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FORCE10 NETWORKS VICE PRESIDENT EXAMINES BEST PRACTICES FOR IMPLEMENTING SERVICE ORIENTED ARCHITECTURES IN THE DATA CENTER

SAN JOSE, Calif., March 21, 2007 – To realize the advantages of a service oriented architecture, it is necessary to build out a service oriented infrastructure that provides the scalability and flexibility required to support a highly dynamic application environment, Marshall Bartozsek, vice president of EMEA sales for Force10 Networks®, said today during the Data Centres Europe conference.

"While service oriented architectures promise to enable business agility through IT optimization, the network must be flexible enough to support the level of abstraction required to initiate communications between disparate services and applications without impeding performance," said Bartoszek. "The network acts as an enabler to these architectures, providing the always on connectivity to interconnect applications, yet it should remain separate from the actual applications."

To support the advanced level of interaction that must take place between applications, the data centre network must not act as an impediment but rather an underlying enabler. Bandwidth and flexibility are critical to ensuring that the network delivers a solid foundation upon which a service oriented architecture operates.

"To provide optimal network flexibility and investment protection within the data centre, 10 Gigabit Ethernet is essential," Bartoszek continued. "With the capacity that 10 Gigabit Ethernet provides, IT managers can consolidate their data centres, prepare for convergence and support virtualized resources in preparation for the transition to a full service oriented architecture."

Typical enterprise deployments of service oriented architectures take a multi-phased approach to eliminate disruption to the business and ensure that business requirements are being served.

The reassessment of the data centre architecture to ensure it is well provisioned to accommodate the demands of a service oriented architecture is a critical first step. Aligning the network infrastructure through consolidation and virtualization with the long-term vision for how the data centre will serve the business will simplify the process of deploying a service oriented architecture.

The Force10 TeraScale E-Series supports 1,260 Gigabit and 224 Ten Gigabit Ethernet ports in a single system, providing the high degree of scalability data centre managers require to build a flexible network that can accommodate service oriented architectures.

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.

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