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**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):  
August 24, 2010**

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**EXTREME NETWORKS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**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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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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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 8.01. Other Events.**

On August 24, 2010, in response to requests from Ramius Value and Opportunity Advisors LLC, a subsidiary of Ramius LLC, Inc. (“Ramius”), and from another stockholder, the Board of Directors of Extreme Networks, Inc. (the “Company”) granted an exemption to each of Ramius and the other stockholder under the Rights Agreement dated as of April 27, 2001 between the Company and Mellon Investor Services LLC, as amended through the date hereof (the “Rights Agreement”), to acquire beneficial ownership of additional shares, provided that in each case (i) the acquisition results in beneficial ownership by the stockholder and its affiliates and associates of no more than 9.9% of the outstanding Common Stock, including existing holdings, and (ii) any such purchases must be made on or prior to April 27, 2011, the date on which the Rights Agreement terminates in accordance with its terms.

***Important Information/ Solicitation Participants Legend.***

Extreme Networks, Inc. will file a proxy statement in connection with its 2010 annual meeting of stockholders and advises its stockholders to read that proxy statement when it becomes available because it will contain important information. Stockholders will be able to obtain a free copy of that proxy statement and other documents (when available) that Extreme files with the Securities and Exchange Commission at the Commission’s website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). That proxy statement and these other documents will also be available free of charge by directing a request to Extreme Networks, Inc., Attn: Investor Relations, 3585 Monroe Street, Santa Clara, California 95051, or from Extreme at [www.extremenetworks.com](http://www.extremenetworks.com).

Extreme, its directors and named executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the Extreme stockholders in connection with the 2010 annual meeting. Stockholders may obtain information regarding the names, affiliations and interests of such individuals in Extreme’s proxy statement filed on November 12, 2009 for the 2009 annual meeting of stockholders. To the extent that holdings of Extreme securities on the part of those individuals have changed since the date of that proxy statement, those changes have been reflected on Statements of Changes in Ownership on Forms 3 or 4 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. More current information regarding the interests of the directors and named executive officers of Extreme will be contained in the proxy statement referred to in the preceding paragraph.

