

## Extreme Networks BlackDiamond® X8 Certified with VCE Vblock Systems

SANTA CLARA, Calif., Oct. 4, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- Extreme Networks, Inc. (Nasdaq: EXTR), the leader in data center networking solutions, today announced that the BlackDiamond X8 has been certified on VCE<sup>TM</sup> Vblock<sup>TM</sup> Systems as "VCE Vblock Ready."

Designed for large, virtualized data centers and clouds, the Extreme Networks BlackDiamond® X8 switch provides low latency of 2.3 microseconds, high density 10GbE, 40GbE and is designed for 100GbE. With massive scalability, the <u>BlackDiamond X8</u> offers more than 20Tbps total switching capacity with 768 ports of line rate, no frame-loss 10GbE or 192 ports of line rate, no frame-loss 40GbE in a single chassis already shipping. The BlackDiamond X8 was built with green operations in mind, resulting in low per port power consumption, which when combined with high density, can result in a lower Total Cost of Ownership.

Extreme Networks BlackDiamond X8 is certified to locally cluster Vblock systems as to enable VMware Vmotion capabilities and provide Disaster Recovery and Avoidance over Ethernet. <a href="Vblock systems">Vblock systems</a> integrate leading Cisco networking and server, EMC storage and VMware cloud infrastructure technologies into a single intelligent converged infrastructure system with seamless support. This certification provides customers with the assurance that Extreme Networks BlackDiamond X8 will interoperate with Vblock systems.

The certification was conducted by Superna™, which has been authorized by VCE to provide Vblock system certifications to VCE Technology Alliance Partner (TAP) program members. This certification enables mutual channel partners and customers to accelerate adoption of Vblock systems by leveraging Extreme Networks BlackDiamond X8 for clustering, Vmotion and Disaster Recovery and Avoidance.

"Extreme Networks continues to innovate around the requirements of 100% data availability," said Marty Lans, senior director of data center marketing. "This certification allows customers a continued path to virtualize all applications while minimizing the cost and complexity of doing so."

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Extreme Networks, Inc. is a technology leader in high-performance Ethernet switching for cloud, data center and mobile networks. Based in Santa Clara, CA, Extreme Networks has more than 6,000 customers in more than 50 countries. For more information, visit the company's website at <a href="http://www.extremenetworks.com">http://www.extremenetworks.com</a>.

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