

Point of Sale (POS) Simulation Available in New Paragon Application Systems' Testing Tools

(Holly Springs, NC—August 23, 2005) Paragon Application Systems, the leading global provider of ATM and EFT simulation, configuration and testing tools, announces the general release of its quality assurance and regression testing tool, FASTest for SPDH, based upon ACI Worldwide's Standard POS Device Handler specification.

Consumers today are more likely to pay for goods and services using their debit or credit card than by cash or check. In fact, POS transactions-particularly payments using debit cards- have shown double digit growth in the past three years. Regulations and the increasing transaction volume demand comprehensive POS transaction testing and documentation of all test results. Paragon's FASTest for SPDH offers users complete, accurate testing of their host or POS terminals.

"Paragon's customers see the benefits of using simulation to catch errors prior to going into production and to reduce time to market. Now anyone who drives point of sale terminals or manages store controllers using ACI's SPDH message specification can benefit from the FASTest regression and quality assurance test tool," says Kathryn Cameron, Director of Sales for Paragon Application Systems. "The ability to easily test complex transactions like reversals, returns, debit with cash back, etc. makes FASTest extremely useful. Furthermore, FASTest documents historical results for regulatory review."

Paragon's FASTest is available to simulate over 60 financial message formats including virtually any switch and ISO 8583, ATM, MASM, IFX and POS formats.

About Paragon Application Systems

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