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**FORCE10 NETWORKS JOINS VMWARE'S ALLIANCE AFFILIATE PROGRAM,
OFFERING CONSOLIDATED AND VIRTUALIZED DATA CENTERS**

SAN JOSE, Calif., September 16, 2008 – Force10 Networks®, the pioneer in building and securing reliable networks, today announced the company is participating in the VMware Alliance Affiliate Initiative, a strategic program that promotes joint solutions from virtualization leader VMware and qualified partners.

"We started the VMware Alliance Affiliate Initiative to help our channel partners accelerate their profitability and to reward them for joint solution selling with our technology partners," said Steve Houck, vice president of worldwide channels at VMware. "Combining VMware's industry-leading virtualization platform with Force10's pioneering products for enhanced virtualization network reliability delivers increased value for our partners, and ultimately increased value for customers."

The combination of Force10's reliable networking solutions and the industry leading VMware virtualization platform delivers the ability to consolidate data centers, creating networks with increased business agility from the adaptability that virtualization offers. Benefits of virtualization include the optimized use of physical servers and switches, reduced overhead requirements for management, space, power, cooling and cabling as well as increased equipment longevity.

"Working together, VMware and Force10 Networks enable IT managers to deploy consolidated, integrated networks that reduce the server hardware and manpower needed to scale networks," said James Hanley, Force10's senior vice president of worldwide sales. "By improving the efficiency, reliability and scalability of the network, the VMware and Force10 solution allows data center managers to significantly lower TCO while dramatically increasing total system configuration flexibility."

Force10's switch/routers and modular Unix-like operating system, FTOS, deliver key network requirements for virtualization including line-rate throughput, predictable forwarding and latency, a resilient hardware and software architecture and specialized data center virtualization features, including NIC teaming to avoid single points of failure. The Force10 and VMware solution provides an interoperable and resilient network that supports high availability data center virtualization and server migration features with best-in-class resiliency and unmatched scalability. This enables the network infrastructure required to drive successful virtualization projects, while minimizing the risk and complexity of developing virtualized data centers.

Reliable Networking by Force10 delivers advances in reliability, network control and scalability to reduce total cost of ownership. By building a flexible network that is ready to support emerging and evolving applications, organizations can transform their networks into strategic assets.

About VMware

VMware (NYSE: VMW) is the global leader in virtualization solutions from the desktop to the datacenter. Customers of all sizes rely on VMware to reduce capital and operating expenses, ensure business continuity, strengthen security and go green. With more than 120,000 customers and nearly 18,000 partners, VMware is one of the fastest growing public software companies. Headquartered in Palo Alto, California, VMware is majority-owned by EMC Corporation (NYSE: EMC) and on the web at www.vmware.com.

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.

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