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Omnix upgrades architecture and goes live at EU mobile operator with new release of infrastructure management solution

Major new technology deployed at first customer of web-based Omnix R9

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Powerlan today announced that Omnix Software, the majority-owned UK-based provider of project automation software solutions for telecoms operators, has issued details of the latest release of its software suite designed to automate infrastructure management and help mobile operators realise operational efficiencies. The new version, which represents nearly four years of R&D investment, has just gone into production at its first customer, a leading EU-based mobile operator.

The Omnix software platform is an operational support system (OSS) resource and workflow management tool, specifically designed to provide today's advanced telecoms operators with a comprehensive and cost-effective solution to manage all aspects of planning, building, and operating a network. Its modules support programme logistics, asset management, asset tracking and estates management.

Omnix R9 is engineered to address the challenges of today's global business environment, creating demonstrable savings within the engineering and infrastructure function through higher process automation levels and driving large potential reductions in the capital requirement for infrastructure rollout through improved planning, purchasing and workforce deployment. It includes application solutions that provide improved control over resource planning and analysis as well as an extended technical architecture that embraces the need to integrate and exchange information with other components of the OSS at low cost using a standards-based approach.

Omnix R9 has a facility for plugging in a set of standard or customised business rules that can be used to adapt Omnix's behaviour in specific ways. Business plug-ins include asset depreciation rules, project estimating and forecasting rules, and candidate project ranking and scoring rules.

Features of Omnix R9 include:

- 100% web-enabled client
- Mobile client support for network auditing
- Secure access from anywhere
- Scalable and robust J2EE architecture
- Integrates workflow with key business information
- Easy integration with other OSS
- Multiple concurrent language support
- Multiple server support

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William Tickner, Chief Executive Officer of Omnix Software, commented that: "Omnix R9 has already proven through this first deployment that it can deliver value to the operator by empowering the teams and processes responsible for building and maintaining the network infrastructure. In this latest release, we have delivered a powerful and comprehensive platform for the robust management of mobile and fixed network infrastructure as well as the equipment assets and property locations which comprise the network. Omnix R9 draws upon ten years of expertise in software design for this field and an intimate knowledge of the needs of over-stretched operations and project teams to offer more deployment flexibility in the form of a service-oriented, component-based architecture. This is key to achieving efficient OSS and ERP integration as well as enabling higher levels of customisation via configuration tools."

Omnix R9 is available now.

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Powerlan Limited (ASX: PWR) provides specialist information technology products and services through four operating divisions:

- Clarity (<u>www.clarity.com</u>) offers carrier-grade Operational Support Systems (OSS) and Network Management Systems (NMS) software solutions for telcos and enterprises.
- ConverterTechnology (<u>www.convertertechnology.com</u>) provides software and services to help enterprises capitalize on the benefits of Microsoft Office 2007.
- IMX Software (<u>www.imxsoftware.com</u>) provides a full portfolio of solutions to manage the international trading of banknotes, precious metals, foreign exchange and any other financial or stored value instrument including travellers cheques, pre-paid cards, international banker's drafts and money transfers.
- Omnix Software (<u>www.omnixsoftware.com</u>) provides specialised software solutions for mobile telecommunications operators that address the specific project delivery, property management and asset management requirements of complex 2G, 2.5G and 3G wireless networks.

All divisions are incorporated and operate as self-contained companies.

About Omnix Software

Omnix Software Ltd (Omnix) is a UK-based provider of project automation software solutions for telecom infrastructure management. It is focused on active project and program management, site and estates management, resource planning and allocation and delivery and operations solutions, for the mobile and fixed line telecommunications industry, and has developed a global customer base in over 30 countries. The platform from Omnix is an expert system delivering a more efficient telecoms network via four core solution packs: Network Programme Logistics (NPL[™]), Network Asset Tracking (NAT[™]), Network Estates Management (NEM[™]) and Network Asset Maintenance (NAM[™]).

Founded in 1998, Customers include major mobile network providers Vodafone, Orange, O2/Telefonica, Millicom, Zain (Celtel) and Mobilkom.

For more information, visit <u>www.omnixsoftware.com</u>.