



## **Omnix Software joins forces with Powerlan**

*Majority interest in Omnix Software acquired by Powerlan, the specialist IT group*

**London, 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2008** – Omnix Software, the privately-held UK-based provider of next generation software solutions for telecommunications operators which help organisations to plan, launch and manage their wireless networks, today announced that Powerlan, the specialist Australian-based information technology group, has purchased a 51% interest in the company.

Founded in 1998 and headquartered in Bristol, Omnix Software ([www.omnixsoftware.com](http://www.omnixsoftware.com)) is renowned for its expertise in assisting mobile operators to deliver complex network projects and manage network assets. It has a global customer base which includes major operators such as Vodafone, Orange, O2/Telefonica, Millicom, Celtel-Zain, Orascom and Mobikom. Omnix Software will shortly complete its next generation product roll-out at Vodafone Ireland following significant investment in a new technology platform which has created the leading offering in its class. Powerlan has announced that its UK-based European General Manager, William Tickner, has been appointed as Omnix Software's Chief Executive Officer with immediate effect. As part of the transaction Omnix Software's current owner and founder, Martin Coates, will remain as Chairman.

The Omnix software platform is an OSS resource and workflow management tool, specifically designed to provide today's 2G, 2.5G and 3G mobile telecoms operators with a comprehensive solution to manage all aspects of planning, building, and operating a wireless network. Omnix Software focuses on helping mobile network operators realise operational efficiency across the entire network lifecycle, creating demonstrable savings within the engineering and infrastructure function and driving large potential reductions in the capital requirement for infrastructure rollout.

The acquisition of the majority shareholding in Omnix Software directly complements the activities of one of Powerlan's other businesses, Clarity, the market leader in Unified Operational Support Systems (OSS). Clarity provides proven, pre-integrated inventory, fulfilment and assurance applications on a single SID-based database, enabling real-time executive visibility of the network's impact on revenues and customer experience. Clarity has offices in, Asia, Europe the Middle East and Africa. Strong synergies are expected between Clarity and Omnix.

William Tickner, CEO of Omnix Software and European General Manager of Powerlan, commented that: "Omnix Software's solutions and global mobile customer base creates a new market opportunity for Powerlan as well as being a complementary extension to sister company Clarity's OSS product portfolio. We are currently planning to expand our operations in several geographies. In Asia Pacific in particular we see significant potential for Omnix within Clarity's established Tier 1 mobile client base, to seamlessly extend existing network inventory solutions into the asset management domain."

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## **About Omnix Software**

Omnix Software (formerly Andrew Network Solutions) is a provider of software based solutions for mobile network operators. Its products address the key business issues facing mobile operators in the planning, rollout and management of 2G, 2.5G and 3G networks. Its flagship product Omnix has been specifically designed to provide today's wireless operator with a comprehensive solution to manage all aspects of planning, building, and operating a wireless network. Omnix is a modular OSS resource and workflow management solution, comprising infrastructure project delivery, property management and asset management that has repeatedly demonstrated efficiency savings of up to 250 percent within the engineering and infrastructure function, offering a huge reduction in the capital requirement for infrastructure rollout.

## **About Powerlan**

Powerlan Limited (ASX: PWR) provides specialist information technology products and services through four operating divisions:

- Clarity ([www.clarity.com](http://www.clarity.com)) offers carrier-grade Operational Support Systems (OSS) and Network Management Systems (NMS) software solutions for telcos and enterprises.
- Converter Technology ([www.convertertechnology.com](http://www.convertertechnology.com)) offers specialist services and innovative technologies to help clients migrate files across incompatible desktop applications, particularly Microsoft Office.
- IMX Software ([www.imxsoftware.com](http://www.imxsoftware.com)) provides a full portfolio of solutions to manage the international trading of banknotes, precious metals, foreign exchange and any other financial or stored value instrument including travellers cheques, pre-paid cards, international banker's drafts and money transfers.
- Omnix Software ([www.omnixsoftware.com](http://www.omnixsoftware.com)) provides specialised software solutions for mobile telecommunications operators that address the specific infrastructure project delivery, property management and asset management requirements of complex 2G, 2.5G and 3G wireless networks.

All divisions are incorporated and operate as self-contained companies.