

## GoAhead Software Announces 50,000 Deployments Telecom and Defense Equipment Manufacturers Realize Significant Time-to-Market and Cost Advantages

BELLEVUE, Wash. — February 16, 2009 — GoAhead® Software, the worldwide leader in open standards-based high availability and management middleware for carrier-grade systems, today announces more than 50,000 commercial deployments. Innovative telecom and defense customers, such as Alcatel-Lucent, LG-Nortel, Motorola and Lockheed Martin, rely on GoAhead solutions to ensure uninterrupted service of their mission-critical systems.

“It’s very satisfying to see that GoAhead solutions are helping customers achieve continuous service, meet project schedules and focus on differentiation,” says Jim Ewel, GoAhead CEO and chairman. “With over a decade of experience and 50,000 successful deployments, GoAhead has become the obvious choice for telecom and defense organizations that recognize the benefit of a COTS solution,” Ewel continues.

Traditionally, telecom equipment manufacturers (TEMs) have relied on expensive, proprietary solutions to ensure availability of carrier-grade systems. With the advent and maturity of standards such as those published by the Service Availability Forum (SA Forum), customers can deliver systems faster and put resources to smarter use – developing applications that differentiate and generate revenue.

“Achieving 50,000 deployments is a momentous accomplishment, not only for GoAhead, but also for the market dedicated to COTS service availability,” says Eric Heikkila, embedded hardware practice director, Venture Development Corporation. “Equipment manufacturers and system integrators are realizing substantial cost and time benefits from this shift, and GoAhead has been a key part of this transition,” Heikkila continues.

GoAhead can attribute some of its recent success to staying ahead of the curve on customers’ need for an “application-ready platform.” The application-ready platform consists of the hardware platform, operating system and service availability middleware integrated out-of-box, resulting in notable time-to-market advantages for TEMs.

“We are thrilled to see GoAhead reach such a significant milestone” says Eric Gregory, ATCA product management for RadiSys. “It validates that the combination of GoAhead with the RadiSys Promentum ATCA platform is delivering on the high availability promise customers expect from an integrated COTS platform in demanding environments,” Gregory explains.

### About GoAhead Software

GoAhead Software is the worldwide leader in open standards-based high availability and management middleware for carrier-grade and mission critical systems for which downtime is unacceptable. With more than 50,000 deployments, GoAhead has the only *proven*, open standards-based solution, reducing risk so you can meet time and cost requirements. GoAhead’s leadership and long commitment to Service Availability Forum

standards prevent vendor lock-in and protect your investments over time. Every day, industry leaders such as Motorola, Alcatel-Lucent, LG-Nortel, and Lockheed Martin entrust GoAhead to speed time to market, lower costs and focus on differentiation. For more information, visit [www.goahead.com](http://www.goahead.com). For press information, contact Lacy Williams at 206.915.8771 or [lwilliams@goahead.com](mailto:lwilliams@goahead.com).