



ZyXEL Joins Extreme Networks' Go Purple Partner Program to Jointly Promote Interoperable Carrier Ethernet Solutions

SANTA CLARA, CA and HSINCHU, TAIWAN, Dec 08, 2009 (MARKETWIRE via COMTEX News Network) -- Extreme Networks, Inc. (NASDAQ: EXTR) and ZyXEL Communications (TSE: 2391), a leading broadband access solutions provider, today announced that ZyXEL's MEF certified Carrier Ethernet Switches and Extreme Networks' Carrier Ethernet solutions, including the BlackDiamond(R) 20800 Carrier Ethernet transport switch, have been jointly tested for interoperability to ensure reliable network performance.

Architectural flexibility and intelligent service delivery were tested for interoperability as part of Extreme Networks(R) Go Purple (TM) Partner Program. The companies also evaluated fast failover over resilient rings, the implementation of Quality of Service (QoS), and network security. These jointly tested solutions help service providers to build a scalable and reliable service-driven Carrier Ethernet network.

Service provider wilhelm.tel of Germany leverages the companies broadband IP solutions for its Triple Play network, the network relies on powerful switching with its cost-effective Carrier Ethernet network.

"wilhelm.tel is delivering a more scalable, resilient network with advanced Ethernet and Fiber technology and the combination of Extreme Networks and ZyXEL Active Ethernet ETTx/FTTx solution plays an important role in providing higher quality communications, increased bandwidth and subscriber scale," said Heiko Liebscher, CTO for wilhelm.tel. "The economics are superior with Ethernet and Fiber, allowing one network to serve many needs, preparing us for the future."

Extreme Networks Carrier Ethernet switches are designed to provide service providers with flexible and cost effective solutions to meet their high availability requirements for converged services.

"We are pleased to have ZyXEL join our Go Purple Partner Program and add to the best-of-breed vendors that promote interoperable and scalable networks," said Dick O'Hara, director of strategic alliances for Extreme Networks. "Customers benefit with proven solutions that are cost-effective and ready for deployment."

ZyXEL's Ethernet quality has been recognized by global telecom operators for years. The Ethernet technology performance meets the challenging demands of operators in the construction and development of Carrier Ethernet networks.

"The ZyXEL and Extreme Networks partnership completes an end-to-end Carrier Ethernet product portfolio to service providers," said Leonard Liu, director of strategic alliances for ZyXEL's Enterprise Solutions Business Unit. "With the architectural flexibility and intelligent service delivery mechanisms, our service provider customers will be able to build a scalable and reliable service-driven metro network for maximum ROI."

About ZyXEL Communications

ZyXEL Communications Corp., founded in 1989 and headquartered in Taiwan, is the leading provider of complete broadband access solutions. As one of the early modem manufacturers, ZyXEL has undergone many transformations in the fast-paced networking industry. Today, ZyXEL is one of the few companies in the world capable of offering complete networking solutions of Telco, SME/Enterprise, and Digital Home for a wide range of deployment scenarios. Telco solutions include Wired and Wireless Access Network Equipments, Networking Customer Premises Equipments, and Carrier Switches. SME and Enterprise solutions include Unified Security Gateway, LAN Switches, WLAN, and IP Telephony. Digital Home solutions include Network Connectivity Devices and Multimedia Solutions. The company has 3200 employees and distributors in 70 countries, reaching more than 150 regional markets. The ZyXEL Communications Corp. includes 32 subsidiaries and sales offices and two research and development centers worldwide. For more information, visit the company's Website, <http://www.zyxel.com>.

About Extreme Networks, Inc.

Extreme Networks provides converged Ethernet networks that support data, voice and video for enterprises and service providers. The company's network solutions feature high performance and high availability switching that deliver insight and control enabling customers to solve their real-world business communications challenges. Operating in more than 50 countries, Extreme Networks provides wired and wireless secure LANs, data center infrastructure and Service Provider Ethernet transport solutions that are complemented by global, 24x7 service and support. For more information, visit:

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