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## Pixelmetrix and BarcoNet Deliver Integrated End-to-End Service Quality Control Solutions for Digital Broadcast Facilities

End-to-end Signal and Service Integrity by combining comprehensive Visual Monitoring and Long-term Performance Analysis

AMSTERDAM – 13<sup>th</sup> September 2001: Today Pixelmetrix Corporation announces full integration with the BarcoNet ROSA network management system enabling end-to-end network management and service quality control. The combination of Pixelmetrix DVStation<sup>TM</sup> and BarcoNet's ROSA network management system provides the flexibility and reliability that today's customers demand from a advanced signal and service integrity management platform.

"The combination of BarcoNet's ROSA network management platform and the Pixelmetrix DVStation<sup>™</sup> will provide customers with even better network management and control," said Yves Nolin, Vice-President of Sales, Pixelmetrix Corporation. Key to all network management systems is the ability to control and obtain information on the status of equipment regardless of location. Furthermore, the ROSA system provides long-term tracking and analysis of service quality and availability. We look forward to continuously delivering the best signal integrity and service integrity surveillance solutions to the market."

Jan Colpaert, Director of Product Marketing with BarcoNet, said "BarcoNet is committed to creating solutions that monitor both equipment, transmission and service quality and availability. We are very pleased that Pixelmetrix has recognized ROSA's leading role in the area of network monitoring and performance analysis. The fact that existing as well as new customers will get the possibility to further improve their broadcast operations by adding quality monitoring of digital video services and is very well appreciated in the market".

"We strive to provide necessary solutions in multi-vendor environments that unlock the power of both platforms to deliver and maintain efficient results."

#### About BarcoNet's ROSA Network Management System

BarcoNet's ROSA is an open network management platform for the Broadband and Broadcast market. The system builds on open standards like SNMP and is renowned for its performance management, fault management and configuration management for broadcast services, transmission links and network equipment.

#### About Pixelmetrix DVStation<sup>TM</sup>

Designed for content delivery management, DVStation<sup>™</sup> provides three main elements for dependable end-to-end broadcast services: Signal Integrity, Service Integrity and Central Casting. Pixelmetrix DVStation<sup>™</sup> is an award-winning multi-port, multi-layer monitoring and impairment system designed specifically for digital video network and transmission operators. Designed like a powerful parallel computer, DVStation<sup>™</sup> monitors and correlates inputs of up to 21 ports and multiple layers (physical, transport, and quality) in real-time. A single system can simultaneously connect to several points along the transmission chain.

#### **About BarcoNet**

BarcoNet is a leading provider of multimedia distribution solutions for broadband and broadcast applications. BarcoNet's core activities include Headends for integrated multimedia services, high-speed fiber optic Backbones, Network Management, Digital TV Distribution, and Broadband Access solutions. BarcoNet's systems are currently used and appreciated by the world's largest broadband operators in cable, as well as terrestrial, telecom, satellite or wireless applications. The company currently employs more than 700 people, has more than 20 offices around the world and operates an established distribution and services network. Formerly part of Barco, BarcoNet has been listed on the Euronext Brussels stock exchange as a separate company since November 13, 2000 (ticker: BARN).

### **About Pixelmetrix Corporation**

Pixelmetrix provides equipment and network intelligence systems to digital broadcasters and telecom operators for management and monitoring of broadcast quality of service. As the broadcast, telecom and internet industries and technologies converge, Pixelmetrix tools leverage the experience and strengths of each industry to deliver innovative solutions which directly impact its customer's business results. Headquartered in Singapore, Pixelmetrix has offices in Europe and the USA with worldwide representatives and technology partners that demonstrate the seamless integration to complimentary solutions. Pixelmetrix customers include CNN, CBS, International Broadcasting Bureau, KPBS, NTL, Sky PerfecTV Japan, 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* -TV-Technology Magazine. For more information, visit www.pixelmetrix.com

For more information about DVStation<sup>™</sup> and Pixelmetrix's role in enabling the rapid transition to digital television, please email <u>info@pixelmetrix.com</u> or visit www.pixelmetrix.com.