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Digipede Delivers First Grid Computing Solution Certified for Windows Server 2008

OAKLAND, Calif., March 3, 2008 – Leading grid software provider Digipede[™] Technologies (<u>www.digipede.net</u>) today announced its award-winning Digipede Network[™] is the first distributed computing solution to earn the "Certified for Windows Server[®] 2008" software certification.

The Digipede Network is grid computing software that dramatically improves application performance by distributing execution across a network of Windows computers. Built entirely on .NET, the Digipede Network enables mainstream enterprise developers to build high-performance distributed applications and web services from within Visual Studio. Deployed by organizations of all sizes, the Digipede Network increases business performance by eliminating application performance bottlenecks.

The Digipede Network comes with the acclaimed Digipede Framework SDK, which integrates with Visual Studio 2008. The software development kit and debugging package simplify grid-enablement and enhance developer productivity, helping reduce the time it takes to adapt applications such as complex, compute-intensive Microsoft Excel spreadsheets to run on a grid of hundreds of servers or desktops.

"Microsoft is pleased to count Digipede Technologies among the earliest companies worldwide to earn the Certified for Windows Server 2008 software logo with their Digipede Network grid solution," said Tony de Freitas, director of Windows Server marketing at Microsoft . "The security and solid foundation of Windows Server 2008 plus the speed, security, and interoperability of Microsoft .NET provide an ideal platform for Digipede's innovative grid computing solution. Windows Server 2008 and the Digipede Network provide a powerful grid solution for our mutual customers."

"Windows Server 2008 brings tremendous new advantages in manageability, ease of deployment, and performance to our mutual customers," said John Powers, CEO of Digipede. "We made it a priority to design the Digipede Network grid solution to meet Microsoft's rigorous certification standards so that our customers have the highest degree of confidence when they deploy Digipede-enabled applications on Windows Server 2008. By working closely with Microsoft, Digipede brings together familiar .NET development patterns with high-performance distributed computing on Windows Server 2008."

Windows Server 2008 software certification consists of approximately 100 test cases that independently confirm an application's compliance with best practices for compatibility, security, reliability, and availability on the new platform, while ensuring the software performs in a 64-bit environment. The certification identifies top-performing technologies that are ready to deploy in mission-critical environments. As a participant in the Microsoft Early Access Program (EAP) for Windows Server 2008 Software Certification, the Digipede Network is one of more than 300 applications that are eligible for certification on a pre-release version of the new platform.

The Digipede Network is an affordable distributed computing solution built entirely on the Microsoft .NET Framework that dramatically improves the speed and performance of demanding real-world business applications. Integrated with Windows Server 2008 as well as with Microsoft SQL Server 2005, Visual Studio 2005, Visual Studio 2008, Windows Compute Cluster Server 2003, and other Microsoft products, the Digipede Network is radically easier to buy, install and use than other grid-computing solutions. Using the Digipede Network, businesses can easily achieve the benefits of grid computing, including improved IT agility and increased application scalability. Developers can write .NET Framework-based or COM applications that will take advantage of hundreds or thousands of computers, bringing the power of grid computing to the familiar Windows platform.

Details about Windows Server 2008 software certification, its test framework, and the Early Access Program are available at <u>http://www.innovateonwindowsserver.com</u>.

About Digipede Technologies

Digipede Technologies is a leading software provider of grid computing solutions for the Microsoft .NET Framework. Digipede is led by a proven team of technology visionaries who have developed best-in-class Windows applications for more than 15 years. Digipede is a Microsoft Gold Certified Partner and winner of the 2007 Microsoft ISV Innovation Partner of the Year Award. Headquartered in Oakland, California, Digipede is expanding rapidly. For more information visit <u>www.digipede.net</u>.

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