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Extreme Networks Joins the VMware NSX Partner Ecosystem

SAN JOSE, Calif., Aug. 25, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- Extreme Networks, Inc. (NASDAQ: EXTR), today announced the company has joined the VMware NSX[™] partner ecosystem Extreme Networks and VMware are collaborating to enable interoperability between the Extreme <u>Summit® x670-G2</u> and <u>Summit x770</u> series switches and the VMware NSX network virtualization platform. The resulting interoperability will enable Extreme Networks' customers and resellers to better manage and control their software-defined data centers and create new opportunities in this burgeoning market.



VMware architected NSX, a critical pillar to the software-defined data center, to extend the benefits of virtualization to the network. VMware NSX extensibility allows ecosystem partners to provide customers with a broad portfolio of network automation, security, application delivery and operations services that allow them to holistically manage their physical and virtual network environments.

Extreme Networks' data center switching technologies offer customers cutting edge density as well as flexible design and deployments options. Extreme Networks' solutions for the software-defined data center will be <u>on display</u> at VMworld® 2015 US, taking place August 30 - September 3 in San Francisco, CA in booth no. 2217.

"Today's software-defined data center continues to evolve and Extreme Networks and VMware are well positioned to deliver on the requirements for scale, performance, and agility," said Eric Broockman, chief technology officer and executive vice president of engineering at Extreme Networks. "Interoperability between our switch platform and VMware NSX means new market opportunities for Extreme Networks' channel partners, which in turn, enables customers to realize the benefits of the software-defined data center."

"We welcome Extreme Networks to the VMware NSX partner ecosystem," said Howard Hall, senior director, Global Technology Partner Organization, VMware. "Our objective with VMware NSX extensibility is to realize the promise of network virtualization itself - empowering customers to speed the rate of innovation through faster network provisioning, enhanced security, and reduced complexity - which results in better, faster, and more cost-effective IT services."

VMware NSX is software that virtualizes the network and delivers the entire networking and security model from L2-L7 in software. The platform decouples the network from the underlying hardware, yet takes advantage of the existing network infrastructure without changes to enable new levels of service delivery speed, agility and cost reductions. VMware NSX delivers a completely new operational model for networking that breaks through current network barriers and enables data center operators to achieve orders of magnitude better agility and improved economics.

For more information on the VMware NSX partner ecosystem, visit: <u>http://www.vmware.com/products/nsx/technology-partners.html</u>

About Extreme Networks

Extreme Networks, Inc. (EXTR) is a software and services-led networking solutions' company committed to solving IT's toughest networking challenges. Extreme Networks is headquartered in San Jose, CA with more than 14,000 customers in over 80 countries. For more information, visit Extreme's <u>website</u>.

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obligation to update the forward-looking information in this release. Other important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially are contained in the Company's 10-Qs and 10-Ks that are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. <u>http://www.sec.gov</u>.

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