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Pixelmetrix Begins Delivery DVStation Pod-Remote for Real-Time Monitoring of Digital Networks

*IBC 2002 Debut for Affordable, Expandable Real-Time
Preventative Monitoring for Smaller or Remote Facilities*

Amsterdam – At IBC 2002, booth 2.318 in Hall 2 Pixelmetrix Corporation will debut the DVStation Pod-Remote, a new version of its award-winning DVStation “Preventative Monitoring” solution for today’s complex digital broadcast networks.

The DVStation Pod-Remote is a smaller version of the company’s flagship DVStation. Consisting of from one to four book-sized Pod modules and a single 1U rack-mounted Remote Controller, the DVStation Pod-Remote system is operated through a LAN or dial up telephone, allowing database or user access from a personal computer.

Available for immediate delivery, the DVStation Pod-Remote was designed for either the smaller facility that might not need the full 21-module capability of the DVStation, or a complex digital network that requires simple single source monitoring at multiple locations. In either application, the DVStation Pod-Remote provides the same level of in-depth signal monitoring and analysis as the full DVStation at a more affordable price.

Also at IBC, Pixelmetrix will demonstrate its new DVStation Pod-PC, a low-cost tool to analyze and troubleshoot digital signals in satellite communications, broadcast radio and television facilities, cable television plants and other operations handling digital signals.

Light and so portable it easily slips into a tool case, DVStation Pod-PC borrows most of the advanced features of the full DVStation including its extraordinary user-friendly interface, on-board transport stream capture, internal playback and analysis, and error and measurement logging.

Both products, based on Pixelmetrix Corporation's new system of application-specific Pod modules, allow customers the flexibility to configure the test or monitoring tools they need at the lowest possible cost. They will be demonstrated during IBC at the Pixelmetrix booth 2.318 in Hall 2.

"The DVStation Pod-Remote was designed to be an economical way for operators to extend our industry-leading Preventative Monitoring capability to remote sites where the cost of a full DVStation cannot be justified," said Danny Wilson, Founder and CEO of Pixelmetrix. "Small facilities can now afford to acquire no-compromise monitoring capability and expand as their needs require."

Though based on the same core technology, the two new products are targeted to different applications and configurations. The highly-portable DVStation Pod-PC is designed as an inexpensive field analyzer to set-up and commission installations and to troubleshoot signal problems. It requires a customer-provided personal computer for operation. The DVStation Pod-Remote, ideal as a monitoring solution for remote locations, is a self-contained system that's controlled via personal computer through a LAN. Local operation is available at the Remote Controller by plugging in a customer-provided VGA computer display and mouse.

"Our full-size DVStation is a highly scalable monitoring device that was designed to work in an environment with many television signals in a single location, such as satellite and multichannel facilities," said Wilson.

"For many smaller facilities or terrestrial broadcasters operating over a wide geography, the overhead that comes along with that level of scalability has made the original 21-port DVStation unsuitable for limited applications. With DVStation Pod-Remote, we now offer a low-cost alternative with all the power and capabilities of DVStation for operations that need to monitor up to four signals in many places."

Pixelmetrix, said Wilson, recognizes that terrestrial networks with wide geographical distribution often do not require a local display. This issue is addressed by expanding the user interface options of all DVStation products to include a more efficient animated GUI display utilizing Virtual Network Computing

(VNC), a remote display system that allows users to view a computing desktop environment not only on the machine where it's running, but from anywhere on the Internet. A low bandwidth HTML interface will also be offered for dial-up applications.

About DVStation Products

DVStation, DVStation Pod-Remote and DVStation Pod-PC by Pixelmetrix are award-winning systems for monitoring the quality and performance of digital networks. DVStation is the only all-in-one solution that can monitor a signal path from studio to home. The operator sets the monitoring thresholds and alert methods for the entire network from a single location. DVStation will notify operators if there's trouble, with alerts delivered remotely over a corporate LAN, the Internet or even to a pager. If signal and content integrity is essential for business success, DVStation is the most advanced Preventative Monitoring solution available today.

About Pixelmetrix Corporation

Pixelmetrix Corporation is the global expert in Preventative Monitoring for digital television networks. The company provides equipment and network intelligence systems to television broadcasters for management and monitoring of quality of service. Headquartered in Singapore, Pixelmetrix has offices in the United States and Europe. Pixelmetrix customers include CNN, CBS, Disney, HBO, Japan Telecom, KPBS, NTL, Sky PerfectTV! Japan, British Telecom, Canal+ and Télédiffusion de France. It is the winner of the Peter Wayne Award for Best Design and Innovation IBC 2000, and Winner of the STAR 2000 Superior Technology Award from TV Technology Magazine. For more information, visit www.pixelmetrix.com.

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