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### **CHINA'S LARGEST PORTAL INCREASES NETWORK SCALABILITY AND PERFORMANCE WITH FORCE10 TERASCALE E-SERIES**

**SAN JOSE, Calif., September 26, 2007** – Force10 Networks®, the pioneer in building and securing reliable networks, today announced that Sina.com, China's largest portal, has deployed the TeraScale E-Series® family of switch/routers to increase the performance of its leading search engine and portal. The high density and resiliency of the Force10 TeraScale E-Series enables Sina to seamlessly scale its portal as its more than 100 million registered subscriber base expands.

"As we moved to Gigabit Ethernet servers, we needed a new network that could accommodate our rapidly growing traffic and provide a path for future growth without impacting the performance of our portal," said Mr. Li Songbo, chief technical officer at Sina. "The Force10 E-Series delivers the built-in resiliency we need to deliver a reliable service while providing the scalability to accommodate our growth and protecting our infrastructure investment."

Sina deployed the Force10 TeraScale E-Series at the core of its data center to provide its subscribers with non-stop high performance services. To accommodate the high level of search requests coming through its data centers, Sina is using high performance Gigabit Ethernet servers that have greater memory and hardware capacity. The Force10 TeraScale E-Series provides the line-rate Gigabit Ethernet density Sina requires to interconnect these servers to ensure simultaneous response times as well as the 10 Gigabit Ethernet density to deliver a non-blocking network backbone that guarantees the most accurate and relevant search results.

The leading density and built-in system redundancy of the Force10 TeraScale E-Series also enables Sina to simplify its network by collapsing redundant layers. By reducing the number of layers in the network, Sina also reduces the total cost of network ownership, including operational costs from power, cooling and maintenance.

"Sina has grown its business by providing an innovative approach to information searches in the Chinese language," said Stephen Garrison, vice president of marketing at Force10 Networks. "Our depth of experience with search engine networks defines the TeraScale E-Series as a robust and resilient platform that can seamlessly scale rapidly growing networks like Sina's without compromising performance."

To ensure reliability and maximum search engine availability, the Force10 TeraScale E-Series supports a multi-processor architecture. The unique Force10 three CPU architecture distributes switching, routing and management functions between multiple processors, each with dedicated memory to protect the system against denial of service attacks. Additionally, the modularity of the robust Force10 Operating System (FTOS) software provides another layer of reliability to guarantee high quality service for Sina users.

Force10 brings the reliability, network control and scalability that enterprises like Sina require to build a trusted network foundation that supports their business goals today and in the future. Leveraging advances in system design and packet processing, the Force10 TeraScale E-Series enables Sina to leverage its network as a strategic asset.

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

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