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

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**Form 8-K**

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

Date of report (date of earliest event reported):

**March 14, 2011**

**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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  - 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 Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

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On March 14, 2011, Extreme Networks, Inc. (the "**Company**") issued a press release announcing the appointment of Jim Judson as Interim Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company, effective immediately. Mr. Judson will serve on an interim basis while the company continues its search for a permanent chief financial officer.

Mr. Judson, age 56, brings 30 years of financial management and operational leadership experience to his interim role with the Company, having spent the first five years of his career with Xerox, and later, 19 years with Sun Microsystems, where he served as Vice President of Finance for Worldwide Operations, leading major improvements in product costs, asset utilization, and product delivery lead-times. More recently, Mr. Judson served as Interim CFO for Omnicell, Inc., where he has served as a director since April 2006, a provider to hospitals of systems, software, and services to improve patient safety and automate the medication management and supplies distribution processes.

In connection with Mr. Judson's appointment, the Company entered into an offer letter agreement with Mr. Judson (the "Offer Letter") with an initial term of up to six months. Pursuant to the terms of the Offer Letter, Mr. Judson will be entitled to an annualized base salary of \$350,000. In addition, Mr. Judson will participate in the Company's executive incentive plan for fiscal year 2011 with an initial target of 60% of Mr. Judson's pro rata annualized base salary for fiscal year 2011. Subject to the approval of the Compensation Committee, Mr. Judson will also receive the right to a one-time option grant of 100,000 shares of common stock, with an exercise price equal to the fair market value of the Company's common stock on the date of the grant (typically the second business day following the Company's release of quarterly financial results). The option will vest 50% on the six month anniversary of Mr. Judson's start date, or such other earlier date should the Company terminate Mr. Judson's services for any reason other than for cause, and 50% on the one year anniversary of Mr. Judson's start date, subject to Mr. Judson being hired as the permanent chief financial officer and being employed by the Company on such anniversary date.

A copy of the press release issued by the Company announcing the appointment of Mr. Judson is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(d) Exhibits.**

99.1 Press Release of Extreme Networks, Inc. dated March 14, 2011.

**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: March 14, 2011

**EXTREME NETWORKS, INC.**

By: /s/ Oscar Rodriguez

**Oscar Rodriguez**

**President and Chief Executive Officer**

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**EXTREME NETWORKS HIRES INDUSTRY VETERAN JIM JUDSON AS INTERIM CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

**SANTA CLARA, Calif., Mar. 14, 2011** — Extreme Networks, Inc. (Nasdaq: EXTR) today announced that it has retained Jim Judson for the position of Interim Chief Financial Officer, effective immediately. Additionally, Extreme Networks is continuing with its national executive search for the permanent CFO role. Mr. Judson brings 30 years of financial management and operational leadership experience to his interim role with Extreme Networks, having spent the first five years of his career with Xerox, and later, 19 years with Sun Microsystems, where he served as Vice President of Finance for Worldwide Operations, leading major improvements in product costs, asset utilization, and product delivery lead-times. More recently, Mr. Judson served as Interim CFO for Omnicell, Inc., a public company with \$250M in revenues, providing hospitals with systems, software, and services to improve patient safety and automate the medication management and supplies distribution processes.

“Jim brings key operational skills and diverse experiences in finance from his previous management roles with innovative companies here in the high-tech industry,” said Oscar Rodriguez, president and CEO of Extreme Networks. “As Extreme Networks continues its transformation and we begin the search for a permanent CFO, the company will leverage Jim’s expertise with finance and operations while moving the business forward.”

Mr. Judson currently serves on the Board of Directors and Audit Committee at Omnicell, Inc and served on the board of directors for HomeDirector, Inc., a public company in the Connected

Home market, as it emerged from bankruptcy. Mr. Judson received his BS in Industrial Management from Purdue University and an MBA from Indiana University.

**About Extreme Networks, Inc.**

Extreme Networks delivers networks for the mobile world. The company's open network solutions enable a quality user experience, providing a platform for improved business agility. From the converged mobile edge of enterprises to virtualized clouds, and from data centers to global carrier networks that backhaul mobile traffic, Extreme Networks' extensible services architecture sets a foundation for mobility, user awareness and faster performance to empower people and machines to connect and move seamlessly. Extreme Networks is headquartered in Santa Clara, California, with offices in more than 50 countries worldwide. For more information, visit: [www.extremenetworks.com](http://www.extremenetworks.com)

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