

## **For Immediate Release**

### **T3 Technologies, Inc. Prepares to File with the European Commission a Formal Complaint Against IBM for Violations of EU Antitrust Law**

#### *Accuses IBM of Illegally Tying Mainframe Software and Hardware*

Tampa, FL, August 11, 2008 –T3 Technologies, Inc. announced today that it has retained counsel and expert witnesses and is moving ahead with its plans to file a formal complaint with the European Commission’s Directorate General for Competition (DG-Comp) in Brussels. T3 has already met with officials from DG- Comp in advance of its formal filing. T3 has previously filed an antitrust claim against IBM in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York alleging antitrust violations and unfair competition.

T3’s complaint will be based on a history of actions by IBM abusing its monopoly power in the mainframe industry. T3 alleges that IBM has prevented the sales of competing mainframe hardware products by tying the sale of its operating system to its mainframe hardware, withholding patent licenses and certain intellectual property to the detriment of mainframe customers.

“IBM’s actions have obviously had a devastating impact on our company’s primary business of building and selling mainframe computers to customers,” said T3 Technologies Inc. President Steven Friedman. “The ripple effect on EU businesses and governments means that they have lost all choice in mainframes which has a detrimental impact on the prices they pay and the innovation they can expect going forward.”

According to IBM, over 80% of the world’s corporate and government data resides on mainframes and over US\$5 trillion worth of business assets are housed on IBM mainframes. Through its focused action against mainframe competitors, IBM now has an exclusive lock on the mainframe market. In IBM’s most recent quarter, it announced that its mainframe business grew by 32%. It is estimated that over 25% of IBM revenue and 40% of its profit is derived from its exclusive dealing in the mainframe market.

Over the past two years, T3 had joined Platform Solutions Inc. (PSI) – another company affected by IBM’s anti-competitive action – in legal actions against IBM. However IBM chose to acquire PSI in July 2008, leaving T3 to pursue actions on its own on behalf of companies and customers negatively affected by IBM’s abuse of its mainframe monopoly.

T3 has retained the Brussels office of the London-based law firm Berwin Leighton Paisner LLP to prepare and file the EU complaint. T3 has also retained several expert witnesses to provide reports and documentation to the DG-Comp in support of its case.

"IBM's foreclosure strategy and monopolistic abuses have, unfortunately, been successful in leaving them as the sole option for mainframes in the EU and globally," said Friedman. "As a direct result of IBM's actions in the mainframe market, T3 has been forced to lay off 75% of its employees and, for the first time in our 16 year history, we are forced to seek out investments from partners who can assist T3 in re-establishing a viable product business while it continues to pursue legal remedies to address IBM's anticompetitive actions in the mainframe market."

### **About T3**

T3 Technologies is a privately held firm based in Tampa, Florida. The company was launched in 1992 and has been involved with mainframe hardware and services since its inception.

T3 began marketing their *tServer* line of mainframe-compatible systems in 2000. Developed specifically for smaller-sized users that IBM offerings no longer suited, the tServer became the leading small mainframe in the world, with over 600 units installed in 28 countries.

In 2006, T3 released their *Liberty* family of mainframes, which accommodated larger users than the tServer and added extended functionality. Liberty systems competed directly with much of IBM's mid-sized product line.

T3 has customers in 15 EU Member States.

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