

PERLE SYSTEMS RECEIVES WINDOWS 2000 CERTIFICATION, ASSURING CUSTOMERS OF FULL COMPATIBILITY FOR MICROSOFT WINDOWS PLATFORMS

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Resellers Can Confidently Deploy Perle Multi-port Serial Cards For Applications in Windows-based Server Environment

Perle Systems (NASDAQ:PERL, TSE:PL), a leading provider of networking products for IP and e-business access, today announced that it has received the "Designed for Windows 2000" certification from Microsoft for its multi-port serial card range. The Microsoft certification attests to the stability and compatibility of these products with Microsoft's Windows platforms.

"Products that are certified to carry the Microsoft designed for Windows logo must pass rigorous testing to ensure they are easy-to-install, stable and take full advantage of the features offered by Microsoft's operating systems. Microsoft certification assures customers that Perle multi-port serial cards meet Windows compatible standards," said John Seymour, product manager for Perle Systems.

Microsoft certification for Windows 2000 confirms that Perle multi-port serial cards can easily be supported by resellers deploying applications in Windows-based server environment. Perle multi-port serial cards are easy-to-install and do not demand any overwriting of key operating system components, eliminating chances of system crashes at installation. As Windows NT drivers are also fully supported, these products are now particularly well suited for applications currently running Windows NT that may be transitioning to Windows 2000 in the future.

ABOUT PERLE PRODUCTS

Perle multi-port serial cards are used to connect serial devices like computer terminals, printers and data collection equipment to Windows 2000 and Windows NT, as well as UNIX and Linux host computers. Perle's product line includes multi-port and modular products, supporting from 4 to 512 simultaneous serial connections.

About Perle Systems

Perle Systems is a leading developer, manufacturer and vendor of award-winning networking products. These products are used to connect remote users reliably and securely to central servers for a wide variety of e-business and general business applications. Perle specialises in IP (Internet Protocol) connectivity with product lines

that include Remote Access Servers, Serial Servers, Multi-port Serial Cards and Network Controllers. These products provide access to leading e-business platforms, including NTLINUX/UNIX and AS/400. Perle Systems recently acquired Chase Research, a leading provider of local and remote serial-based data communications systems and remote access solutions. Perle Systems has offices in 11 countries and sells its products through distribution channels worldwide. Its stock is traded on the Nasdaq Stock Market (symbol PERL) and the Toronto Stock Exchange (symbol PL). For more information about Perle and its products, access the Company's Web site at www.perle.com.

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