

# Metaswitch Networks Appoints Google and former NetApp Executives to its Board of Directors

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Bill Coughran, Google SVP of Engineering, and Jeff Allen, former NetApp CFO, bring expertise in scalable infrastructure, cloud computing technologies and high-growth technology strategy and finance

Alameda, CA, April 5, 2011 — Metaswitch Networks, a leading provider of carrier systems and communications software solutions, today announced the appointment of Dr. William M. Coughran, Jr. and Jeffrey R. Allen as independent members of its board of directors.

Dr. Coughran, currently Senior Vice President of Engineering at Google Inc., brings more than 20 years' experience building highly scalable computer systems and cloud-based services, as a leading industry technologist, a researcher at various institutions including Stanford and Duke Universities and as the head of Bell Labs' Computing Science Research Center. In addition, Dr. Coughran brings start-up CEO experience with Entrisphere (which he co-founded), and serves on the board of Clearwell Systems.

Mr. Allen, who will assume the role of Audit Committee Chair, most recently served as Executive Vice President of Business Operations for NetApp, Inc. and as Chief Financial Officer from 1996 to 2002. He brings extensive telecom and computing industry experience from Bay Networks, SynOptics and a 17-year career with Hewlett-Packard. He currently serves on several boards, including NetApp.

Commenting on the appointments, John Lazar, chairman of the board, said: "It would be a significant step for Metaswitch to add either one of these leading industry figures to its board. Securing the benefit of both Bill's technology insight and Jeff's financial and strategic acumen will be a key advantage for Metaswitch as we strengthen our leadership position in the telecom industry."

"Our industry is moving rapidly, and it is vital that we continue to innovate and accelerate our growth into new markets and new technologies," added Kevin DeNuccio, Metaswitch CEO. "We are therefore thrilled that Bill and Jeff, who have navigated many such shifts in their highly successful careers, have agreed to join the board and share their experience, guidance and advice."

## About Metaswitch Networks

Metaswitch Networks is a leading provider of the technologies and solutions that are powering the migration of communications networks to open, next-generation architectures. Hundreds of network operators worldwide depend on its reliable, scalable carrier systems solutions, while its high performance, fault-tolerant software technologies are licensed by all the world's leading communications equipment manufacturers. For more information, visit [www.metaswitch.com](http://www.metaswitch.com).

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