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Patton Announces Unified Communications Agent for SmartNode™ VoIP Gateway-Routers

Providing any-to-any multi-path switching, security, survivability, and presence/reachability, SmartNode™ Unified Communication Agent integrates IP-based communications with existing TDM/PSTN telephony and SIP/H.323 VoIP systems.

GAITHERSBURG, MD: Patton Electronics—the leader in business and carrier-class network access, connectivity, and Voice-over-IP equipment—has announced the new Unified Communication Agent (UCA) for SmartNode™ VoIP Gateway-Routers.

Providing any-to-any multi-path switching, dial-backup and IP-link redundancy for VoIP and data survivability, Voice-over-VPN security, and SIP Registrar for presence/reachability, the SmartNode™ UCA streamlines deployment of unified communications into existing business networks.

The UCA supports simultaneous SIP, H.323, ISDN, and POTS calls—plus T.38 and SuperG3 FAX—with routing and conversion between TDM/PSTN and IP/Ethernet networks. The any-to-any capability delivers superior interoperability when integrating multiple technologies into a unified voice-VoIP-and-data network.

“The communications landscape is shifting again,” said Scott Whittle, Vice President Product Management, “demanding low-cost, always-available solutions that put business first. The SmartNode™ UCA goes beyond multi-path call-routing to deliver VoIP integration with security, survivability, and proven interoperability. Now operators and solutions providers have an enabling tool for mission-critical voice and data networking.”

As the market focuses on unified communications, Patton’s upcoming silver anniversary will mark 25 years of innovative solutions for integrating legacy and next-generation technologies. For five years, Patton’s SessionRouter™ call-management engine has provided any-to-any call-routing and universal numbering-plan adaptation. Patton’s interoperability program certifies an ever-growing roster of major-brand softswitch and IP-PBX vendors, including Alcatel, Siemens, BroadSoft, Cirpack, 3CX, Asterisk, PingTel, and others, making SmartNode™ the industry’s “most interoperable” VoIP gateway.

“Businesses require complete solutions that are reliable and secure,” said John Wu, VoIP Product Line Manager. “SmartNode™ UCA integrates legacy PSTN and telephony services with IP, SIP, and H.323—plus survivability and security for voice and data. With award-winning elegance SmartNode™ leverages legacy investments for next-generation communications.”

In addition to three consecutive product-of-the year awards, SmartNode won the Internet Telephony Excellence Award for 2007. The award-winning solution unifies inter-office

communications for a major German retail chain with a secure VPN that integrates PSTN and IP-telephony with email and point-of-sale data.

The Unified Communications Agent is available for all digital and analog models of SmartNode™ Gateway-Routers.

During 4 - 9 March, Patton will showcase their latest innovations for unified communications, at CeBIT 2008, **Hall 13 Booth A58**.

About SmartNode™ VoIP Solutions

SmartNode™ VoIP solutions make it easy for carriers and enterprises to deploy VoIP systems quickly by combining proven interoperability with all major brands of softswitches and seamless integration with existing ISDN protocols, services, and network architectures. Thousands of SmartNode™ gateways have been successfully deployed in numerous ISDN carrier networks, including one of Europe's earliest first-line VoIP services. The SmartNode™ brand carries a strong six-year track record of successful deployments with satisfied carriers. SmartNode™ VoIP gateways, routers, and IADs scale from 2 to 120 analog or digital voice ports. Offering all the industry-standard interfaces (T1/E1, PRI/BRI, FXS/FXO, V.35/X.21, Ethernet, G.SHDSL and more), SmartNode™ supports SIP, H.323, T.38 Fax-relay, fax-bypass, modem-bypass, plus Voice-over-VPN with AES/DES IPsec voice encryption, plus upstream Quality-of-Service (QoS) with Patton's advanced Down-StreamQoS™ for clear, toll-quality voice. For more information about SmartNode, go to www.patton.com/voip.

About Patton

Patton is a multi-national organization that manufactures voice and data-communications equipment for carrier, enterprise, and industrial networks worldwide. Incorporated in 1984, Patton markets a catalog of over 1000 products including SmartNode™ VoIP solutions that support SIP, H.323, and MGCP for analog and ISDN telephony; ForeFront™ multi-service access infrastructure solutions for TDM and IP service delivery (T1/E1, G.SHDSL, xDSL, dial-up); IPLink™ CPE solutions for last-mile/local-loop access (WAN routers, modems, remote access servers, NTUs, CSU/DSUs); CopperLink™ Ethernet Extenders; EtherBITS™ device servers; EnviroNET™ NEMA4-compliant hardened networking equipment, and a full range of network-connectivity Micro-Products (interface converters, short-range modems, multiplexers, surge protectors). 2008 is Patton's 25th year in business.

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