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LEVANTA® SECURES FUNDING AS IT EXPANDS INTO LINUX DATA CENTER AUTOMATION

SAN MATEO, Calif., October 23, 2007 – Levanta® (www.levanta.com), the leader in Linux data center automation, today announced that it has closed an \$8 million funding round to help further accelerate its move into Linux data center automation.

“Due to escalating management costs, enterprises are not able to truly reap the cost benefits of Linux on commodity hardware,” said Ed Ekstrom, ex-founder of LANDesk and current managing director at vSpring Capital. “Levanta, with its deep domain expertise and focus on Linux, is uniquely positioned to address this problem. We are pleased to see that Levanta’s products continue to deliver significant ROI to its customers.”

Analyst firms report that due to unique issues that arise with the use of Linux, the expense of server management in the data center mitigates most of the cost savings associated with commodity hardware. In fact, some statistics show that the cost of managing servers running Linux can be four times the cost of the hardware itself – and can account for 60% of the total cost of running a data center. Additionally, Gartner estimates that 74% of all server failures are caused by human errors – including incorrect software configuration. Levanta’s solutions address these challenges head-on by enabling enterprises to streamline their IT operation and implement error-free processes based on field-proven best practices. Levanta’s customers report achieving 78% operational savings, on average.

“As CIOs look for ways to increase their business agility, improve operational resiliency, and lower systems management costs, we see a significant market opportunity for Levanta’s best-of-breed Linux data center automation solutions,” said Mary Coleman, managing director at Walden International. “This funding will help Levanta further enhance its product offerings as well as expand its sales and marketing efforts.”

“Levanta is solving a significant problem which is not fully solved by others,” said Keith Benjamin, Managing Partner at Levensohn Venture Partners. “Competitors have good, cross-platform data center automation solutions, but lack the deep understanding of Linux and product functionality to properly monitor, change and control these environments. Unlike before, Linux is finally starting to more fully penetrate the enterprise market, leading to an increased need for Levanta’s unique and superior Linux solution.”

“We are pleased with the continued confidence of our long time investors,” said Dan Lee, CFO at Levanta. “This funding will help us further solidify our position as the most comprehensive enterprise-grade DCA solution for Linux.”

About Levanta

Specialists in Linux data center automation, Levanta marries virtualization technology with comprehensive Linux life-cycle management. Levanta’s Linux data center automation solutions offer system monitoring, a configurable policy engine and automated change control, delivering dramatically faster and more flexible control of Linux on both physical and virtual machines. Levanta’s turnkey solutions drastically reduce time to implementation, enable your business to be more agile and responsive to change, automatically allocate resources, roll-out new applications faster, increase application availability, improve service levels, and reduce TCO. Levanta’s customers include industry leaders in e-Commerce, New Media, ISPs/ASPs/MSPs, financial services, education, and government. Levanta has partnerships with IBM, HP, Novell, and Red Hat. A private company, Levanta is headquartered in San Mateo and can be found on the Web at <http://www.levanta.com>.