



**Force10 Networks and Turin Networks Definitive Merger Agreement
Announcement
FAQ**

What did Force10 Networks and Turin Networks announce?

Force10 Networks, Inc., the pioneer in building and securing reliable networks, and Turin Networks, Inc., a leading global provider of innovative Wireless Backhaul, Carrier Ethernet and Converged Access solutions for wireline and wireless network operators, today announced a definitive agreement to merge. The two companies are working on the necessary legal and regulatory filings to complete the merger, which is expected to close by the end of March, 2009. Upon completion of the merger, the two organizations will combine to form a new entity, operating under the name of Force10 Networks, that is focused on the enterprise data center and service provider markets.

What will be the impact of the merger for existing Force10 and Turin customers?

Operationally, the merger will be transparent to existing customers of each company. The company will, however, have a newly focused management team dedicated to providing its customers with best-in-class customer service and support and a sales team with an expanded product portfolio optimized for the continued evolution of the next generation data center.

Why are the two companies merging?

Force10 Networks and Turin Networks have clear product synergies, technology synergies and market synergies. Combining the two companies creates a stronger and more competitive company with a broader reach in the marketplace. In addition to having more than 1,300 customers worldwide, which includes a number of premier enterprise data centers and top-tier service providers, the merged company will be the only private networking company that is a leading player in three of the fastest growing market segments in the networking industry: the next generation data center, wireless backhaul and Metro/Carrier Ethernet service delivery and transport markets.

What can Force10 and Turin customers and partners get uniquely from the combined company?

High capacity system architecture and reliable modular software are essential for the next generation data center, and we see similar requirements to facilitate the transition from legacy networks to a more cost effective, packet-optimized infrastructure for wireless backhaul and metro/carrier Ethernet service delivery. This transition creates new and exciting opportunities for the combined company to develop products that leverage both of our core competencies and to deliver long term technology leadership and customer value.

What will the management structure of the company be?

Henry Wasik, president and CEO of Turin Networks, will become the president and CEO of the combined entity. Force10 president and CEO James Hanley will assume the role of president, field operations with responsibility for sales, marketing, services and business development. The complete management structure will be announced before the end of January.

The company will be named Force10 Networks going forward. Does that mean that the Turin products are going away?

The rationale for the merger is that there are both near term market synergies as well as longer term new product synergies by combining the core competencies of both companies' technologies. We will continue to fully support all products from both Force10 Networks and Turin Networks after the merger. Additionally, existing product brand names and model numbers will remain unchanged.

What are the product / engineering priorities for the Turin Networks and Force10 Networks team and its customers, partners and during the transition period?

There are no immediate changes in anyone's priorities or projects in the near term. Both companies will operate independently while the process of completing the merger takes place.

Does Force10 anticipate any changes to its product portfolio, worldwide presence or employee programs as a result of the leadership change?

Focus on the Force10 side will be on enhancing the company's position as the most reliable and cost effective Data Center Solution. In addition the company is moving aggressively toward increased manageability and value with its virtualization initiative.

Do you plan to retain all of the current facilities and locations?

There are no current plans to close any facility. After the merger is complete, consideration will be given to reduce operational costs by consolidating facilities but no definitive decisions have been made at this time.

How will sales be organized?

Changes have been made in sales and marketing in the near term. After the completion of the merger, current Force10 CEO James Hanley will run the combined sales organization.

Will there be any changes with respect to how customers contact technical support for Turin Networks and Force10 Networks?

There are no changes regarding how customers contact each company's technical support. Any changes after the completion of the merger will be announced formally in advance of any different contact processes.

How will the product portfolios of the new company be supported?

The combined companies will blend their best-in-class customer service and support capabilities and leverage each others existing global locations to further extend the footprint and reach of the worldwide technical assistance centers. The group will operate under the direction of a single management leader.

How do I find more information on Turin or Force10 products?

For more information on Turin Networks, visit <http://www.turinnetworks.com/>

Turin Networks, Inc., is a leading global provider of Carrier Ethernet solutions for wireline and wireless network operators. Turin's iConnect™ solutions address the real-world challenges for network operators providing Wireless Backhaul, Carrier Ethernet, and Converged Services. Turin's solutions have been deployed by more than 600 customers worldwide, including the top five wireless network operators in the U.S., as well as 11 of the top 17 broadband internet providers. Turin products increase network efficiency and capacity, and facilitate the migration to Carrier Ethernet. Turin is headquartered in Petaluma, Calif., with research and development facilities in Boulder, Dallas, Boston, and Shanghai, and sales offices throughout the world.

For more information on Force10 Networks, visit <http://force10networks.com>

Force10 Networks is the pioneer in building and securing reliable, high performance networks. With its no compromise approach to networking and advances in high density Gigabit and 10 Gigabit Ethernet switching, routing and security, Force10 delivers the innovative technologies that allow customers to transform their networks into strategic assets at the lowest total cost of ownership. For additional information, please visit www.force10networks.com.

What is the process to complete the merger?

The two companies are working on necessary legal and regulatory filings to complete merger in approximately 60 days. The merger is expected to be complete by the end of March 2009, pending the completion of legal and regulatory filings.

Upon completion of the merger, the two organizations will combine and operate as Force10 Networks focusing on the enterprise data center and service provider markets. The combined companies will be headquartered in San Jose, California, with sales offices worldwide and research centers in Chennai, India and Shanghai.

What are the financial terms of the deal?

As both Force10 and Turin are privately held, the financial terms of the deal were not disclosed. The deal does, however, leverage the enhanced efficiencies of the two companies operating as a unified corporation.

Where will the focus of the new company? Is there a change in strategy?

Delivering both innovative data center solutions for virtualization and 10 Gigabit Ethernet as well as a broad range of solutions that enable diverse service providers' to migrate to carrier Ethernet-based converged networks are the basis for our continued growth. High capacity system architecture and reliable modular software are essential for the next generation data center, and we see similar requirements to facilitate the transition from legacy networks to a more cost effective, packet-optimized infrastructure for wireless backhaul and metro/carrier Ethernet service delivery. This transition creates new and exciting opportunities for the combined company to develop products that leverage both of our core competencies to deliver long term technology leadership and customer value.