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### **VMS Software, Inc. Launches New Version of OpenVMS Operating System Worldwide**

First Release of OpenVMS by Newly Formed Company

**BOLTON, MA**, June 1, 2015 – VMS Software, Inc. (VSI) today announced the worldwide availability of VSI OpenVMS Version 8.4-1H1 (Bolton Release) operating system (OS) for HP Integrity servers based on Intel® Itanium® 9500 series processor. The Bolton Release is the first by VSI under an agreement signed with HP in 2014. The new OS is also compatible with HP Integrity servers running the Intel® Itanium® 9300 series processor. VSI intends to eventually extend support for HP Integrity servers based on all prior versions of the Intel® Itanium® platform. VSI also reconfirmed plans to offer OpenVMS on x86-based servers by 2018.

OpenVMS is the platform of choice for customers in the mission critical market because of its unmatched security, stability, and legendary uptime performance.

A team of US-based OpenVMS developers, many harking back to the core DEC/Compaq/HP teams responsible for OpenVMS' prior accolades for technical excellence, completed the review and testing of the system. VSI's new release of OpenVMS received high marks when field tested by customers in industries such as defense, banking and financial services, manufacturing, worldwide retail operations, and gaming.

*"In less than 12 months, we have not only assembled a strong team of OpenVMS developers and customer support personnel but we have also developed a roadmap with an aggressive schedule that includes support for new platforms, features and technologies,"* said Duane P. Harris, CEO of VMS Software. *"We are excited about our plans to continue improving this marquee operating system and meeting the needs of a loyal customer base that has relied on OpenVMS to faithfully run their mission critical applications over the last 30 years."*

The agreement between VSI and HP enables customers to continue to purchase OpenVMS licenses and support through HP's worldwide sales and support networks. Customers also have the flexibility of purchasing licenses and support directly from VSI. In either case, customers who currently hold qualifying HP OpenVMS licenses can purchase the Bolton Release for a 50% trade-in discount. VSI works in close collaboration with HP to ensure that customers of the new VSI software receive the same high level of support that customers have expected from HP in the past, regardless of whether customers buy from HP or VSI.

Digital Equipment Corporation (DEC) launched the first release of OpenVMS in 1977, under the name "VMS." The platform gained legendary appeal for its disaster tolerance, up to 100 percent uptime, low cost of ownership, and stellar security. *"The operating system has a very loyal installed base of customers [who] show no signs of wanting to give it up,"* reported one user in an *InformationWeek* article.

Michael Lamont, Chief Technology Officer at Process Software in Framingham, MA, a premier supplier of communications software solutions for mission-critical environments, noted that Process' customers, including large government organizations, Fortune 500 companies, and major universities, need a very stable operating system, and that OpenVMS sets the standard for reliability. *"When it's got to work, OpenVMS is the operating system of choice."*

Process Software was one of the first partners VMS Software Inc. included in the beta test phase of OpenVMS V8.4-1H1. *"We wanted to build and thoroughly test our software on top of it, and the process was as smooth as could be. We were very pleasantly surprised,"* he said. *"It took us about 45 minutes to upgrade a system from start to finish, without any hiccups. We're very enthusiastic that VSI has stepped forward to take over the platform,"* he continued. *"There is a renewed sense of enthusiasm for this great operating system."*

*"Mission critical customers face ever-increasing demands for security, stability and uptime performance for their critical applications,"* said Randy Meyer, vice president and general manager, Mission Critical Solutions, HP Servers. *"With the VSI OpenVMS Bolton Release and its extended development roadmap, customers will have even more flexibility to choose the OpenVMS platform that is right for their business."*

#### **About VMS Software**

VMS Software, Inc. develops, sells and supports innovative and advanced releases of OpenVMS, the most secure operating system on the planet. The company's core motivation is to support and enable customers to run their mission critical applications at the legendary uptime levels OpenVMS is known for, at maximum performance levels, today and into the future. VMS Software Inc. is headquartered in Bolton, MA. For more information, go to <http://www.vmssoftware.com>

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