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Soapstone Networks to Participate in Light Reading's Ethernet Expo 2007

Company Nominated as Leading Lights Finalist for Best New Product

New York, NY, October 15, 2007 — Avici Systems (NASDAQ:AVCI), Soapstone Networks today announced that it is participating in Ethernet Expo 2007, which is assembling industry leading service providers, suppliers and enterprise experts from dozens of companies to explore major Carrier Ethernet networking and service trends. Ethernet Expo 2007 is being held October 15-17 at the Hilton New York, New York, NY. Soapstone Networks will hold demonstrations for its Provider Network Controller (PNC)[™] at booth #420.

Soapstone Networks PNC software is helping service providers connect their physical transport infrastructure to the Next Generation Network (NGN) software infrastructure. The PNC software creates a common control framework for various network technologies, enabling carriers to create and deploy services quickly by making services network technology agnostic.

Light Reading has selected Soapstone Networks PNC as a finalist for its fourth annual Leading Lights Awards, which recognize top public and private companies and their executives for their outstanding achievements in the next-generation communications. Soapstone's PNC was selected as a finalist for Best New Product which is awarded to the company that has developed a market-leading product that, through engineering and technical excellence, enables the deployment of profitable next-generation telecommunications services. The finalists were determined and the winners will be judged by a panel of Light Reading editors and Heavy Reading analysts. The leading Lights Award winners will be announced before an audience of service providers, analysts, and technology and business press at an invitation-only gala dinner on Monday, October 15, following the first day of Light Reading's Ethernet Expo.

Soapstone CTO and Founder, Dr. Larry Dennison will also be participating on a roundtable panel discussion on Enabling Technologies and Standards for High-Performance Carrier Ethernet.

Details on the Panel

When: Tuesday, October 16, 2007 at 3:45-5:00pm

Where: Hilton New York, New York, NY

Moderator: Stan Hubbard

Panelists: Soapstone Networks, JDSU, Lightstorm Networks, Road to 100G Alliance

About Soapstone Networks

Soapstone Networks is at the forefront of the movement to Carrier Ethernet by delivering resource control systems that realize NGN software-provisioned services in the new Carrier Ethernet transport network. Soapstone's common control framework decouples services from underlying network technologies. The Soapstone solution dynamically provisions precise, SLA-quality services, continuously optimizing utilization of network resources to bring orderly, predictable business-driven behavior to service provider networks. The future of Carrier Ethernet - www.soapstonenetworks.com

This release contains information about Soapstone Network's future expectations, plans, and prospects that constitute forward-looking statements for purposes of the safe harbor provisions under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.

Such forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties, which could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated. When used in this press release, the words "will be" and other similar expressions are intended to identify such forward looking statements.

Such risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, Avici's ability to manage the transition of its core router business, the early stage of Soapstone Networks, market acceptance of Avici products, services and enhancements, customer purchasing patterns and commitments, development of the market place, reliance on technology and distribution partners, product development and enhancement, intensity of competition of other vendors, technological changes and other risks set forth in Avici's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.