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6WIND Provides High Availability Support to Meet Growing Demand for Carrier Grade Equipment

Commercial packet processing software includes best-in-class support for High Availability applications.

30 August 2010, PARIS, France — 6WIND today announced it is delivering integrated support for Carrier Grade, High-Availability systems as part of its industry-leading packet processing software, 6WINDGate™. The solution allows customers to build highly reliable, Carrier Grade network elements based on a variety of different hardware and processor platforms.

Optimized packet processing software enables very high performance for telecom equipment systems based on multicore processor architectures. However a single system failure has the potential to interrupt service for tens of thousands of users, resulting in millions of dollars in lost revenues as well as in lost customers. To avoid this scenario, the packet processing subsystem has to include High Availability (HA) features that meet demanding HA requirements with minimum impact to product cost, development cost and delivery schedules.

6WIND provides performance-optimized packet processing solutions that achieve cost and time-to-market savings in a commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) approach with out-of-the-box support for HA applications. 6WINDGate is currently the only commercial packet processing software product that offers a solution ready for integration into both open and proprietary HA frameworks.

"Having a commercial packet processing framework specifically designed for Carrier Grade equipment can help maximize the performance and reliability of an entire product portfolio," said Eric Carmes, 6WIND's chief executive officer. "The High Availability features of 6WINDGate deliver the capabilities and confidence customers need to build best-in-class Carrier Grade products while still achieving cost and performance advantages."

6WINDGate with HA support has already been deployed by tier-one OEMs worldwide, enabling their telecom infrastructure equipment to provide HA capabilities in routing and security products (performing IPsec and firewall) as well as large-scale NAT functions. The product's pre-integrated suite of comprehensive networking protocols eliminates the need to invest engineering resources into combining discrete protocols from multiple sources and/or designing custom protocols. This allows 6WIND's clients

to eliminate up to twelve months of development time, reaping the rewards of being early to market with cost-optimized products that meet stringent High Availability requirements. Additionally, 6WIND's HA support is non-intrusive with no impact to system run-time performance.

Since 6WINDGate can be easily integrated with standard HA frameworks, developers can migrate their existing HA system onto platforms running 6WINDGate without having to redesign their networking software. This lowers the cost of transitioning existing systems to HA platforms, so that developers can focus on adding unique value to their products. 6WINDGate HA extensions can be transparently added to the standard 6WINDGate framework without any redesign of application software.

6WINDGate High Availability support is available now.

About 6WIND

6WIND provides high-performance packet processing software solutions used by leading suppliers of networking equipment, telecommunications infrastructure and security products. The company's 6WINDGate™ solution eliminates up to twelve months from clients' product development cycles, while maximizing the performance of their products. To ensure the availability of a complete system-level ecosystem, 6WIND partners with industry-leading suppliers of board-level products, operating systems and embedded software products worldwide. 6WIND is a privately owned company based near Paris, France with a US subsidiary in California, sales and support offices in Asia, and an R&D center in Beijing, China. For more information, visit www.6wind.com.