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### **FORCE10 NETWORKS JOINS WITH ISILON SYSTEMS TO DELIVER OPTIMIZED HIGH PERFORMANCE DATA CENTER SOLUTIONS**

**SAN JOSE, Calif., April 16, 2007** – Force10 Networks®, the pioneer in building and securing reliable networks, today announced that it is joining with Isilon® Systems, the leader in clustered storage, to bring optimized high performance networking solutions to the data center. The Force10 purpose-built data center ecosystem allows customers to use their own evaluation criteria to deploy the network services that best suit their requirements.

“To transform the network into a strategic asset, it is essential that the network and services can be optimized for specific customer requirements,” said Stephen Garrison, vice president of marketing at Force10 Networks. “By improving the interoperability between the network and network-based services like storage or computing, the Force10 purpose-built data center ecosystem provides customers with proven solutions to meet their business needs.”

To build truly reliable data center networks that are application ready and can provide long-term investment protection, it is essential to optimize the network for specific business requirements. The Force10 purpose-built data center ecosystem enables businesses to build out their network-based services according to their specific evaluation criteria, creating a best-of-breed network that can more efficiently and flexibly respond to their needs. With proven interoperability throughout the ecosystem, Force10 and its partners not only provide purpose-built data center solutions but also eliminate the uncertainty of deploying a best-of-breed solution.

“The digital content revolution has dramatically changed the creation and delivery of digital media, forcing changes at the network and storage level,” said Brett Goodwin, vice president of marketing and business development at Isilon Systems. “With a best-of-breed ecosystem that has demonstrated interoperability, enterprises can more flexibly respond to the new demands that are being placed on the data center.”

Force10 and Isilon have proven the interoperability of their optimized data center solution in several high performance environments, including the networks of Facebook, ZOIC Studios and the San Diego Supercomputing Center.

Isilon IQ, the industry's first single file system that unifies and provides instant and ubiquitous access to the rapidly growing stores of digital content, delivers a record of up to one Petabyte of capacity and 10 Gigabytes per second of performance in one single file system. By creating a single shared pool of easily scalable storage, Isilon IQ accelerates the ability to create, access, deliver and archive digital content while minimizing the complexity of digital content storage.

The Force10 TeraScale E-Series<sup>®</sup> family of switch/routers provides the reliability, scalability and network control high performance environments require to ensure application readiness and lower the total cost of network ownership.

#### **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 [www.force10networks.com](http://www.force10networks.com).

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