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FORCE10 NETWORKS EXPANDS SALES TEAM TO ADDRESS FEDERAL AND ASIA PACIFIC MARKETS

MILPITAS, Calif., May 8, 2006 – Force10 Networks, a pioneer in building and securing high performance networks, today announced that it has named two new vice presidents to lead its sales efforts for the federal government and the Asia Pacific region. George DeLisle will manage federal government programs while Gary Jackson will lead Asia Pacific sales. The addition of the two industry veterans will provide the tight focus necessary to meet the growing demand for secure, high performance networking in both markets.

“George and Gary bring the in-depth knowledge of the federal and Asian market space that Force10 can leverage as it continues to scale its presence in these two key markets,” said Mark Cooper, senior vice president of worldwide sales. “Both the government and the Asia Pacific region are adopting next generation technologies like 10 Gig, and Force10 is uniquely positioned to extend its industry leadership and build on its solid customer base in each of these markets.”

As vice president of federal sales, George DeLisle brings a deep knowledge of the government procurement process as well as strong relationships with government decision makers in both civilian and military departments. Prior to leading Force10’s federal strategy, Mr. DeLisle spent seven years in various sales positions at Cisco Systems, including four years working directly with government organizations and government-focused system integrators. He also served in the United States Navy, where he held a top secret clearance.

To expand upon its existing customer base in the Asia Pacific market, Force10 has named Mr. Jackson vice president of Asia Pacific sales with responsibility for directing sales strategy and expanding Force10’s footprint throughout the region. Previously, he worked as regional vice president for EMC, where he ran sales in 10 countries and was responsible for \$300 million in revenue. During his tenure, EMC increased its market share by five percent. Earlier he served

as regional general manager and vice president for Cisco with responsibility for \$900 million in revenue. Mr. Jackson has also held key executive sales positions at Microsoft and Sybase.

The Force10 TeraScale E-Series anchors nine of the ten largest U.S. national laboratories, including Sandia National Laboratories, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Los Alamos National Laboratory and the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is also using the TeraScale E-Series to process more than 224 Gigabytes of traffic on a daily basis.

In Asia, service providers such as Hanaro Telecom, BIGLOBE, Vectant, NTT-ME and JPIX leverage the high density and resiliency of the TeraScale E-Series to deliver 10 Gigabit Ethernet services to their customers. Online gaming companies like SEGA and NCsoft are building a highly reliable infrastructure that enables hundreds of thousands of gamers to interact in virtual worlds while Baidu.com has built China's largest search engine on the Force10 TeraScale E-Series.

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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