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FORCE10 NETWORKS TERASCALE E-SERIES AND S-SERIES INTEGRATED INTO IBM SYSTEM CLUSTER 1350 SOLUTION

SAN JOSE, Calif., November 29, 2006 – Force10 Networks®, the pioneer in building and securing high performance networks, today announced that IBM is integrating the TeraScale E-Series® family of switch/routers and the S-Series family of data center switches into its System Cluster 1350 to deliver the 10 Gigabit Ethernet density and scalability computing clients require for high performance workloads. The recently upgraded Cluster 1350 combines the industry leading Gigabit and 10 Gigabit Ethernet densities of the Force10 TeraScale E-Series and S-Series and IBM's extensive experience with clustered UNIX and LINUX computers in an integrated solution that enables clients to minimize complexity, deployment times and return on investment.

“Our clients value the performance and single point-of-control the Cluster 1350 solution delivers, and the addition of 10 Gigabit Ethernet servers and interconnectivity provides the throughput that will allow them to handle growing workloads,” said Wendy McGee, product director of cluster solutions at IBM.

Earlier this month, IBM announced that it is upgrading its Cluster 1350 solution to include a new lineup of next generation processor systems and blades, high speed connectivity and coprocessor acceleration technology. To flexibly interconnect its Cluster 1350 solutions, IBM is leveraging the Force10 TeraScale E-Series and S-Series. With 16-port and 8-port 10 Gigabit Ethernet line cards, the TeraScale E-Series delivers the density IBM clients require to scale their networks as they add computing capacity. The compact Force10 S2410 delivers high 10 Gigabit Ethernet density with Infiniband-like latency that enables clients to cost effectively interconnect high speed servers at line-rate 10 Gigabits per second.

Organizations in 13 countries worldwide have deployed the IBM System Cluster 1350 with the Force10 TeraScale E-Series. In North America, the Georgia Institute of Technology deployed the Cluster 1350 solution to build a 1,000 node supercomputer designed to advance drug research. In Europe, the Barcelona Supercomputing Center deployed the System Cluster 1350 to power the fifth largest supercomputer in the world, according to Top500.org.

“IBM is pioneering the effort to bring high performance computing solutions into mainstream markets, enabling organizations to efficiently capture the benefits of cluster computing,” said Mark Cooper, senior vice president of worldwide sales at Force10 Networks. “The Force10 TeraScale E-Series and S-Series provide the flexibility and scalability that enable IBM to deliver the right solutions to each client.”

The Force10 TeraScale E-Series supports 1,260 Gigabit and 224 Ten Gigabit Ethernet ports in a single chassis, providing the flexibility and scalability IBM needs to provide its clients with solutions to meet their computing needs. The Force10 S2410 delivers 24 line-rate 10 Gigabit Ethernet ports in a one rack unit system, enabling IBM to provide its clients with high speed computing solutions.

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 the company's website at www.force10networks.com.

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