

Vallent's Metrica[®] selected for New Brasil Telecom GSM Wireless Network

Quality of GSM & GPRS Services Managed by Vallent's Market Leading Software

BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON – March 10, 2005 – Vallent™ Corporation (formerly WatchMark-Commintel and Metrica[®]) announced that Ericsson, a leading telecom supplier, has selected Vallent's Metrica Performance Manager to monitor the new Brasil Telecom GSM and GPRS infrastructure and to manage the network quality underpinning the services delivered to all subscribers.

Vallent's Metrica Performance Manager will be used not only to monitor and manage the quality of services delivered over the new GSM and GPRS network when it is complete, but will also be used to guide the deployment of the new infrastructure and help avoid issues such as congestion. Furthermore, Metrica Performance Manager will monitor the performance of the NOC as it aims to meet a set of pre-defined Key Performance Indicators (KPIs).

“Brasil Telecom has always played an important part in developing Brazil's network infrastructure and introducing new services to the region,” said Marise de Sá De Luca, Director of System Integration Services for Ericsson Brazil. “We believe that Vallent's world-class OSS products combined with our local knowledge and network infrastructure expertise will help Brasil Telecom introduce advanced, quality mobile services to the country.”

“Our goal is to deliver affordable and premium quality mobile services with innovative and useful features to all our customers,” said Wellington Francisco P de Araujo, OSS Project Director for Brasil Telecom. “By deploying a totally new network infrastructure and OSS solution, I believe we can build a highly robust wireless network and deliver cost-effective and high-quality mobile services to our customers.”

“This is an exciting time for Brasil Telecom as they begin their new mobile business,” said Mark Greatrex, senior vice-president and general manager of the Performance Management Division of Vallent Corporation. “The deal also strengthens our long-term relationship with Ericsson Brasil who have been key in winning and implementing this project. We look forward to working with them and Brasil Telecom to address the increasing number of opportunities for GSM and GPRS services in the region.”

Vallent solutions are specifically designed for telco-class performance management and have been successfully deployed by more than 300 operators worldwide across a wide range of network technologies. These technologies include GSM, CDMA, GPRS, UMTS and most other wireless network technologies, circuit switched voice, SDH/SONET transmission, voice messaging system (VMS), signaling system No. 7 (SS7), intelligent network (IN), ATM, Frame Relay, and IP. More information on Vallent can be found at www.vallent.com.

About Brasil Telecom

With more than 10.5 million lines installed and almost six thousand employees, Brasil Telecom s.a. is the main telecommunications company providing services in the South and West of Brasil and to the Brazilian States of Acre, Rondônia and Tocantins. This network coverage corresponds to approximately 33% of the country.

About 40 million people, equal to 23% of the Brazilian population, live in these regions, which have four major metropolitan hubs each with a population of more than a million inhabitants.

Brasil Telecom also provides networking, data communications and other value-added services to customers and has recently received authorization from the government to commence mobile operations and offer subscribers a range of advanced cellular services.

For more information on Brasil Telecom, please visit: www.brasiltelecom.com.br

About Vallent Corporation

Vallent, the global leader in service assurance solutions, has been formed from the merger of WatchMark-Comnitel and Metrica Software Systems (UK).

Vallent is a leading supplier of network performance management, service quality management (SQM) and service level agreement (SLA) management solutions and services. These service assurance solutions improve service quality, lower operational costs and optimize network usage and capacity. Vallent's solutions have been deployed by more than 300 network operators worldwide and sourced by four of the leading network equipment manufacturers. The company operates globally with headquarters in Bellevue, Washington, USA and major offices in Richmond, UK, Bath, UK, Cork, Ireland, Galway, Ireland, and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

To learn why more than 300 network operators trust Vallent as their service assurance solutions provider, visit www.vallent.com.

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