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New Features and Improved Performance for Aethra's Range of Conferencing Infrastructure Products

Complete visual communications solutions that deliver cost-effective, high quality UC video experience anywhere, anytime

Ancona, Italy, -- 16 September 2008 -- Aethra SpA, a leader in the global video communication market, today announced enhancements to its Conferencing Infrastructure offering, which provide an even more powerful experience and easier access to video enabled Unified Communications.

With the release of software version 5.6, the Aethra Infrastructure product portfolio now offers enterprise a complete integrated and interoperable UC solution, which combines powerful hardware for transcoding mixed environments with software client server architecture for high quality deployments including HD at the desktop. The enhancements included not only simplify and accelerate use but also provide additional tools for effective and professional communication.

High Definition improvements on the MCU, additional resolution support and HD to the desktop all improve the user experience through the superior video quality of the solution. With the addition of auto attendant Video IVR and IP dialling to the MCU, the new software version also increases ease-of-use.

By implementing an additional feature allowing recording and content management, users can record, archive and view their meetings. The recorded content is easily organized and managed through simple web-access and retrieval.

The new version continues to enhance enterprise integration support with Active Directory improvements as well as support for the IBM Domino directory and IBM Lotus Notes scheduling to complement the existing Microsoft outlook scheduling. Thanks to integration of the infrastructure into Microsoft OCS 2007 and IBM SameTime platforms, any organisation running these UC solutions can visually connect desktop users.

Furthermore, Aethra Desktop adds annotation support while maintaining a standard based H.239 connection. This unique functionality allows the presenter to annotate over any PC application and have the annotations appear on any desktop or H.239 compliant endpoint connected to the meeting.

About Aethra®

Aethra (www.aethra.com), a leader in the global telecommunications market, develops, manufactures and markets a wide range of high-performance products including video communication solutions, audio conference systems, networking test equipment and products for ISDN and xDSL networks, as well as multiconference audio-video-data service management. These exceptional products have distinguished Aethra as a leader in

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the telecommunications industry worldwide, reflecting its expertise in bringing cutting-edge communications technologies to the market: for FY 2006, Aethra's turnover reached \$114 million. Aethra is currently present in 65 countries with its own network of partners and sister companies and has offices in Milan, Rome, Miami Sao Paulo, Mexico City, London, Madrid, Paris, Shanghai, Shenzhen, Beijing and New Delhi. Founded in 1972, Aethra received the international award "Videoconferencing Company of the Year 2006" in January 2007 its 35th year in the telecommunications industry.

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