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Ribbon Communications Joins The Linux Foundation as Silver Member

Reinforces Ribbon's commitment to helping open source technology evolve and bringing cutting edge virtualized software solutions to market

WESTFORD, Mass. and BARCELONA, Spain, Feb. 26, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- **Ribbon Communications Inc.** (Nasdaq: RBBN), a global leader in secure and intelligent cloud communications, today announced that it has joined **The Linux Foundation** and the **Linux Foundation Networking Fund (LFN)** as a Silver Member. The Linux Foundation is the organization of choice for the world's top developers and companies to build ecosystems that accelerate open technology development and commercial adoption. Together with the worldwide open source community, it is solving the hardest technology problems by creating the largest shared technology investment in history.

"Membership in the Linux Foundation and LFN allows us to join a great ecosystem of partners to work closely together to provide input and contributions on open source initiatives as they evolve, as well as be on the cutting edge of delivering better cloud and mobile experiences to our customers," said Kevin Riley, Chief Technology Officer, Ribbon Communications. "Our membership in the Linux Foundation only reinforces our already strong commitment to open source technology and to bringing our customers the latest in virtualized software solutions designed to help them differentiate their offerings more effectively in an increasingly competitive marketplace."

"We are delighted to welcome Ribbon to our growing roster of members," said Arpit Joshipura, General Manager, Networking and Orchestration, The Linux Foundation. "As a leader in delivering real-time technology and security solutions to some of the largest service providers and enterprises in the world, they will play an integral role in working collaboratively with our community to further open source networking."

Ribbon will be participating in several Linux Foundation open source projects including:

- OPNFV: Through system level integration, deployment and testing, OPNFV creates a reference platform to accelerate network transformation
- ONAP: Brings together the majority of global carriers and vendors to build an automation and orchestration platform to transform the service delivery lifecycle for network, cable and cloud providers
- OpenDaylight The largest open source SDN controller

Riley added, "We have long been committed to furthering development in these very important categories and technologies with many of our ecosystem partners. We are now simply formalizing our involvement through the LFN, which we view as a leading consortium to further innovation and interoperability."

Ribbon has established partnerships with industry-leading NFV vendors for both the NFVI and MANO layers and has performed interoperability testing with Wind River Titanium Cloud, Red Hat OpenStack Platform, Intel Network Builders, Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE) OpenNFV, Canonical and Ciena Blue Orbit. Through these strategic partnerships, Ribbon delivers tightly integrated and differentiated end-to-end NFV solutions that are production ready.

Key Takeaways:

- Ribbon Communications has joined The Linux Foundation and the LFN Fund as a Silver Member.
- Membership in The Linux Foundation allows Ribbon to join other industry leaders in working closely together to deliver better, more secure software-based mobile and cloud experiences.
- Ribbon will be participating in several current Linux Foundation projects including OPNFV, ONAP and OpenDaylight.
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About Ribbon Communications

Ribbon Communications Inc. (Nasdaq: RBBN) is a company with two decades of leadership in real-time communications. Built on world-class technology and intellectual property, the company delivers intelligent, secure, embedded real-time communications for today's world. The company transforms fixed, mobile and enterprise networks from legacy environments to secure IP and cloud-based architectures, enabling highly productive communications for consumers and businesses. With 64 locations in 27 countries around the globe, Ribbon's innovative, market-leading portfolio empowers service providers and enterprises with rapid service creation in a fully virtualized environment. The company's Kandy Communications Platform as a Service (CPaaS) delivers a comprehensive set of advanced embedded communications capabilities that enables this transformation. To learn more, visit ribboncommunications.com.

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