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## **NComm Adds Ethernet OAM Offering To Trunk Management Software Line-Up**

*New offering provides needed Ethernet OAM (Operations, Administration & Maintenance) solution for both carrier and CPE equipment developers*

HAMPSTEAD, NH – April 27, 2009 – NComm, Inc. today introduced NComm **Ethernet OAM**, a new line of software products for quickly adding reliable Ethernet telecommunications service functionality to communications equipment platforms. The first release for NComm's new Ethernet OAM product line is coverage of the **IEEE 802.1ag** standard and is **immediately available for delivery**. It will be followed by coverage of additional OAM standards and Ethernet Automatic Protection Switching.

The development of NComm's Ethernet OAM TMS reflects the continuing shift to deploy traditional LAN technology in formerly Wide Area Network applications. The original Ethernet LAN technology did not include carrier OAM functionality because it didn't need it. Deploying Ethernet in WAN environments demands it. The MEF (Metro Ethernet Forum) and other bodies continue to work on standards addressing this gap. NComm's new Ethernet OAM source code offering puts this increasingly critical OAM functionality within reach of all equipment manufacturers no matter their size.

"We are excited to be entering this new market with such an important product," said Bill Matern, President of NComm, Inc. "NComm's traditional customers, WAN equipment developers, are shifting to Ethernet for WAN legacy and new applications. The primary users of WAN OAM, carriers and service providers, are pushing for the same kinds of alarm and performance monitoring tools for Ethernet provisioning and management as available on WAN equipment."

NComm's new Ethernet OAM TMS offering delivers the same unique value as its flagship WAN TMS including standard compliance, flexibility, completeness and portability. "One of our key strengths is that we know how carriers and service providers actually intend to use OAM capabilities," said John Brandte, Vice President of NComm's Marketing and Business Development, "These critical functions are new to the Ethernet community, but we have been enabling equipment manufacturers with OAM for over a decade."

As with all NComm products, it includes easy-to-use APIs for all communication between the software and other parts of the CPE or service provider equipment.

The software accommodates a wide variety of hardware configurations; it works with any Real Time Operating System and processor, including multiprocessor environments, and produces a complete, standard compliant Ethernet OAM interface.

### **About NComm**

NComm delivers complete, standard compliant, source code packages that reduce LAN/WAN interface development time by staff years and dramatically reduce development cost. Its offerings eliminate an entire class of embedded software development for access technologies like [Ethernet](#), [T1](#), [E1](#), [T3](#), [E3](#), [SONET/SDH](#) including [Automatic Protection Switching](#), [Primary Rate ISDN](#) and [Sync Status Message management](#). Using NComm's software, many users have had their interfaces fully functional in a day rather than a year.

For more information, please visit the NComm website at [www.ncomm.com](http://www.ncomm.com).

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