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PLANET ASSOCIATES RELEASES VERSION 8.0 OF PLANET® IRM INFRASTRUCTURE RELATIONSHIP MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE

New Feature Set Integrates with Discovery Tools and Broadens Scope in Documenting and Managing Total Enterprise Infrastructure

Neptune, NJ – March 17, 2009 – Planet Associates Inc., the leading provider of Infrastructure Relationship Management (IRM) software and services for Enterprise Networks, has released Planet IRM v8.0, a major revision of its comprehensive visualized Configuration Management System (CMS).

The latest release includes two new exciting products, the Discovery Correlation Engine (DCE) and Form Editor. DCE integrates with multiple discovery tools, which gather inventory via network scans, and correlates the discovered information with existing Planet IRM information. This allows Planet IRM data to consistently match the evolving changes in IT infrastructure assets and configurations. The addition of DCE allows organizations to streamline the process of keeping data accurate and current within the Planet IRM CMS.

Form Editor revolutionizes customer control of Planet IRM forms and data. It enables the customer to introduce proprietary data and allows a commercial off the shelf (COTS) system to more closely align with internal business process and tracking requirements. The expansion and customization of existing Planet IRM property sheets includes customer-specific fields, which are retained within their own table structure. The new tabs can maintain additional specifications, display related information from Planet IRM, perform additional data processing, and more. Form Editor is used to create these tab layouts, define associated scripts, link tabs to existing Planet IRM sheets and create new tables in the IRM database to support new data.

"I'm very excited to introduce these new capabilities to our customers and to add these products to our portfolio," said William Spencer, President and CEO of Planet Associates. "The ability to integrate with various Discovery Tools is especially important to enterprise and government customers so that discovered changes within their infrastructure are expeditiously reflected within their Planet IRM CMS. This helps to maintain an accurate holistic view of their system when needed at any given instance."



Both DCE and Form Editor allow organizations to broaden the scope of infrastructure data contained with Planet IRM. As this data becomes more extensive and precise, the view of the overall network infrastructure becomes more comprehensive, which leads to improved planning, greater in-depth analytics, better asset management, and more insightful decision making.

Planet IRM is designed to consolidate critical infrastructure information and streamline IT operations through a single, centralized, visual data repository, which improves operational efficiency and service levels, reduces network disruptions and downtime, and provides the cohesion necessary for accurate and thorough critical system analysis.

About Planet Associates Inc.

Planet Associates Inc., located in Neptune, N.J., develops, licenses and supports the Planet[®] IRM family of infrastructure relationship management software products. Planet IRM is uniquely capable of total enterprise network asset consolidation, with project scopes ranging from individual Data Centers to entire global organizations. For more information on Planet IRM software, call Planet Associates at (732) 922-5300, email mjviscomi @planetassoc.com or visit http://www.planetassoc.com.

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