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Ridgetop Group, Inc. Named Finalist in Prestigious 2010 EDN Innovation Awards Competition for Sentinel Network

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Ridgetop Group Inc., the technology leader in developing predictive diagnostic solutions for complex electronic and electromechanical systems today announced it was named a finalist in EDN's 21st annual Innovation Awards (http://innovation.edn.com/) for its Sentinel Network™ software. Ridgetop's product was selected as a finalist due to its innovative and non-intrusive monitoring of degradation "signatures" obtained from assets on a network of interconnected, complex devices. Sentinel Network is the first network health management (NHM) tool that incorporates comprehensive prognostic and condition-based maintenance (CBM) tools within a network asset management platform to reduce support and maintenance costs.

Ridgetop Group CEO Doug Goodman said "Sentinel Network is a web application that combines network monitoring and prognostic health management technologies. The main feature of Sentinel Network is its ability to predict the remaining useful life of network assets such as power supply devices and battery backups. This reduces network downtime by permitting condition-based maintenance of these critical assets prior to catastrophic failure."

Sentinel Network's network monitoring technology includes network discovery, IT asset inventory, and real-time device health monitoring. A baseline network configuration is committed to the Sentinel Network database after initial network discovery. An SNMP agent is used to retrieve WMI data from IT devices. A built-in troubleshooter can resolve switch configuration management issues. The application also generates three types of alerts, which are sent via email to notify network administrators about events in the network.

Sentinel Network's discovery function uses advanced algorithms to calculate Layer 2 and 3 physical topology using ICMP and SNMP (standard network protocols). Local, range and SNMP scans support discovery of up to 64,000 network devices. Through the use of standard interfaces, the product is extensible for use on factory floor applications with industrial robots, where degradation or wear-out of key power systems and actuators should be closely monitored.

About EDN

EDN (Information, News, & Business Strategy for Electronics Design Engineers), published by UBM Electronics, serves the vital information needs of design engineers and engineering managers worldwide. EDN delivers a three-dimensional view of the electronics industry via news coverage, strategic business information, and in-depth technical content. For more information go to www.edn.com. Over its lifetime of more than 50 years, EDN has witnessed many distinguished achievements. In 1990, EDN embarked on a special mission to honor the most innovative technological advancements—and the designers who invent them. The EDN

Innovation Awards program is now in its 21st year and proudly continues its tradition of recognizing rich talent in our industry in several categories.

About Ridgetop Group

Based in Tucson, Arizona, Ridgetop Group is the world leader in providing advanced electronic prognostics and health management (PHM) solutions, semiconductors for harsh environments, and built-in self-test (BIST) solutions for critical applications. The company maintains business divisions for advanced radiation-hardened microelectronics and electronic prognostics & health management (PHM) solutions for critical electronic sensing and control applications. Founded in 2000, Ridgetop has built an impressive list of aerospace, automotive, and medical systems customers in North America, Europe, and Asia. For more information, please visit www.RidgetopGroup.com or contact Phil Davies, Director, Sales and Marketing at 520-742-3300.

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