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FORCE10 NETWORKS TO EXPAND RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WITH NEW FACILITY IN INDIA

MILPITAS, Calif., October 20, 2004 — Force10 Networks today announced that it will expand its global research and development program with the opening of a new facility in Chennai, India. The facility will launch hardware and software development efforts to further advance the Force10 TeraScale E-Series family of switch/routers as well as the design and development of new products and features. Regional business development, sales and customer support teams will also be based in the facility.

“By expanding our research and development presence in India, we will better address the needs of our customers by improving our competitive structure and time to market,” said Marc Randall, president and CEO of Force10 Networks.

Founded in 1999, Force10 revolutionized networking with the E-Series family of switch/routers, the industry’s first with line-rate 10 Gigabit Ethernet switching and routing. In September, Force10 introduced the TeraScale E-Series with an unprecedented 672 line-rate Gigabit Ethernet ports and 56 line-rate 10 Gigabit Ethernet ports.

About Force10 Networks

Force10 Networks is the pioneer in high performance switching and routing. 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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