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# Pixelmetrix and Skyline redefine service assurance management for advanced broadcast operations

**IBC, Amsterdam, September 2005, Booth 1.570** – Skyline Communications, leading supplier of vendor independent network management solutions, announces the integration of various Pixelmetrix products into its renowned DataMiner network management platform. Pixelmetrix is a global expert in preventive monitoring for digital television networks, and supplier of digital video quality assurance solutions.

"The combination of DataMiner and Pixelmetrix solutions such as DVStation is one of those clear-cut cases where operators get more than the sum of the parts. DataMiner easily integrates with any third party device, proprietary or standard, and has over 500 third party device drivers deployed in the field, but the integration of the Pixelmetrix products results in extra added value because of its specific contribution to the innovative DataMiner service management capabilities," commented Ben Vandenberghe, Sales and Marketing Director at Skyline Communications. "DataMiner provides the technology to track in real time which devices are used by which services and offers the operator real-time service impact analysis and historical service performance information. DataMiner provides this technology end-to-end, across all vendor boundaries, communicating with any active components in the service chain. But if in addition, you can add to this qualitative service metrics measured by products such as the DVStation, you can further increase the service awareness significantly. DataMiner and Pixelmetrix solutions are both valuable assets for professional operators, but the combination provides that extra edge that makes the difference."

"Preserving service quality is an essential component of deploying digital services in today's highly competitive markets. Solutions such as DataMiner, which provide a true service perspective on the entire operational environment, as well as the Pixelmetrix solutions which assess the quality of the services throughout that same operational environment, are key to the deployment of those digital services," added Reto Brader, General Manager, Europe, Pixelmetrix Corporation. "Combining DataMiner and the Pixelmetrix solutions results in an intelligent management environment, with an exceptional high level of service awareness. With products from Pixelmetrix, DataMiner is capable to instantly and fully automatically assess the true impact on service quality upon detection of faults in the actual operational environment."

## **About Skyline Communications**

Skyline Communications is the leading provider of multi-vendor network management solutions. DataMiner is the most innovative and cost-efficient network management solution available for the HFC broadband, satellite and broadcast industry. With over 500 drivers deployed for devices from more than 100 different suppliers, and functioning as the principal operational platform for leading operators such as Belgacom, Brutélé, Canal Plus, Essent Kabelcom, Eutelsat, Telenet, etc. it has redefined the way today,s operational environments can be managed. DataMiner includes solutions for real-time data, trend analysis, alarm management, notification, reporting, alarm correlation, automation, scheduling, service impact analysis, historical service analysis, north and southbound SNMP interfacing, spectrum management, interfacing via SMS, etc. For more information visit www.skyline.be.

#### **About DVStation Products**

The award-winning DVStation family of products by Pixelmetrix is used 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. DVStation is the most advanced Preventive Monitoring solution available today. When signal and content integrity is essential for business success, DVStation is the only logical solution.

The DVStation family is available as DVStation, DVStation-Remote, DVStation-Pod, DVStation-IP, DVShift, DVShift-HD, and DVStor.

### **About Pixelmetrix Corporation**

Pixelmetrix Corporation is the global expert in Preventive 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, NHK, Japan Telecom, KPBS, NTL, Sky PerfecTV! Japan, British Telecom, Canal+, and Télédiffusion de France.

Pixelmetrix is the winner of the Peter Wayne Award for Best Design and Innovation IBC 2000, winner of the STAR 2000 and 2004 Superior Technology Award from TV Technology Magazine, recipient of a Cable-Satellite/Mediacast Product of the Year Award in 2003 and 2004, and winner of Broadcast Engineering magazine's Pick Hit Award 2005. For more information about Pixelmetrix, please email <a href="mailto:info@pixelmetrix.com">info@pixelmetrix.com</a> or visit <a href="https://www.pixelmetrix.com">www.pixelmetrix.com</a>

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