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**6WIND EMPOWERS CUSTOMERS AND PARTNERS
WITH A FURTHER COMMITMENT TO QUALITY**

Paris, July 30, 2004 – 6WIND today launched its “Powered by 6WIND™” quality assurance label to provide the company’s valued customers and partners the assurance of receiving best-in-class secure and robust networking solution.

This trademarked quality label has been designed to certify that any networking solution of 6WIND customers or partners using the 6WINDGate software has undergone stringent porting, integration and tests suites, carefully developed by 6WIND engineers to adhere to established industry standards worldwide. Close to 4000 automated integration tests and use case scenarios, incorporating stringent test standards from international and local tests consortiums, enable 6WIND partners and customers to cut down end-product time-to-market by an estimated 30 percent. This quality assurance process also speeds up the integration of new functionalities into a networking product by three times and reduces overall man-hours, significantly lowering overall development costs.

The label carries the association with 6WINDGate’s IPv6-ready certification by the global IPv6 Forum’s logo committee, as well as its award-winning and patented technology which has been successfully deployed in more than 80 advanced IP networking projects around the world. Customers and partners who have received the quality assurance of being “powered by 6WIND” can be certain of using a feature-rich, future-proof, intelligent and mature IP communication piece that differentiates their products to be fully equipped for today’s and tomorrow’s networking needs.

“The Powered by 6WIND quality label has been introduced to further extend our commitment to our customers and partners who have chosen to integrate 6WINDGate software into their networking products. They can rest assured that we take all necessary measures to lower their risks in producing a quality and marketable end-product. This label is neither a corporate brand nor logo but an attestation to the wealth of expertise and innovation surrounding the development of a networking device integrating the 6WINDGate IP networking software”, said Eric Carmès, 6WIND’s Chief Operating Officer.

For further information on 6WIND quality assurance label, visit
<http://www.6wind.com/frame.php?Rub=2&SRub=47>

About 6WIND

Considered a key reference in IP technologies, 6WIND is a leader and innovator of advanced IP networking software. 6WIND's fully-integrated IPv4-IPv6 flagship software, the 6WINDGate™, significantly shortens development time and costs, reduces network integration issues, speeds up time to market and delivers a leading edge differentiator. Its open architecture and rich IP functionalities empower easy integration of third party applications and facilitates development of advanced multifunction IP networking equipment, representing a valuable future-proof investment for deploying value-added IP services i.e. secure broadband access, WLAN, mobility and multimedia applications. End-users of the 6WINDGate™ include major industrial corporations, ISPs and telecommunication operators, public services and state bodies as well as the academia.

6WIND is a spin-off of Thales and a major contributor to IETF (Internet Engineering Task Force) on IP standardization and protocol definition. An award-winner of Europe's prestigious IST 2004 (Information Society Technology) prize for groundbreaking technologies, 6WIND was also the first European company certified IPv6-ready by the global IPv6 Forum. 6WIND is headquartered near Paris, France, and is present in Asia. For more information on 6WIND, visit <http://www.6wind.com>

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