Net-O2 Announces Industry's First Field-Test Version of MEF9 & MEF14 Carrier Ethernet Tests

Scope of MEF9 and MEF14 Testing Extended to Service Providers' Production Environments

Antwerp / **Breda** / **Le Vésinet** / **Munich – February 15, 2010** - Tucana's partner Net-O2 Technologies today announced the industry first MEF9 and MEF 14 field testing conformance test solutions on XenaCompact Ethernet test platform, for verifying Carrier Ethernet services in Service Provider networks.

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"Field testing based on MEF9 and 14 complements tests performed on equipment in the lab," said Bob Mandeville, President of Iometrix, the authorized MEF certification lab. "It extends the scope of testing to service delivery verification in production environments."

Service Providers can use ATTEST MEF9 and MEF14 conformance test suites to ensure that the Ethernet services they offer to their Enterprise customers meet the SLAs. Network equipment manufacturers can use these test suites to assure that their products can be used in the Metro Ethernet Network (MEN) for seamless access to Ethernet Services.

"We are pleased that Net-O2 Technologies has chosen to design their MEF9 and 14 solutions to operate on the Xena platform," said Jacob Nielsen, CEO of Xena Networks. "The field test capabilities of the ATTEST MEF9 and 14 test suites when combined with Xena's wire-speed, transportable Ethernet test equipment delivers an innovative MEF testing solution for service providers, equipment manufacturers and enterprises," continued Mr. Nielsen.

"ATTEST MEF9 and 14 conformance suites recently underwent test trials at Iometrix labs," said David Charlu, CEO of Net-O2 Technologies. "Service Providers will find these test suites valuable, since it allows them to overcome challenges faced in end-to-end measurements and ensure that their Ethernet Services meet committed SLAs in a straightforward manner. Equipment manufacturers can now easily pre-qualify equipment to accelerate the formal MEF 9, 14 certification process."

Datasheets are available at your request, please send an email to info@tucana.com

About Net-O2
Net-O2 Technologies is an innovative enterprise providing solutions that enable companies to significantly reduce their testing related investments, while simultaneously enhancing the Product Quality and Efficiency of Testing. Leading manufacturers of network devices, rely on the ATTEST range of products for testing applications in Access, Carrier Ethernet, Data Center, Edge, Enterprise, Industrial Networking and Security.

About Xena Networks
Xena Networks ApS develops Ethernet test solutions that enable network and equipment test engineers to deploy Ethernet test infrastructure that is low cost, simple to manage and easy to scale.

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