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**SOAPSTONE NETWORKS ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT
OF DONALD WADAS AS SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT
WORLDWIDE FIELD OPERATIONS**

Billerica, MA, October 16, 2008 -- Soapstone Networks Inc. (NASDAQ: SOAP) today announced that Donald Wadas has joined the Company as Senior Vice President of Worldwide Field Operations with responsibility for heading Soapstone's global sales and services organizations. Mr. Wadas joins Soapstone Networks from Brix Networks where he was responsible for leading the worldwide sales and customer support organization, focused on selling converged service assurance solutions to tier one and tier two carriers globally. Mr. Wadas was also instrumental in the sale of Brix to EXFO Inc. earlier this year. Mr. Wadas joined Brix following a successful 27 year career where he was responsible for leading sales organizations at companies such as Telcordia, Granite Systems, Level 3 Communications, and AT&T Paradyne.

"We are very excited to have Don join Soapstone's executive leadership team," said Bill Leighton, Chief Executive Officer, Soapstone Networks, Inc. "Don brings a wealth of general management and sales expertise, with great experience in serving the world's largest customers, particularly those customers who rely on technological innovation and high performance to realize their business success."

Before joining Brix Networks, Mr. Wadas was Global Vice President of Sales at Telcordia Technologies where he was responsible for Next Generation OSS products. Prior to that Mr. Wadas served as Vice President of Sales at Granite Systems, preceding its acquisition by Telcordia. Earlier in his career, Mr. Wadas served in a range of executive assignments where he was responsible for the sales of a variety of broadband based services and solutions.

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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. Accelerating Innovation - www.soapstonenetworks.com.

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