



EXTREME NETWORKS' ETHERNET PLATFORMS MEET METRO ETHERNET FORUM'S CARRIER GRADE STATUS

BlackDiamond 10K and Summit X450 among the first products to be certified for Ethernet service delivery mapped to MEF 9 Specification

SANTA CLARA, Calif. - Sept. 15, 2005 - Extreme Networks, Inc. (Nasdaq: **EXTR**) a leader in open converged networks, today announced that its service-rich Metro Ethernet switching platforms have passed the Metro Ethernet Forum's (MEF) service conformance tests. The tests demonstrate the platforms capability to deliver robust Ethernet Private Line services, Virtual Private Line services and Ethernet LAN services over Metro Ethernet networks, as defined by the new MEF 9 specification.

Extreme Networks® passed all three service conformance tests, performed by independent lab Iometrix, Inc., a leading test firm. The testing certified that the Extreme Networks' BlackDiamond® 10K and Summit® X450 switching platforms deliver carrier grade services as defined in the MEF specifications. Private Line and Virtual Private Line services provide point-to-point Ethernet connectivity, while Ethernet LAN services are used to interconnect multiple sites. These services are typically used by business customers for voice, video and data connectivity between campuses and remote sites.

"MEF certification is an important step for the continued acceleration of Metro Ethernet services," said Dr. Kamran Sistanizadeh, chief technology officer, Yipes Enterprise Services. "The certifications give us an independent verification of Extreme Networks' capabilities, and help drive the industry to a common understanding for service definitions."

"Our continued commitment to support customers with innovative, standards-based switching platforms is further boosted with the MEF's independent certification," said Peter Lunk, senior manager of Metro Ethernet solutions for Extreme Networks. "We have an established base of service provider customers that are eager to utilize Ethernet for business services as a lower cost, higher bandwidth alternative to expensive TDM or Frame Relay. Service flexibility, scalability and carrier-class resiliency are key elements for carriers that are looking to profitably deliver the higher bandwidth, native Ethernet services that their customers are demanding."

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Extreme Networks is a leader in open converged networks. Its innovative network architecture provides enterprises and metro service providers with the resiliency, adaptability and simplicity required for a true converged network that supports voice, video and data, over a wired and wireless infrastructure, while delivering high-performance and advanced security features. For more information, please visit www.extremenetworks.com

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