

Empirix Solutions Ensure Multi-vendor Interoperability at GMI 2008

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Company participates in worldwide interoperability event for the fourth consecutive session

BEDFORD, Mass. – Nov. 20, 2008 – Empirix® Inc., the leading provider of voice testing and monitoring solutions for NEMs, service providers, and enterprises, announced today its recent participation at the MultiService Forum's (MSF) Global Multi-Vendor Interoperability Event 2008 (GMI 2008), which took place in several worldwide locations in October of this year.

Empirix's specific involvement in GMI 2008 included the following:

- Using Hammer G5 to setup and verify IMS call registration scenarios;
- Completing test cases for PSTN to IMS features and convergence using Empirix's Hammer FX-TDM; and
- Completing test cases for IMS broadband access for IMS home and roaming scenarios and network monitoring of Quality of Service using Empirix's Hammer G5, Hammer Call Analyzer, and Hammer XMS.

According to the MSF, the goal of this year's GMI event was to "demonstrate multi-vendor interoperability for emerging next-generation architectures that deliver converged services across wireless and wireline access networks, from traditional voice services to emerging broadband technologies, such as WiMAX." Building upon the results gathered from previous GMI Events in 2002, 2004, and 2006, GMI 2008 was developed to provide an opportunity for equipment vendors to validate key service concepts that leverage an IMS/NGN infrastructure.

Empirix participated in GMI 2008 at two of the five sites – BT Advanced Comms Technology Centre, in Ipswich Suffolk, United Kingdom, and Verizon Labs in Waltham, Mass. The company was also on standby to support two other sites – China Mobile in Beijing and The University of New Hampshire Interoperability Laboratory in Durham, New Hampshire.

"We are delighted that Empirix took this opportunity to put their products to an exhaustive, real world test at GMI 2008," said Roger Ward, President of MSF. "It says a lot about the increasing deployment of NGNs, and the confidence of vendors in their products, that we have had so many members participate in defining six networked test scenarios that address key aspects of the NGN evolution."

Empirix is continuing with its mission to help enable the adoption of complex new technology waves, such as IMS, through its involvement with the MSF and other major industry forums.

"Participating in interoperability events such as the MSF's GMI enables us to take what we learn in the lab back to our customers to ensure their transition to IMS is a smooth one," said Gordon Eddy, senior director, product management at Empirix. "As a company, we've been focusing on the industry's move to IMS for several years and are pleased that the MultiService Forum continues to host such impactful events that are designed to help make the adoption of this technology smoother."

For more information about Empirix's IMS testing and monitoring expertise, visit

http://www.empirix.com/ims_testing.

About Empirix

Empirix is the leading provider of voice testing and monitoring solutions for network equipment manufacturers, service providers, and enterprises. The world's best companies rely on Empirix to guarantee the quality, reliability and value of their communication networks, applications and services. As the only company with solutions that span the technology development and deployment life cycle – from testing in R&D labs through monitoring the end-user experience – Empirix possesses unparalleled expertise in Contact Center applications, Unified Communications, VoIP, IMS, and NGN. To learn more about the company, visit www.empirix.com.

About the MSF

The MultiService Forum is a global association of service providers and system suppliers committed to developing and promoting open architecture and multiservice networks. Founded in 1998, the MSF is an open membership organization comprised of the world's leading telecommunications companies. The MSF's activities include developing Implementation Agreements, promoting worldwide compatibility and interoperability, and encouraging input to appropriate national and international standards bodies. For more information about the MSF and its members, visit the MSF web site at <http://www.msforum.org/>.

About GMI 2008

GMI 2008 – the Global MSF Interoperability event – will link major carrier, government, and academic labs on three continents in a major demonstration of multi-vendor interoperability between a significant number of NGN elements supporting Implementation Agreements developed in support of the MSF Release 4 Architecture and practical deployment scenarios of interest to major carriers. GMI 2008 will be held from October 20-31, 2008. <http://www.msforum.org/interoperability/GMI.shtml>

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