

EXTREME DEMONSTRATES MAXIMUM ETHERNET SCALABILITY IN WORLD'S LARGEST SHORT-TERM NETWORK

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Networking leader advances Ethernet with new 10 Gigabit technology

May 2nd, 2002 - Continuing its leadership in Ethernet networking, Extreme Networks, Inc. (Nasdaq: EXTR) is demonstrating maximum Ethernet scalability at next week's Network+Interop show. Extreme Networks is using its new 10 Gigabit Ethernet module for its BlackDiamond(tm) chassis switch to power the expansive show network of over 8,000 nodes. The Interop Event Net (eNet) is the world's largest short-term network and connects the entire conference - exhibitors, conferences, meeting rooms and attendee messaging centres.

Extreme Networks' 10 Gigabit Ethernet solution combines maximum Ethernet scalability with the industry's most advanced bandwidth management, traffic shaping and Policy-based Quality of Service (QoS) features to provide the most effective application and service infrastructure. As large enterprises and metro service providers dramatically increase available bandwidth by deploying 10 Gigabit Ethernet technology, the applications and services load placed on the network increases as well. Extreme Networks' sophisticated QoS capabilities allow network managers to tailor the flow of network traffic to best meet the business needs of an organisation.

"Our ability to demonstrate maximum Ethernet scalability enables Extreme Networks to showcase its blueprint for the future of networks," said Paul De Zan, vice president of corporate marketing, Extreme Networks. "With our unique expertise in Ethernet technology, we are going further than just increased bandwidth with our 10GigE solution. "Without flexible and powerful QoS capabilities, 10GigE is really just a bandwidth firehose - and that's not compatible with the reality of network operations and

management today. From the beginning of our 10GigE program, we've planned a complete solution, one that incorporates all of the industry-leading traffic management features that our customers have come to expect from Extreme Networks. We're very excited to be demonstrating our 10GigE solution at the industry's most prestigious event."

Extreme Networks has been at the forefront in the development of standardised 10 Gigabit Ethernet switching. The Company's co-founder and CTO, Steve Haddock, serves as the vice-chair of the IEEE 802.3ae task force, the group, which has developed the industry standard for 10 Gigabit Ethernet. Tony Lee of Extreme Networks served as the 10GEA's president over a two-year period beginning in March 2000; and another Extreme Networks' technologist, Ameet Dhillon, currently serves on the 10GEA board of directors.

The superior performance, scalability and functionality of Extreme Networks 10 Gigabit switching solution provides an ideal Ethernet platform for bandwidth intensive applications including high-capacity network storage, super computing clusters and high-end CAD/CAM graphic applications that demand aggregation of multiple Gigabit Ethernet connections.

New 10 Gigabit Ethernet Module

Extreme Networks' 10 Gigabit Ethernet solution is available on the award-winning BlackDiamond 6800 series core switching platform. The 10GLRi module is compliant with the IEEE 802.3ae 10GBASE-LR standard and features a single port, 1310nm, 10Km, single mode fiber, LAN PHY interface. The 10GLRi module is fully compatible with all existing BlackDiamond "i" series I/O and management (MSM64i) modules and is powered by Extreme Networks' custom 10 Gigabit Ethernet ASICs. Additionally, Extreme Networks' 10 Gigabit Ethernet module supports the advanced features of the "i" series chipset, which provides critical Layer 2/3 functionality for improved application and service delivery, with features including advanced QoS (8 queues per port), IP multicast, and Ethernet Automatic Protection Switching (EAPS) for sub-second ring recovery.

Extreme Networks 10GLRi module will be available in June.

Extreme Networks, Inc.

Extreme Networks provides the most effective applications and service infrastructure by creating networks that are faster, less complex and more cost-effective than conventional solutions. Headquartered in Santa Clara, Calif., Extreme Networks sells its award-winning switching solutions in more than 50 countries.

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