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Soapstone Networks Announces Séamus Daly to Vice President of Engineering

N. Billerica, MA, July 27, 2007 — Avici Systems (NASDAQ:AVCI) Soapstone Networks business division announced the promotion of Séamus Daly to Vice President of Engineering. Mr. Daly has served as Director of Engineering with Soapstone Networks and Avici since 2005, and has been instrumental in developing Soapstone Networks Provider Network Controller (PNC)[™] platform.

“Soapstone Networks is forging new technology for carriers and communications providers. We are uniquely qualified to build robust, multi-vendor software tools that will bring revenue enhancing functionality to network providers. Soapstone Networks is bringing the best of Avici’s success into the design and interoperability of the PNC,” states Daly.

“Séamus has the leadership skills Soapstone Networks needs to envision future technology requirements and guide the engineering talent for our core technology,” Larry Dennison, Chief Technology Officer and Founder Soapstone Networks.

Daly’s career has included Digital Equipment Corporation as Engineer with the Network and Communications Group, Acopia Networks as Director of Hardware Engineering, and Avici Systems responsible for Avici’s second generation platform. He holds 10 U.S. Patents, has published several technical papers and is a member on the IEEE 802.1 Internetworking Group. Mr. Daly received his Ph.D. from University College in Dublin, Ireland.

About Soapstone Networks

Avici introduced the Soapstone Networks business unit in February 2007. The Soapstone Networks solution is designed to enable carriers to bring orderly, predictable, business-driven behavior to networks, regardless of vendor or technology. It utilizes an SOA-based modular architecture that provides the agility and nimbleness to target different applications enabling improved performance and cost efficiencies. For more information visit: www.soapstonenetworks.com

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