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FORCE10 NETWORKS NAMES ERIC TOM VICE PRESIDENT OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

SAN JOSE, Calif., May 2, 2007 — Force10 Networks®, the pioneer in building and securing reliable networks, today announced that Eric Tom has been named vice president of business development. In this newly created position, Tom will be responsible for building channel relationships and establishing strategic alliances that will expand the company's worldwide market opportunities.

“Eric's considerable business development expertise coupled with his excellent track record of building and managing sales teams and strategic alliances will be invaluable to taking Force10 to the next level of industry leadership,” said Force10 Networks CEO Marc Randall. “As we continue to expand our product portfolio, industry partnerships will be a key company initiative for identifying and executing on a wider range of opportunities.”

Tom brings nearly 20 years of domestic and international sales management and business development experience to Force10. Most recently, Tom served as CEO for Broadband Interactive TV, an early-stage software start-up that eventually sold its technology to Time Warner Cable. Prior to that, Tom held senior executive sales management positions with Qwest, Sprint and data center service providers Pihana Pacific.

“I look forward to building on Force10's worldwide customer presence by strengthening our existing alliances and developing new partnerships that will expand our addressable market,” says Tom. “As the network continues to evolve as a strategic business asset, Force10's ecosystem of partners and strategic alliances will help deliver purpose-built, best-of-breed solutions to our customers.”

Tom earned a B.A. degree from the University of Hawaii and an M.B.A. from the University of California, Berkeley.

About Force10 Networks

Force10 Networks is the pioneer in building and securing reliable 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 the company's website at www.force10networks.com.

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