

First Drummond Certified™ AS4 Interoperability Test Event Completed



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SYDNEY & AUSTIN, Texas--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Five products from four global software companies have been Drummond Certified™ in the very first AS4 automated test and certification event, announced today by [Drummond Group, Inc.](#), the trusted leader in interoperability software testing. New software applications from [Axway](#), [Flame Computing Enterprises](#), [Oban Pty Ltd.](#) and [TIBCO Software Inc.](#) participated in this vendor-neutral test event specifically created for Australia's federal superannuation industry project SuperStream.

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In addition to enabling interoperability for technologies such as cloud computing, [AS4](#) is an emerging Internet messaging protocol that provides a standardized method for secure and document-agnostic exchange of B2B payloads using Web Services from any location, anywhere in the world. Drummond Group's AS4 interoperability testing is based on a proven test methodology developed to ensure that different products can work together to seamlessly exchange information. In 2013, the Australian government adopted AS4 as the messaging standard for all B2G and B2B data exchange and SuperStream represents one of the first large-scale market uses incorporating the unique AS4 standard. All implementers will be required to claim conformance against the AS4 standard.

Upon completion of this first-ever AS4 test and certification event, the participating companies remarked:

"AS4 makes use of Web Services technologies to implement the same security and reliability requirements that the widely used AS2 protocol has met over many years," said Dale Moberg, chief architect, Axway. "The new AS4 products enhance AS2 to extend interoperable business-to-business flows to smaller businesses that do not wish, or are unable, to expose an internet service continuously. These businesses can push data to business partners just as with AS2, but can now also ask for, and get, any data that is to be sent to them that is on their business partner's server. We are pleased to provide our customers with Drummond-certified products that help them securely and efficiently govern the flow of data within their B2B communities."

"The OASIS AS4 Profile of the ebMS v3 standard, based on modern open Web Services standards, provides the ideal secure and reliable business messaging platform for businesses, governments and other professional organizations to interoperate seamlessly

across national, regional and global boundaries,” said Theo Kramer, CTO of South Africa-based Flame Computing. “Flame Computing is both a proud contributor to the OASIS AS4 standard, and pioneer developer of a world-class product range conforming to the AS4 Profile of the ebMS V3 standard as attested by the rigorous Drummond Group certification process.”

“Oban Pty Ltd. welcomes the new AS4 standard as a significant step forward for reliable and secure business-to-business messaging. Organizations globally can now extend business transactions to be mediated via AS4 Web Services, both within the business community, and between business and government,” said Brett Christie, Managing Director of Oban Pty Ltd., based in Australia. “The new AS4 standard presents a robust, scalable and manageable approach to Web Services by using the best components of the EDIINT AS2, ebXML and associated standards in a single manageable specification. Participating successfully in the AS4 interop suite with our own software stack confers a legitimacy on our product offering, particularly in the Australian marketplace, which we will leverage as the B2B messaging space matures.”

“TIBCO believes the key driver for AS4 adoption is the simplicity of the standard for the secure and document-agnostic exchange of B2B payloads using Web Services,” said Matt Quinn, chief technical officer, TIBCO. “Certified interoperable AS4 software saves time, money and frustration of getting commercial products working together. TIBCO is proud to have successfully participated in this initial AS4 interoperability certification testing.”

“Facilitating the first AS4 interoperability test and certification has involved some dedicated companies who have seen the need to create AS4 standard-based software that can provide high-level security when organizations exchange high-level documents and emails,” said Rik Drummond, CEO of Drummond Group. “Drummond Group commends these companies for their efforts to drive global interoperability with the multiple benefits that AS4 provides and also deliver products that will be among the forefront of applications that can be utilized by Australia’s SuperStream project.”

For a complete list of the newly certified AS4-4Q13 products and registration information for upcoming tests), please visit: <http://www.drummondgroup.com/index.php/b2b-certified-products/certified-products/as4>

For more information on future AS4 Interoperability testing, please send email to info2@drummondgroup.com.

AS4

AS4, an OASIS B2B messaging standard, was finalized by the OASIS ebXML Messaging Services (ebMS) Technical Committee. The intent and purpose of the development of AS4 was to define a simplified Conformance Profile of the ebMS v3.0 specification that would serve as a B2B on-ramp for Web Services document exchange.

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