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6WIND APPOINTS SUN MICROSYSTEMS VETERAN AS NEW BOARD MEMBER

Paris, April 13, 2005 - 6WIND, a pioneer in advanced IP networking software, announced today, the appointment of Elie Simon, previously President of Sun Microsystems' EMEA region (SUNW.US), to its board of directors. With over 20 years of in-depth European experience, Elie Simon is a recognized IT industry senior executive. He is greatly respected for his innovative, pragmatic and results-driven business leadership, having continuously demonstrated success after success during his tenure at Sun.

"Having a prominent global executive of Elie Simon's talent joining our board is testament to 6WIND's growing leadership position in the IP software industry," said Alain Dasté, 6WIND's CEO. "As a successful high-tech industry veteran, his business acumen combined with his expertise of the European market will prove an invaluable asset to help accelerate 6WIND's growth strategy."

"6WIND's cutting edge IP networking technology is increasingly becoming a major differentiator for network equipment manufacturers faced with mounting pressures of faster time to market and internal R&D cost optimization," said Elie Simon. "European communications equipment providers are increasingly at risk today of losing significant market share to aggressive and cost-efficient non-European competitors. Relying on world class IP software to lower cost and expand market share is a booster to their profit margins. As a board member, I am excited by the prospect of intensifying 6WIND's value-add which timely addresses this industry need."

Elie Simon's tenure with Sun Microsystems in Europe dates back to 1987. In his last position as President of Sun EMEA, he was instrumental in bringing a sharp and quick turnaround to the business, increasing the region's share of Sun's worldwide revenues from 28 percent to more than 36 percent. Under his stewardship, the Southern Europe, African and Middle-East region also became the largest European business unit for Sun after marking two consecutive years of the fastest growth within the company. Since then, he has become a much sought after spokesperson, making frequent appearances on industry forums, analysts' conferences and media interviews on CNBC, CNN, BBC, the Herald Tribune, etc.

About 6WIND

6WIND is the undisputed leader and innovator of advanced and fully-integrated dual Internet Protocol (IPv4-IPv6) networking software for OEM licensing. The company's patented software technology empowers network equipment providers to significantly cut development time and cost, simplify network application integration and accelerate the go-to-market process of new generation multi-services and secure networking equipment.

6WIND was the first European company certified IPv6-ready by the global IPv6 Forum and is a European Information Society Technology award winner (EIST 2004). A spin-off of Thales (HO.FP), the company is headquartered in France and has offices in China and South Korea.

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