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VA Linux 100 Manages 1U Server Farms with VACM

FREMONT, Calif. – March 20, 2001 – VA Linux Systems, Inc. (Nasdaq: LNUX) today introduced the VA Linux 100—a powerful remote management solution for 1U server farms. Leveraging VACM™, VA's cluster management software, the VA Linux 100 turns racks of VA Linux 1120 and 1220 1U servers into unified server arrays and enables systems administrators to manage them securely from anywhere in the world.

The compact VA Linux 100 features server power management capabilities and a built-in LCD interface for easy access to system information. Each VA Linux 100 can manage up to 42 server nodes; multiple VA Linux 100 systems can be managed through a single VACM interface.

"Scalable management infrastructure is critical for our enterprise-level customers," said Ali Jenab, president and COO, VA Linux Systems. "Used with our 1120 and 1220 servers, VACM and the VA Linux 100 are designed to manage thousands of servers distributed among data centers."

The Stanford Linear Accelerator Center (SLAC) selected VA Linux to provide a cluster of 280 1U servers and deployed VA Linux 100 systems to provide systems management.

As Chuck Boeheim, assistant director of SLAC Computing Services, explained, "Remote management is critical to us, operating over a thousand servers in a lights-out environment. VA Linux had the most complete cluster management package that we evaluated. It was also the most affordable solution we were offered, and along with VA's oustanding Linux software expertise, it was the clear choice for us."

The VA Linux 100 is part of a comprehensive management solution that includes VACM and VA SystemImager™ software. Current VA Linux customers using these tools include Bristol-Myers Squibb, Brookhaven National Laboratories and Sistina Software.

Further information on the VA Linux 100 is available at
http://valinux.com/systems/productinfo.html

Additional information on VACM is available at http://valinux.com/software/vacm/

About VA Linux Systems

VA Linux Systems is the world's Linux leader. The expert provider of Linux and Open Source solutions for the Web, VA Linux offers a single point of contact for Linux servers and network-attached storage, as well as professional consulting services and support. VA Linux Systems' mission is to make its customers successful through the use of Linux and Open Source software in Internet infrastructure and enterprise-level collaborative software development. As part of its commitment to expanding the Open Source community, VA Linux Systems operates the Open Source Development Network (OSDN). A network of the leading Internet sites for Open Source development, distribution and discussion, OSDN includes SourceForge.net, freshmeat.net, Slashdot and Linux.com. Founded in 1993 and headquartered in Fremont, California, with offices across North America, Europe and Japan, VA Linux is located on the Web at www.valinux.com.

In 2000, D.H. Brown Associates rated VA Linux Systems as #1 in overall Linux strategy among major systems vendors. SourceForge OnSite, VA's collaborative development solution, was recognized as "Best Productivity Application" at LinuxWorld Conference & Expo New York 2001. International Data Corporation (IDC) ranked VA Linux Systems as a Top 3 Linux server vendor in the US in Q4 2000 based on factory revenue.

Certain statements in this press release, including statements relating to VACM, VA Linux 100, and VA SystemImager performance and benefits, are forward-looking statements that are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause results to be materially different from expectations. Such risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, contingencies specific to individual customer deployments and use; VA Linux's ability to attract and retain qualified personnel to perform ongoing software development and support for its product and service offerings; the direction and effectiveness of VA Linux's ongoing restructuring; the company's ability to enter and compete in the enterprise market; industry and development trends related to Linux, Open Source and IPMI-compliant motherboards; and other risks detailed in VA Linux's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, copies of which may be accessed through the SEC's web site at www.sec.gov.

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