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LG ELECTRONICS USES STRATUS ftSERVER SYSTEMS TO DEVELOP OPEN-SYSTEMS SOFTSWITCH SOLUTION WITH KOREA TELECOM

Next-Generation Core Network In Development on Stratus' New Intel Xeon-based Server With Linux — Expressly for Global Telecommunications Industry

MAYNARD, MA, March 10, 2004 – Stratus Technologies announced today that Korea Telecom, a major global carrier and the dominant service provider in Korea, is developing Asia's largest softswitch implementation using the new Stratus® ftServer® T30 system, an Intel® processor-based fault-tolerant server supporting the Linux® operating system. LG Electronics, a major telecommunications equipment provider, is developing the Linux-based softswitch/media gateway controller software on the ftServer system with Korea Telecom (KT).

A worldwide leader among major carriers in transitioning from traditional circuit-switched voice networks to packet-switched IP networks, KT is developing its IP network using a softswitch-based open-systems architecture consisting of various network elements.

KT and LG are developing the softswitch using the new fault-tolerant Stratus ftServer T30 system (*see related press release issued today*), a NEBS™ Level 3-compliant system that combines Intel® Xeon™ processors and the fault-tolerant Linux operating system with Stratus' field-proven architecture. The first in the planned series of ftServer T Series models, the T30 server is designed with all the Continuous Processing® features and performance required to meet the demands of traditional telecommunications solutions and next-generation IP networks.

LG is a long-time Stratus partner, having previously collaborated on several telecommunications projects for other customers. The two companies have been working together on the KT softswitch project for nine months.

“We chose this open architecture because the combination of Linux and Intel will provide KT with a truly open and robust platform with distinct price/performance advantages,” said Mr. S.K. Beom, general manager and group leader of NGN Core Software Development for LG. “Equally important selection criteria were application availability and platform reliability. LG has been a Stratus Continuum® server series partner for a number of years, and our experience with the company and its products has been very positive. We feel confident that this is the best possible platform for KT.”

To the extent major carriers have announced intentions to deploy softswitches, their target markets have generally been limited to corporate customers. Smaller carriers, who typically are new to the telecommunications marketplace and have no legacy network infrastructure, have invested in softswitch technology to quickly gain a market foothold by offering more subscriber services at lower costs than large service providers are able to. Deployments of this type allow established service providers to leap frog competition and quickly provide new services to customers.

“The ability to combine voice and data services on this open-systems platform will give carriers unprecedented flexibility and versatility to quickly develop and deploy new services,” said Ali Kafel, Telecommunications Business Unit director at Stratus. “Softswitch technology like that being developed by LG can bring service providers a distinct competitive advantage to offer new services and attract new subscribers, which in turn can help increase revenue and maximize profits.”

About Stratus Technologies

Stratus Technologies is a global provider of fault-tolerant computer servers, technologies and services, with more than 20 years of experience focused in the fault-tolerant server market. Stratus servers provide high levels of reliability relative to the server industry, delivering 99.999% uptime or better. Stratus servers and support services are used by customers for their critical computer-based operations that are required to be continuously available for the proper functioning of their businesses. For more information, visit www.stratus.com.

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