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Dear SUSE Partner,

This past June SUSE® announced the release of SUSE® YES System Certification Kit (SCK), version 8.8.0, which coincided with the release of SUSE® Linux Enterprise 15 SP5. We have been working hard the last few months to fix some important issues discovered in the original release of SCK 8.8.0. Various issues, mostly backend, have been addressed. With that said, we would like to announce the availability of the latest SUSE® YES System Certification Kit (SCK), version 8.8.1 Update. The SCK 8.8.1 Update will replace the original SCK 8.8 version, providing certification support for all generally supported SUSE® Linux Enterprise releases, including SLE Micro, Workstation Extensions, and SUSE Manager for Retail (formerly SLEPOS) as other products. It also continues to support KVM and Xen virtualization certifications.

The SCK 8.8.1 Update continues support for SUSE® Linux Enterprise for Arm, SUSE® Linux Enterprise for Power, and SUSE® Linux Enterprise for IBM Z. Certification support for servers, edge devices, workstations, desktops, laptops, point of service systems, virtualization hosts, and third-party hypervisors continues to be provided.

We encourage the use of the new SCK 8.8.1 Update version for all future certification testing beginning immediately. SUSE partners are strongly encouraged to download and install the new version as soon as possible. The new SCK 8.8.1 Update ISO is contained in a compressed .zip file which can be downloaded from the public YES System Test Tools for SUSE® Linux webpage or from the SUSE® Bulletin System (SBS) opening webpage (requiring a login). **The SCK 8.8.1 Update documentation is available to download as well. The documentation files are packaged compressed .zip files. We strongly recommend that you utilize the SCK Update documentation for the best experience.**

We understand that our partners may be in the middle of using the originally released version of SCK 8.8.0 and may need to complete a certification process before updating. For this reason, we have set **December 1, 2023, as the cutoff date when certification submissions must use the new SCK 8.8.1 version.** After that date we reserve the right to reject submissions tested with the original SCK 8.8.0 version.

Please note that SUSE will officially release SLE Micro 5.5 in mid-October 2023. This version of SLE Micro is based on SLES 15 SP5. All SLES 15 SP5 certifications after mid-October will automatically inherited SLE Micro 5.5 as an "Other Products" listing on the

bulletin. If you do not want to list SLE Micro 5.5, you will need to deselect it on your Test Console before creating a submission file.

With SUSE® Linux Enterprise and the latest SCK partners have the power to leverage the premier system certification program – SUSE® YES Certification. We wish you success as you use these tools and SUSE® YES Certification to help increase your product sales opportunities.

Best regards,
SUSE Partner Engineering