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## **Global Water Systems Manufacturer Outsources Collaboration Suite Management to Azaleos**

### **Pentair Migrates from Lotus Notes to Managed Microsoft Exchange and Blackberry Services**

SEATTLE, June 23, 2009 -- Azaleos® Corporation, the managed messaging and unified communications services company, today announced that it was selected by Pentair, Inc. (NYSE: PNR), the world's leading manufacturer of systems for the movement, treatment, storage and enjoyment of water, to manage its global e-mail and collaboration infrastructure.

Azaleos will help Pentair migrate from Lotus Notes to Microsoft Exchange 2007, and is providing remote management services for more than 8,000 users of its corporate e-mail system, SharePoint Server, Office Communications Server (OCS) and Blackberry devices.

Pentair is a global company that manufactures products which help deliver safe, clean water to people who need it. It also produces products that help protect electrical and electronic equipment and the people who use it. With 14,000 employees worldwide, Pentair generated 2008 sales of \$3.35 billion. The company selected Azaleos to help it move from an aging and costly Lotus Notes platform to Microsoft Exchange, and handle day-to-day management of the new e-mail and collaboration system. This allows Pentair's internal IT resources to focus on supporting the company's core manufacturing operations.



"I have been very impressed with the Azaleos Messaging and Unified Communications knowledge and experience, and also with their culture and overall corporate agility," said Paul Samadani, Pentair Director of Information Technology. "In our strategic push to outsource a large portion of Pentair's overall IT systems, Azaleos has been the perfect partner -- they listened to our concerns, made some innovative design recommendations, and then stepped up to very quickly migrate and deploy our Exchange system."

#### **Turn-Key Management for Exchange, SharePoint, OCS and Blackberry**

To offload its IT staff from the significant burden of managing an 8,000 user e-mail and unified

communications system, Pentair has purchased the following four separate remote management services from Azaleos. These are delivered by experts in two Azaleos 24X7 network operations centers.

- **Exchange Services:** Using patented Azaleos ViewX and SecureX technologies, technicians monitor, manage, patch, troubleshoot and fix issues in Pentair's Exchange environment on a 24x7 basis. This includes managing the Pentair SAN devices, the Pentair Active Directory and backing up the Pentair e-mail system on a regular basis.
- **SharePoint Services:** The same patented Azaleos remote command and control software enables technicians to monitor, identify potential issues, manage, and report on the overall health of the Pentair SharePoint system.
- **OCS Services:** This new and evolving Azaleos managed service currently monitors the IM/Presence services of OCS for Pentair, and will be expanded to also handle monitoring and management of web conferencing and PC to PC audio and video conferencing.
- **Mobile Services:** A turnkey mobile device management and monitoring service for Blackberry Enterprise Server (BES). Similar to the Exchange services, Azaleos technicians monitor, manage, patch, troubleshoot and fix issues in Pentair's BES environment on a 24x7 basis.

In addition, Azaleos has implemented the entire Pentair Exchange 2007 messaging system running on top of Windows 2008 Server utilizing the Azaleos Virtual Edition product. This virtual solution leverages Microsoft's Hyper-V Server to deliver high availability for Microsoft Exchange and allows Pentair to consolidate its server utilization and thereby reduce power consumption.

"Pentair's decision to maintain an e-mail infrastructure in-house and entrust its day-to-day management to Azaleos demonstrates the need among many mid to large enterprises to maintain a balance between data control and the benefits of outsourcing," said Scott Gode, vice president of marketing and product management for Azaleos. "This project, which involved the migration of 8,000 users from Lotus Notes to Microsoft Exchange, delivers Pentair real savings over competing in-house, hosted and outsourcing alternatives. It also reinforces the confidence large enterprises have in Azaleos' technical expertise and ability to deliver rock solid reliability and availability for their e-mail and unified communications systems."

#### **About Pentair (NYSE: PNR)**

Pentair ([www.pentair.com](http://www.pentair.com)) is a diversified operating company headquartered in Minnesota. Its Water Group is a global leader in providing innovative products and systems used worldwide in the movement, treatment, storage and enjoyment of water. Pentair's Technical Products Group is a leader in the global enclosures and thermal management markets, designing and manufacturing thermal management products and standard, modified, and custom enclosures that house and protect sensitive electronics and electrical components. With 2008 revenues of \$3.35 billion, Pentair employs approximately 14,000 people worldwide.

#### **About Azaleos**

Azaleos Corporation provides the benefits of hosted e-mail and collaboration services for organizations that can't or won't allow their data to reside outside the datacenter. Azaleos' 24X7X365 remotely managed services for Microsoft Exchange, SharePoint, Active Directory, Office Communications Server,

and BlackBerry Enterprise Server keep information on-premise and under IT control, while uptime, maintenance, and support is handled by experts in its network operations centers.

More than 150 companies from Fortune 500 to mid-market enterprises rely on Azaleos and its patented ViewX technology to manage their collaboration infrastructures and address issues before users ever know they exist. Azaleos is a Microsoft Gold Certified partner, and one of Microsoft's top 35 partners in the US. For more information visit [www.azaleos.com](http://www.azaleos.com).

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