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### **FORCE10 NETWORKS SELECTED BY ALWAYS ON AS AN AO100 PRIVATE COMPANY**

**SAN JOSE, Calif., July 17, 2006** – Force10 Networks®, the pioneer in building and securing high performance networks, today announced that AlwaysOn has named it one of the Top 100 Private Companies for its technology innovations, market potential, customer adoption, media buzz and investor value creation. The AO100 are selected from more than 1,000 companies that were nominated by leading venture capitalists, investment bankers and industry analysts.

“This is the second consecutive year that Force10 has been recognized by AlwaysOn and the community of industry leaders for our history of technological innovation and leadership,” said Andrew Feldman, vice president of marketing for Force10 Networks. “Being named to the AO100 is a validation of our strategy to work closely with customers to develop the cutting edge tools they need to effectively leverage their network as a strategic asset.”

With industry leading Gigabit and 10 Gigabit Ethernet densities in a single chassis, the TeraScale E-Series fundamentally alter the economics of networking by collapsing multiple layers into a single one. Fewer systems in the network translate to significantly lower capital and operational expenses.

With more than 250 customers across a variety of industries, leading enterprises, service providers and research and education organizations are simplifying their networks with the Force10 TeraScale E-Series. Industry leaders such as F5 Networks, SEGA, Hanaro Telecom, CERN and Sandia National Laboratories are among those leveraging the TeraScale E-Series to build scalable, high performance networks.

The AO100 will be honored at the AO2006: Stanford Summit, which brings together successful entrepreneurs, business and political thought leaders as well as top venture capitalists to spot

trends and spark new ideas. The summit runs July 25-27, at Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif.

### **About AlwaysOn**

ALWAYSON is transforming the communication business with its online blogging network; establishing it as a leader in the open media revolution. Borrowing on the underground blogging and social networking traditions, ALWAYSON ([www.alwayson-network.com](http://www.alwayson-network.com)) was launched in 2003. Today, ALWAYSON'S annual Summit @ Stanford and OnHollywood events, print "blogazine" and online services encourage direct collaboration between the global thought leaders and technology insiders whose ideas and innovations are shaping the always-on world.

ALWAYSON, LLC, is a privately held and virtually headquartered company born out of the heart of Silicon Valley.

### **About Force10 Networks**

Force10 Networks is the pioneer in building and securing high performance networks. Based on a revolutionary system architecture that delivers best-in-class resiliency and massive scalability, Force10's TeraScale E-Series switch/routers ensure predictable application performance, increase network availability, and reduce operating costs. Today, many of the world's largest Gigabit Ethernet and 10 Gigabit Ethernet networks depend on Force10 Networks. For additional information, please visit [www.force10networks.com](http://www.force10networks.com).

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