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6WIND EMPOWERS STAER'S NEXT GENERATION OF EQUIPMENT FOR IP-BASED INDUSTRIAL AND COMMAND SYSTEMS WITH 6WINDGATE™ NETWORKING SOFTWARE PLATFORM

Paris, France and Rome, Italy, March 21, 2007 – 6WIND (www.6wind.com), leader in advanced embedded networking software, announced today that STAER (www.staer.it), a leading manufacturer in Remote Control Systems and Telecommunication Auxiliary Equipment has selected 6WINDGate™ networking software solution to empower its next-generation of equipment for IP-based Industrial and Command Systems. The 6WINDGate™ solution was chosen for its rich networking feature set and its sophisticated software architecture including XML-based management system that eases product customization. This solution will allow STAER to save development costs focusing on its market differentiators and significantly reduce time to market.

Industrial Control and Command systems are now migrating to benefit from the flexibility and improvements of IP such as QoS management, security, multicast, etc. Thanks to this new architecture, added value services such real-time traffic, voice and video surveillance over IP can be provided while reducing development, deployment and maintenance costs. For answering the new requirements of the market, STAER is leading development of a new generation of communication equipment based on IP and able to provide customised services for the Industrial Control and Command market including specific interfaces to legacy systems, dedicated real-time application and management services.

"STAER found the ideal partner in 6WIND for the reliability and flexibility of 6WINDGate™ SW platform. Time-to-Market has been dramatically cut, letting us concentrate on specific developments relating to Industrial Control Systems" said Massimo MARINI, STAER Technical Director.

"6WIND is pleased to work with STAER to develop IP-based gateways for next generation Industrial Control and Command systems. By selecting us, STAER proves the advantage of using a complete and integrated networking solution such as 6WINDGate™. STAER can quickly port and customize its application on a new optimised hardware, providing then an evolving vertical solution in a shortened time to market to its tier 1 customers." said, Dominique LANFRANCHI, 6WIND VP Sales Europe and North America.

About STAER

STAER is an international provider of Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) equipment and software solutions for Energy, Environment, Broadcast and Telecommunication market segments.

Since 1953 STAER is providing solutions and uninterrupted support to large corporates as well as small companies and local municipals and public utilities. The continuous investments in research and development are making Staer an ideal partner for players looking for solutions to enhance their offer.

Staer solution portfolio is a perfect mix of know how, field experience, innovation, products and integration services (for more info please consult the company's web site: <http://www.staer.it>).

About 6WIND

6WIND is the undisputed leader and innovator of embedded networking software for OEM licensing. The company's software, 6WINDGate™, enables equipment and system vendors to significantly cut development time and costs, simplify network application integration and accelerate the go-to-market process of multi-services IP gateways and systems. 6WINDGate™-empowered equipment are used worldwide for advanced dual-IP interoperability, integrated network security and wireless broadband by ISP and telecommunication operators, defense and public agencies, and industrial corporations.

The company is a spin-out of Thales (HO.FP) with headquarters near Paris, France and sales offices in Asia. <http://www.6wind.com>

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