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Sapphire InfoTech Receives Validation for Integration of TestSmart with Mercury Business Technology Optimization Offering

FREMONT, CA – (APRIL 30th, 2006) – Today, Sapphire InfoTech announced the integration between TestSmart and Mercury Quality Center has been validated by Mercury Interactive Corporation, the global leader in business technology optimization (BTO) software. Sapphire InfoTech's TestSmart can be used under MQC 8.2 at same level as Win-Runner to help automate Maintenance, Provisioning and Testing of **any IP addressable** device using Shell/MML level commands (Namely CLI, TL1, SNMP...). " We have provided this combined solution to our current customer Verizon and expect it will be strong value proposition to both Mercury and Sapphire InfoTech's customers to automate functionality for any IP addressable devices and Networks" quoted Dinesh Goradia, Sapphire InfoTech and Brian Macdonald of Mercury.

The integration of TestSmart with Mercury Quality Center will allow customers to Automate Testing of Network Devices in a stand Alone mode or in a Network Configuration. Test Smart is designed for test engineers to make them productive in their day-to-day testing and certification of products/networks that are made of products from different vendors. It is a simple to use tool that allows test engineers to automate their manual testing. In a bench marking study at Cisco, it was shown that this tool provided 60%-70% savings in test time. This tool can automate Layer 2 through Layer 7 testing of devices under test interconnected in a network. Most of the test automation products/tools available in the market use specialized programming language such as Tcl etc. Where as Test Smart works with CLI, SNMP or TL1 commands and it's intended for use by Test Engineers vs. a Test Automation People. It provides a process for testing, as well as helps reduces the amount of testing time that is currently used in the industry. The automated testing can be run remotely and during off hours for certifying features (sunny day testing); and it can stop a test process to prompt engineers to take an action for rainy day/destructive testing.

"By working with Mercury and joining the alliance program, we can better serve the customer need for a total Test Automation solution encompassing devices in the network and applications. This would result in substantial cost savings, increased product quality and better time to market" According to Manoj Betawar, Sapphire's CTO.

ABOUT THE MERCURY ALLIANCE PROGRAM

The Mercury Alliance Program is designed for companies offering best-of-breed services and value-add products that leverage Mercury business technology optimization (BTO) offerings and best practices. Mercury Alliance Partners provide BTO consulting, Implementation services and products that complement Mercury's offerings in IT governance, application delivery, and application management. Mercury Alliance Partners' offerings extend Mercury BTO Enterprise, the industry's first integrated suite of BTO offerings designed to help customers optimize the business outcomes of IT.

ABOUTSAPPHIRE INFOTECH

Sapphire InfoTech was founded in 2000 as a consulting company to service providers specializing in Testing. The founding members were Test Engineers with many years of testing experience at various companies. Due to the void in the industry for easy to use test automation tools/solutions; they put their ideas together and came up with TestSmart. This product was developed and used by Sapphire InfoTech Test Engineers for 4 years before it was released in the market place as Version 1.0.

Version 1.0 was shown to Verizon Service Integration Test Labs, who had already decided to standardize its Test Automation Platform on Mercury Quality Center. They found TestSmart to Complement the Test Automation Platform from Mercury and asked Sapphire to integrate TestSmart with Mercury Quality Center.