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Telefonica Certifies NETSCOUT for UNICA SDN/NFV Architecture

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WESTFORD, Mass.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--May 14, 2018-- **NETSCOUT SYSTEMS, INC**., (NASDAQ: NTCT), a leading provider of service assurance, security, and business analytics, announced today that **Telefonica** has certified its virtualized solutions **vSCOUT™ and vSTREAM™** for deployment with their UNICA Lab architecture that supports future networks based on network function virtualization and software-defined networking (NFV/SDN) technologies.

NETSCOUT successfully completed a set of defined tests that demonstrated pervasive visibility across physical, virtual and cloud networks as well as interoperability with other virtual network functions (VNFs) on the UNICA platform.

“NETSCOUT is one of the first network and application management vendors certified by Telefonica’s UNICA Lab. Throughout the extensive testing process, NETSCOUT demonstrated the ability to run their virtualized solution inside UNICA’s architecture. Now, with their new virtualized solutions, they are able to deliver the same visibility and control across hybrid environments in a unified way,” said Antonio Elizondo, Head of Network Virtualization Strategy and Technology in Telefonica, responsible for UNICA VNF Certification program.

“Telefónica has one of the industry’s most ambitious and forward-looking visions for future networks based on SDN/NFV technologies. Their UNICA architecture provides a roadmap to the future, and NETSCOUT has aggressively taken the necessary steps to be there with them, delivering unmatched visibility into the hybrid cloud environment,” said Bruce Kelley, senior vice president, chief technology officer, Service Provider, NETSCOUT. “NETSCOUT’s robust smart data technology delivers a pervasive troubleshooting and performance platform that Telefónica can use across all its new NFV domains, as well as future systems, such as 5G.”

Pervasive Visibility Across Hybrid Environments

vSCOUT and vSTREAM offer pervasive visibility with software-based instrumentation of traffic flows and application workloads in data center and hybrid cloud environments. As the foundation for end-to-end service assurance, including application-and network- assurance, these tools give Telefonica unprecedented visibility and control of hybrid cloud environments.

NETSCOUT supports VMware and OpenStack + KVM private cloud, as well as Amazon Web Services and Microsoft Azure public cloud environments, providing visibility to critical network data that is lost when key network functions and services are virtualized. Administrators can use the full suite of OpenStack and VMware administrative tools to orchestrate the NETSCOUT virtual probes and the virtualized network functions and application services monitored by them.

About Telefónica

Telefónica is one of the largest telecommunications companies in the world by market capitalization and number of customers with a comprehensive offering and quality of connectivity that is delivered over world class fixed, mobile and broadband networks. As a growing company it prides itself on providing a differential experience based both on its corporate values and a public position that defends customer interests.

The company has a significant presence in 17 countries and 356 million accesses around the world. Telefónica has a strong presence in Spain, Europe and Latin America, where the company focuses an important part of its growth strategy.

Telefónica is a 100% listed company, with more than 1.5 million direct shareholders. Its shares are traded on the Spanish Stock Market and on those in London, New York, Lima, and Buenos Aires.

About NETSCOUT

NETSCOUT SYSTEMS, INC. (NASDAQ: NTCT) assures digital business services against disruptions in availability, performance, and security. Our market and technology leadership stems from combining our patented smart data technology with smart analytics. We provide real-time, pervasive visibility, and insights customers need to accelerate and secure their digital transformation. Our approach transforms the way organizations plan, deliver, integrate, test, and deploy services and applications. Our nGenius service assurance solutions provide real-time, contextual analysis of service, network, and application performance. Arbor security solutions protect against DDoS attacks that threaten availability and advanced threats that infiltrate networks to steal critical business assets. To learn more about improving service, network, and application performance in physical or virtual data centers, or in the cloud, and how NETSCOUT's performance and security solutions, powered by service intelligence can help you

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