



News Release

Nebula joins SolarWinds® Technology Partner program to extend and automate Access Network Management.

Vancouver, BC – March 25, 2010 – Nebula Manufacturing, an innovative provider of Ethernet Optics for Access Networks is today announcing its status as a SolarWinds® Technology Partner and the integration of its GFAST family of media converters with SolarWinds Orion® Network Performance Monitor (NPM) for the automation and monitoring of access networks using Nebula's GFAST and VFAST fiber optic equipment.

"As the access networks expand and its elements become more capable, it is increasingly important to provide network managers with a clear view of network resources and effective tools to identify and address both faults and opportunities to optimize performance" said Nebula's CTO, Peter Schmelcher.

The fault and performance monitoring capabilities of SolarWinds Orion NPM software will complement the increasing sophistication of Nebula's GFAST family of media converters, by extending the reach of network monitoring right to the optical element.

Coupled with Nebula's innovative traffic management capabilities, network engineers will not only be able to identify issues, but will have the capability to remotely initiate resource allocation strategies that may address them.

"Working with technology partners, like Nebula, gives us the opportunity to provide expanded capabilities that can have tremendous impact for our users while allowing us to remain focused on our core objectives," says Sanjay Castelino, Vice President of Products for SolarWinds. "As today's networking and IT environments continue to change and involve solutions from a variety of vendors, the integration options offered by our Technology Partners give our users the flexibility to get even more out of their management experience."

Integrating GFAST capability into the SolarWinds Orion NPM management environment will also permit GFAST elements to participate in common management strategies and processes involving other element types and capabilities.

"The simplicity of installation and ease of configuration of the Orion NPM environment is consistent with Nebula's own focus on cost effective implementation and scalable growth" said Lee Vishloff, Nebula's President. "We look forward to helping customers realize the benefits that both tools, working together, can provide."

About Nebula

Nebula EtherOptic™ access solutions let service providers build next generation access networks in a way that is cost effective, and profitable, today. The Nebula EtherOptic products deliver from 10 Mbps to Gigabit Ethernet services for business or consumer customers. As one of the earliest entrants into fiber access equipment market, Nebula has been helping service providers build out their fiber access networks profitably since 1995 with cost effective, easy to deploy and reliable optical access products. Focused solely on EtherOptic equipment, Nebula works closely with customers to design and deliver products that support innovative services plans that fit into their operational environment. Nebula adapts designs to meet service providers' deployment and operational requirements. For more information visit www.nebulaoptics.com.

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