

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**Form 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Date of report (date of earliest event reported):  
September 29, 2004**

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**EXTREME NETWORKS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**000-25711**  
(Commission File No.)

**77-0430270**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**3585 Monroe Street**  
**Santa Clara, California 95051**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code:  
(408) 579-2800**

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

On September 29, 2004, upon the recommendation of its Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, the Board of Directors of Extreme Networks, Inc. (the "Company") elected Mike West as a director of the Company, and appointed him as the new chairman of the Board of Directors. The press release announcing his election to the Board is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Mr. West served as president, chief operating officer and a director of Octel Communications from January 1995 to August 1997, after having served as executive vice president since September 1986. Mr. West also held executive positions at Rolm Corp. from 1979 to September 1986, the most recent as general manager of the National Sales Division.

In return for his services as chairman of the Board of Directors, Mr. West will receive an annual retainer of \$160,000 and will have a target annual bonus of \$160,000, based upon the Company's achievement of objectives established by the Board of Directors. Mr. West was granted an option to purchase 400,000 shares of the Company's common stock, which option vests over four years. In addition, as an outside director, Mr. West was granted an option to purchase 50,000 shares of the Company's common stock, which option vests over three years.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(c) Exhibits.**

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release dated October 1, 2004 Announcing Appointment of Mike West to Board of Directors

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: October 4, 2004

**EXTREME NETWORKS, INC.**

By: /s/ William R. Slakey

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William R. Slakey  
Chief Financial Officer

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**EXTREME NETWORKS APPOINTS MIKE WEST TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS****Company Broadens Board with New Chairman**

**SANTA CLARA, Calif., Oct. 1, 2004** – Extreme Networks, Inc. (Nasdaq: EXTR), a leader in Ethernet networking, has broadened its Board of Directors with the appointment of Mike West as chairman.

West brings to his role as chairman more than 30 years of experience in growing high-tech communications companies from emerging to market leader status. West was president, chief operating officer and a director of Octel Communications from Jan. 1995 to Aug. 1997, after having served as executive vice president since Sept. 1986. His extensive communications industry experience also includes holding executive positions at Rolm Corp. from 1979 to Sept. 1986, the most recent as general manager of the National Sales Division.

The addition of West as chairman demonstrates Extreme Networks' strong commitment to corporate governance.

“With the appointment of Mike as chairman, we are broadening the executive expertise within our board that can help guide the Company's growth and ongoing commitment to corporate governance requirements,” said Gordon Stitt, president and CEO of Extreme Networks. “Mike's proven track record for bringing companies to market leadership will help shape our direction as Extreme progresses to the next level.”

**Extreme Networks, Inc.**

Extreme Networks, Inc., delivers the most effective applications infrastructure by creating networks that are faster, simpler and more cost-effective. Headquartered in Santa Clara, Calif., Extreme Networks markets its network switching solutions in more than 50 countries. For more information, visit [www.extremenetworks.com](http://www.extremenetworks.com).

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