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Platform Computing Launches Networking Site for HPC Community

HPCcommunity.org Facilitates Collaboration, Learning and the Exchange of Ideas

TORONTO, Canada, June 17, 2008 – HPCcommunity.org, a networking site for High Performance Computing (HPC) users and researchers was launched today. The site, sponsored by HPC management software leader Platform Computing, is the online destination for HPC professionals to collaborate, share and contribute to open and closed source HPC technologies from Platform, third-party vendors and researchers. Content for HPCcommunity.org will be provided by both the user community and Platform Computing.

HPCcommunity.org features forums, articles, blogs and software downloads for its user community. Content for the site will be technical in nature and focus on best practices for building, operating and managing HPC clusters. HPCcommunity.org is staffed by dedicated engineers who will help users keep up-to-date on developments in areas such as HPC, grid, virtualization and cloud computing. The site provides a venue for users to discuss issues, develop solutions and leverage available engineering expertise, by collaborating with independent software vendors (ISVs) and other users.

“Platform Computing and the University of Melbourne are collaborating on the development of resource allocation and service-level agreement techniques for managing virtual machines within clouds. This will add significant value to future grid and cloud computing paradigms,” said Dr. Rajkumar Buyya, Director of the Grid Computing and Distributed Systems (GRIDS) Laboratory, University of Melbourne. “HPCcommunity.org extends our relationship with the recognized leader in high performance computing. It provides an online forum for the engineers, administrators and end users in the community to come together to solve HPC problems and also work in partnership with colleagues.”

HPCcommunity.org gives Platform Computing the opportunity to interact with users across industries. This dialogue among developers provides a forum for future innovations. The site enables discussion on initiatives such as HPC cluster management based on the open source project Kusu, HPC SOA middleware collaborations, and research projects based on Platform EGO resource management technologies. The site also includes an opportunity for exploration and collaboration on key emerging technology areas, such as application enablement using parallel development tools, cloud computing, data grids and virtualization.

“HPCcommunity.org is another step in Platform’s strategy to make it easier for users to deploy and manage complex grid and HPC environments,” said Laurence Liew, Community Development Manager, Platform Computing. “The discussion



and collaboration at HPCcommunity.org will result not only in the best and most efficient HPC management software for customers, but also a starting point for new users to learn best practices.”

Platform Computing will be in Dresden Germany at ISC’08, June 17-20 in booth number D01 and D02.

About Platform Computing

Platform Computing is a pioneer and the global leader in High Performance Computing (HPC) management software. The company delivers integrated software solutions that enable organizations to improve time-to-results and reduce computing costs. Many of the world’s largest companies rely on Platform to accelerate compute and data intensive applications and manage cluster and grid systems. Platform has over 2,000 global customers and strategic relationships with Dell, HP, IBM, Intel, Microsoft, Red Hat and SAS, along with the industry’s broadest support for HPC applications. Building on 15 years of market leadership, Platform continues to define the HPC market. Visit www.platform.com.

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