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### **NEXT GENERATION NETWORK SOLUTIONS DEPLOYS FORCE10 NETWORKS TO DELIVER DATA CENTER HOSTING SERVICES THROUGHOUT BAHRAIN**

**SAN JOSE, Calif., May 6, 2008** – Force10 Networks®, the pioneer in building and securing reliable networks, today announced that Next Generation Network Solutions (NGNS), a subsidiary of Rawabi Telecom & Software (RTS), has deployed the TeraScale E-Series® family of switch/routers and the S-Series family of access switches to ensure the reliable performance of its recently installed network in the Kingdom of Bahrain. The Force10 E-Series and S-Series anchor an advanced services infrastructure that will allow NGNS to deliver integrated data and voice services, such as Internet access, hosting, collocation, data backup and voice traffic termination as well as residential and corporate IP telephony.

“For our business to maintain a brand associated with quality and reliability, we must deploy an equally high performance and reliable network infrastructure that meets the rigid expectations of our customers,” said Maro Simatovic, chief operating officer at NGNS. “Force10 delivers the reliable and resilient network solutions we need to deliver premium services to our customers and the scalability required to handle our anticipated growth in traffic as our customer base expands.”

The Force10 E300 and S50 are at the foundation of the network, delivering reliability, network control and scalability from the core to the edge. At the edge of the network, the Force10 S50 access switches aggregate what will be nearly 600 servers. The high density and compact form factor of the S50 allow NGNS to cost effectively manage growth in its network by adding additional switches when extra capacity is required. Additionally, with support for four 10 Gigabit Ethernet uplinks, the S50 protects the investment in infrastructure by enabling NGNS to transition to the higher speed in the future without an equipment upgrade.

At the core of the network, the Force10 TeraScale E300 provides a high level of resiliency to ensure the maximum network uptime that is essential to guaranteeing service level agreements.

The three CPU architecture distributes switching, routing and management functionalities between distinct processors to minimize unplanned network downtime. Additionally, Force10's operating system FTOS features modular processes that contain faults to ensure continuous traffic flows while providing the monitoring and inline serviceability tools that NGNS needs to support its high performance infrastructure and guarantee service to its customers.

"Anticipating customer growth and a resulting increase in traffic, NGNS needed a network that could seamlessly expand as additional capacity was required and do so in a cost-effective way," said James Hanley, senior vice president of worldwide sales at Force10 Networks. "Force10 delivers the networking solutions to build a scalable infrastructure that is highly reliable, providing NGNS with a strong competitive advantage with which it can deliver clear value to its customers."

Reliable Networking by Force10 Networks enables businesses to transform their networks into strategic assets. With unique advances in reliability, network control and scalability, the Force10 product portfolio enables enterprises to lower their total cost of ownership by building a flexible network that is ready to support emerging and evolving applications.

#### **About Force10 Networks**

Force10 Networks is the 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](http://www.force10networks.com).

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NGNS is a subsidiary of Rawabi Telecom & Software, a Rawabi Holding Company (RHC). RHC is based in Al-Khobar (Eastern Province), Saudi Arabia and has been in business for the last three decades. RHC's core business is related to the Oil & Gas Industry, specifically in the drilling and related oilfield services. RHC also has major activities in engineering and construction, owns and operates several manufacturing facilities and is involved heavily in the growing regional telecommunications & IT sector. Rawabi's group of companies comprises of fully owned subsidiaries, partially owned companies and joint venture companies. RHC has international partners from more than 25 countries and represents over 100 worldwide prominent companies.