interfaces for both well-established and start-up equipment vendors, the software is rigorously tested, fully functional, proven and standard compliant. The new SONET product is currently running in live networks on both network and customer premise systems, enabling equipment to seamlessly connect with high speed optical networks.

"Service providers, in pursuit of maximizing operational efficiencies, are demanding that their equipment vendors demonstrated flexibility in their platforms," said Christin Flynn, Director of Communications Network Infrastructure for Boston-based Yankee Group. "Metropolitan area networks (MANs) are under particular scrutiny, requiring vendors in this dynamic portion of the network to demonstrate the support of a wide array of network interfaces. By focusing on the engineering specialty of SONET interface software with this product, NComm brings value and flexibility to its customers by eliminating engineering risk, decreasing time to market, and enabling equipment vendors to adapt to the changing needs of service providers in the MAN."

Telica, Inc., a leading developer of carrier-grade switching solutions, selected NComm TMS SONET to add the optical interface to its Plexus 9000 softswitch platform. The Plexus 9000 provides Class 4 and 5 services for the PSTN as well as ATM and IP

Networks, pioneering a distributed softswitch-based model for voice and data communications. The company made a strategic decision to bring SONET capabilities to market quickly through the NComm offering, rather than allocate additional in-house engineering resources to its development.

“Telica’s innovation lies in media and signaling gateways and controlling those gateways, not necessarily in transmission technology. But, the need to have reliable, fully functional and standards-based SONET interfaces on the Plexus 9000 platform was important in offering a total solution to our customers,” said Joe Quinlivan, Telica’s vice president of engineering. “We chose the NComm software because we could bring the functionality to market quickly, and the company had significant experience and expertise in developing WAN source code. We had SONET up and running in a matter of days with the product and support provided by NComm.”

The NComm TMS SONET software starts at \$20,000 USD.

About NComm TMS™

NComm’s Trunk Management Software (TMS) portfolio of products includes T1, E1, DS3 and SONET technologies and soon will include SDH and E3 technologies. Portable to any operating system, NComm provides its TMS customers with a fully functional device driver to interface with any industry standard framer. NComm has driver support for devices from Dallas Semiconductor, Infineon Technologies (NYSE:IFX) and other leading silicon manufacturers.

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 framer, 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 (NasdaqNM:ADCT), Nortel (NYSE:NT), and Sonus (NasdaqNM:SONS). For more information, please visit the NComm website at www.ncomm.com.

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