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**Graham-Patten's *Sonarae* Garners NAB2008 Pick Hit Award**

**Panel Selects NLE Audio Monitor for Recognition**

GRASS VALLEY, CA. Out of the hundreds of new products introduced at NAB2008, just 40 were selected by a panel of industry professionals for the Broadcast Engineering Pick Hit Award. The new audio monitor system for non-linear edit suites from Graham-Patten, *Sonarae*, is in that select group.

*Sonarae* is rich in features that audio engineers have been craving. For example, with up to eight AES/EBU pairs of inputs with complete input selection capabilities, one can select from single channels or accumulate channels into a stereo or mono mix-down format, while maintaining the level at the output at a constant value, or select individual stereo channels for easy access to multi-language audio tracks. Operators can listen to individual left or right audio channels at the output or select various channel combinations; and choose 5.1, 6.1, and 7.1 surround sound stereo mix down along with set-up, learn, and clear functions to store custom stereo mix-down formats.

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Len Dole, President of Graham-Patten parent The ISIS Group, was excited at the reception *Sonarae* received. "I believed in this product from the start. It was so clear to me that the industry wanted and needed it, and I'm gratified at the recognition." Dole went on to connect *Sonarae* to an earlier ISIS product, "Several years ago we had to discontinue our analog audio selector, a popular product called FRED. *Sonarae* could be described as FRED for the digital age, and I'm happy we're able to offer it."

*Sonarae* is also gaining attention elsewhere. According to Bill Admans, Market Segment Director for Post Production Facilities & Services at Avid Technology,

*"Sonarae is perfectly designed to integrate into an Avid editorial suite and provide all of the audio monitoring scenarios you will ever need. It is ideally suited to post production facilities, rental companies and independent editing suites. Sonarae is an extremely affordable audio monitoring solution that comes from Graham Patten / ISIS Group, who are known for some of the best quality audio mixers in the editing business."*

According to the Pick Hit Award sponsors, "the *Broadcast Engineering* Pick Hit Awards are the longest-running and most prestigious technical awards in the industry. With a 24-year history, (the first Pick Hit Awards were conferred at NAB in 1984), it has become the most coveted technology award at NAB. The judges are readers of *Broadcast Engineering World Edition* magazine and working professionals in the broadcast, post and network, and satellite industries... for products that promise to positively impact the intended user's everyday work or represent a substantial improvement over previous technology."

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ISIS Group manufactures high-performance video, audio, and signal management and processing solutions for the television, post-production, and multimedia industries worldwide. In 2004, ISIS acquired Graham-Patten Systems, a Grass Valley company with an established reputation as the world's leading developer of high performance digital audio products for the professional video industry. Both companies focus on technical innovation, product reliability, and outstanding customer support. Information about ISIS Group is available at <http://www.isis-group.com> and Graham-Patten is at <http://www.gpsys.com>