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FORCE10 NETWORKS SUPPORTS IBM'S NEW iDATAPLEX SOLUTION FOR WEB 2.0 COMPUTING

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., April 23, 2008 – Force10 Networks®, the pioneer in building and securing reliable networks, today announced its enterprise switching technology will support IBM's (NYSE: IBM) new iDataPlex, a highly efficient, rack system introduced today. iDataPlex more than doubles the number of systems that can run in a single rack while using 40 percent less power and will be aided by the high density and robust functionality of Force10's Ethernet switches.

"The explosion of web services has created tremendous reliance on the network coupled with the expectation that these services are always available to a demanding user base," said Marc Randall, CEO at Force10 Networks. "IBM and Force10 Networks are working together to deliver interoperable solutions that support the large scale data centers of Web 2.0 businesses, which require density and reliability while consuming less power."

Web 2.0 businesses continue to see their data center capacity grow exponentially, fueled by the proliferation of video, social networks and online gaming. In parallel, power costs for these data centers are also growing tremendously, leaving these businesses to look for a cost-effective way to add capacity. IBM's iDataPlex is a customizable, integrated offering that will be delivered to the customer fully wired and networked to simplify deployment. iDataPlex also features innovations in cooling and efficiency that enables it to run without air conditioning and a footprint that is designed specifically for the unique requirements of Web 2.0 businesses.

Force10 has a strong presence in the Web2.0 community, where its Reliable Networking product portfolio powers the data centers of web-based businesses such as eHarmony, Facebook, DAUM Communications, Shanda Interactive Entertainment and Pando Networks. At the core of these

networks, the Force10 E-Series provides the predictable performance and reliability that is critical to ensuring seamless scalability as additional capacity is added.

“Force10’s switching and routing products support IBM’s Cluster 1350, Blue Gene and now iDataPlex solutions,” said Jim Gargan, vice president of modular systems, IBM Systems and Technology Group. “IBM is looking to technology leaders like Force10 to build an ecosystem of ready-to-use technologies for iDataPlex that will add value for our clients.”

Taking a page from the Internet’s model, iDataPlex uses stateless computing to effectively turn many separate computers into a pool of shared resources or “cloud.” When combined with IBM’s “Blue Cloud” initiative, iDataPlex can connect with other machines in a cloud and process portions of enormous applications in parallel, providing rapid response times for functions like image search.

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.

Pricing and Availability

iDataPlex will be available in the US and Canada in June and globally by the end of the year. iDataPlex is a custom built solution. Please contact an IBM sales representative for configuration and pricing details.

About Force10 Networks

Force10 Networks is a 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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