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SYSTIMAX® iPatch™ System Wins Platinum Network of the Year Award

Leading Polish IT and Telecommunications publication awards the SYSTIMAX® iPatch™ System for its intelligent patch cord management for voice & data networks

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BRAY, IRELAND – Avaya Inc., (NYSE:AV) a leading global provider of communications networks and services for businesses, today announced that the SYSTIMAX® iPatch™ System has been awarded the Platinum Network Award by *Telenet Forum* magazine, one of Poland's leading publications for IT and telecommunication professionals. Avaya's iPatch™ System is an intelligent patch cord management solution for cabling networks.

“Avaya's iPatch System is an exemplary structured cabling management system. Users of the iPatch System, which allows real time management of the physical network layer will never run the risk of being exposed to unexpected surprises and are assured that their network will function optimally at all times,” commented Andrzej Janikowski, Chief Editor of Telenet Forum who presented the award to Avaya's Country Sales Director for Connectivity Solutions, Jakub Abramczyk.

“Industry experts have proven over and over again that even a proficient network administrator will never have complete knowledge of the actual usage of cabling and active equipment usage without the aid of specialized software. Lack of such support can potentially lead to unnecessary investment in expensive equipment and additional cabling which may not be required. It is this cost-saving element, combined with the innovative features of Avaya's intelligent patching solution which made it the undoubted winner,” added Janikowski.

The iPatch System helps reduce the cost of maintaining voice and data networks, and minimize network downtime. By monitoring all patching changes in the telecommunications equipment room, the iPatch System provides real-time management of the network's physical layer. The system's integrated approach to managing network changes enhances the voice and data network administrator's control, eases the burden of managing an ever-changing network and helps avoid costly mistakes. The iPatch System takes the guesswork out of determining port conditions and helps solve the major problems associated with physical layer cable management.

According to Abramczyk of Avaya "more and more people are recognising that Patching is a key factor in efficient, reliable LAN operations, and that a faster, safer way to handle the task will help the whole business. We are delighted that Telenet identified the iPatch System as the most significant networking innovation and best available Intelligent Patching System in Poland this year."

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