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FORCE10 DEBATES UNIFIED FABRIC IN DATA CENTER NETWORKS AND HIGHLIGHTS LATEST SOFTWARE ENHANCEMENTS AND INTEROPERABILITY AT INTEROP NEW YORK

SAN JOSE, Calif., September 15, 2008 – Force10 Networks®, the pioneer in building and securing reliable networks, is participating in a debate discussing various issues associated with data center network unification at Interop 2008, taking place in New York September 15-19. The company is also providing additional details on key corporate initiatives, including interoperability with Isilon® Systems' (NASDAQ: ISLN) Accelerator-x, as well as a new set of features offered by the Force10 operating system, FTOS.

The industry continues to grapple with a myriad of claims concerning data center network unifications: Will Ethernet unify the storage and data networks into one single fabric? Does storage need its own network to deliver high performance? Will storage be carried over fiber channel over Ethernet (FCoE) or iSCSI, or some other protocol? Will fiber channel continue to grow and evolve? Force10 Vice President of Marketing Stephen Garrison joins a host of industry experts and peers to discuss these and other issues associated with next-generation data center networks. The session, titled "Unified Data Center Network - Future or Hype?" is open to all Interop attendees, and is taking place Wednesday, September 17 at 4 p.m. in room 1E12.

"For years, the industry has discussed and made attempts to design a single technology to deliver multiple transport protocols," said Garrison. "These quixotic attempts have been met with skepticism and debate, fostering delays in the growth of next-generation data center networks. The key to reducing complexities in data center design lies in the industry's ability to bring to market unique solutions offering enhancements in performance, density, management and reliability."

Supporting the industry's need for superior performance and network reliability in the enterprise, Force10 is one among many leading technology companies announcing interoperability with Isilon's new Accelerator-x. The Accelerator-x ushers in unmatched performance for the most demanding file-based applications and workflows in the enterprise, and integrates a series of 10 Gigabit Ethernet Switches from Force10 and other networking vendors, enabling enterprise businesses to turbo-charge total network performance with up to 20GBps of aggregate throughput.

In line with its commitment to support emerging network requirements, Force10 has improved upon FTOS to include a new set of management, power and security features, designed to help customers transition to converged networks. These new tools allow organizations to optimize their networks based on unique application and traffic requirements.

“Standards-based interoperability provides our customers with the confidence to deploy next-generation technologies that can improve network reliability and performance,” added Garrison. “Likewise, network management, power and security enhancements are in line with common business objectives, allowing customers to transform their networks into true strategic assets.”

The Force10 Reliable Networking product portfolio supports advances in reliability, network control and scalability that enable enterprises to lower their total cost of ownership. By building a flexible network that is ready to support emerging and evolving applications, enterprises can optimize their networks for current needs as well as future requirements. Select products within the Force10 Reliability Networking portfolio will be on display at Interop at Booth number 1237.

About Force10 Networks

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.

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