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10 Gigabit Ethernet Alliance Gains Momentum

Membership Grows to Over 50 of the Top Networking Players

LAS VEGAS, NV – NetWorld+Interop – May 9, 2000 – The 10 Gigabit Ethernet Alliance today announced that its membership has increased to over 50 companies in just three months. The Alliance, which now represents the "who's who" of the networking industry, is an association of leading networking companies committed to providing customers with open, cost-effective, and interoperable 10 Gigabit Ethernet solutions. The mission of the Alliance is to promote 10 Gigabit Ethernet for local area network (LAN), metropolitan area network (MAN), and wide area network (WAN) markets and support the IEEE 802.3ae 10 Gigabit Ethernet standards process.

For more information about the 10 Gigabit Ethernet Alliance and its activities, visit it's booth at NetWorld+Interop in Las Vegas, May 9-11, booth # 8113. The Alliance will also be hosting an open two-hour session entitled *10 Gigabit Ethernet Technology and Standard* on Wednesday, May 10 from 3:00 – 5:00 at NetWorld+Interop.

"We have witnessed tremendous enthusiasm for 10 Gigabit Ethernet technology among both the end-user and vendor communities," explained Willem Wery, vice president of the 10 Gigabit Ethernet Alliance and strategic marketing manager at Intel. "We were

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pleasantly surprised to see how quickly the Alliance's membership has grown. We believe it to be a direct reflection of the technology's reliability, compatibility and cost-effectiveness. The aggressive standards timeline adopted by IEEE 802.3ae has also strengthened the attractiveness of 10 Gigabit Ethernet, accelerating the technology and product interoperability."

Positioned as a high-speed, unifying technology for networking applications in LANs, MANs, and WANs, 10 Gigabit Ethernet will provide very high bandwidth with simplicity and relatively low cost. In LAN applications, 10 Gigabit Ethernet will enable network managers to scale their packet-based networks from 10 Mbps to 10,000 Mbps and thereby leverage their investments in Ethernet as they increase the performance of their networks. In MAN and WAN applications, 10 Gigabit Ethernet will enable Internet Service Providers (ISPs) and Network Service Providers (NSPs) to create very high-speed links at very low cost between co-located carrier-class switches and routers.

Alliance Members

The 10 Gigabit Ethernet Alliance was officially founded January 25, 2000. In just three months, the organization has grown to 58 members:

>*Founding and Charter Members:* 3Com Corporation, Agilent Technologies, Inc., Avici Systems, Blaze Network Products, Cisco Systems, E2O Communications, Inc., Enterasys Networks, Extreme Networks, Foundry Networks, Inc., GIGA, Hewlett-Packard Co., Intel Corporation, International Business Machines, Infineon Technologies Corporation, IXIA Corporation, Lantern Communications, Inc., Lara Networks, Inc., Molex Fiber Optics, Netcom Systems, Nortel Networks, Optotronic AB, Paion Co. LTD., Q Logic Corporation, Riverstone Networks, Switchcore AB, Sun Microsystems, Vitesse Semiconductor Corporation, and World Wide Packets.

>*Principal and Participating Members:* Ancor Communications, Allayer Communications, Anritsu Company, Corning Incorporated, Electronics and Telecommunications Research Institute, Exbit Technology, EZ Chip Technologies, Finisar Corporation, Force10 Networks, Inc., Fujikura, Gennum Corporation,

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Juniper Networks, LSI Logic Corporation, Lucent Technologies, Luxn, New Focus, Inc., Methode Electronics, Network Appliance, Network Elements, Inc., nSerial Corp., Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Co., NuSpeed, Inc., PicoLight, Inc., PMC-Sierra, Samsung Electronics Co., Texas Instruments, W.L. Gore & Associates, and Xyratex.

About the 10 Gigabit Ethernet Alliance

The 10 Gigabit Ethernet Alliance was organized to facilitate and accelerate the introduction of 10 Gigabit Ethernet into the networking market. It was founded by networking industry leaders: 3Com, Cisco Systems, Extreme Networks, Intel, Nortel Networks, Sun Microsystems, and World Wide Packets. Additionally, the Alliance will support the activities of IEEE 802.3 Ethernet committee, foster the development of the 802.3ae (10 Gigabit Ethernet) standard, and promote interoperability among 10 Gigabit Ethernet products. For more information, visit their Web site at http://www.10gea.org.

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