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Digipede Technologies Announces the Digipede Network Public Beta Program

Beta testers are invited to test drive the breakthrough commercial distributed computing solution for Microsoft Windows to improve application performance using existing computing resources

OAKLAND, CA, April 19, 2005 – Digipede Technologies (www.digipede.net), the leading provider of distributed computing solutions on the Microsoft® Windows™ platform, today announced its public beta program for the Digipede Network, offering users an opportunity to test drive its breakthrough solution before its official product launch this summer. The Digipede Network, the first commercial distributed computing solution based entirely on Microsoft .NET, dramatically improves the speed and scalability of real-world business applications and is radically easier to buy, install, learn and use than other grid computing solutions.

"Since announcing the Digipede Network in February, we have been working very closely with our early beta customers refining the product and getting it ready for public testing," said John T. Powers, president and CEO of Digipede Technologies. "We are delighted with the enthusiasm expressed by potential customers, and are now ready for public beta customers to put our product to the test. This program will help our customers improve the performance and speed of their most demanding applications, and will help us prepare the product for release. The Digipede Network offers customers on-demand access to as little or as much processing power as they need with a simple and cost-effective solution."

There are thousands of IT managers, researchers, scientists and business executives that are in need of an affordable and easy-to-use distributed computing system that can be deployed at the departmental or lab level without having to worry about the cost and complexity of current offerings. Until now there has not been a simple and affordable software solution available. The Digipede Network enables customers to focus on solving their key business or research problems rather than wasting time developing a distributed computing infrastructure.

The public beta program provides users with a powerful software tool that parcels out the most complex computing jobs within a department, or across an entire enterprise network, by dynamically allocating the computing power of both dedicated and idle resources. It meets the needs of both small departments and labs that may only have a handful of computers (through the Digipede Network Team Edition), as well as large enterprises with thousands of servers, desktops and notebooks across a network (through the Digipede Network Professional Edition, which will be released shortly after Team Edition). Unlike other solutions that require consultants and complex scripting, the

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Digipede Network requires no custom configuration and on-site implementation help. Customers can be up and running in an hour.

The Digipede Network consists of three parts:

- **The Digipede Server:** Manages the workflow throughout the system.

- **The Digipede Agents:** Agents manage each of the individual desktops, servers or cluster nodes and the tasks that run on them. Agents gather key information about the computer on which it runs, including hardware, software, and data resources available locally, and then using this information, the Agent chooses the best task for that computer.

- **The Digipede Workbench**: The Workbench is designed to shorten the learning curve enabling users to become productive immediately. Through a feature-rich user interface, users can set up and run distributed computing jobs with ease. Wizards assist users with learning and using the system quickly, and powerful designers provide access to greater system functionality. No complex scripting required.

In addition, existing applications can take advantage of Digipede's API, so developers can focus scalability and improving functionality and not waste time on the plumbing required to enable distributed computing themselves.

Availability and Pricing

The Digipede Network beta program is now available. Public beta customers can test the Digipede Network at no cost until the commercial release, and experience its benefits firsthand. Beta program participants are required to submit a product evaluation, which includes feedback on the product's installation process, ease of use, features and documentation. Companies or individuals interested in being included in the public beta testing can register at www.digipede.net. Commercial release is planned by the end of Q2 2005. The Digipede Network is available in two editions, Team and Professional. Pricing for the Digipede Network Team Edition starts at $995 for a system licensing one Digipede Server and five Agents; additional Agents can be licensed for $199 each. For additional information about pricing and configuration options, contact Digipede at sales@digipede.net.

About Digipede Technologies
Digipede Technologies is the leading software provider of distributed computing solutions for the Microsoft .NET platform. Digipede is led by a proven team of technology visionaries who have developed best-in-class Windows applications for more than 15 years. Headquartered in Oakland, California, Digipede is expanding rapidly. For more information visit www.digipede.net.

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