EXTREME NETWORKS AND IXIA WORK TOGETHER TO SPEED SERVICE PROVIDER NETWORK TROUBLESHOOTING

Extreme Networks Carrier Ethernet and Enterprise Platforms Will Become IxRave Compatible Elements

SANTA CLARA and CALABASAS, CALIF.; September 25, 2008 – Extreme Networks, Inc. (Nasdaq: EXTR), a leading provider of Ethernet networking solutions, and Ixia (NASDAQ: XXIA), a leading, global provider of IP performance test systems, today announced that the companies have agreed to cooperate in the integration of their products to enhance post-deployment service verification. Extreme Networks and Ixia will integrate Extreme Networks' Ethernet switch platforms and the ExtremeXOS® modular operating system with Ixia IxRave™ Converged Service Verification Solution.

With the combination of agile, scalable networking solutions from Extreme Networks and the industry-leading service verification testing of Ixia, service providers and triple-play enterprise users will benefit from the visibility and insight created by automated network service verification, validation, and active troubleshooting. Based upon configured network traffic event monitors, the power of the IxRave's active testing can be engaged to provide technicians with the ability to diagnose problems down to a network component sub-interface. The combination of the two technology solutions also enables evaluation of infrastructure readiness for traffic demands on the network stemming from data, voice and video communications.

"Working with Ixia to further the intelligence of the network with our scalable Ethernet switching platforms brings greater value to customers who desire real-time insight into the performance of their mission-critical network services," said Paul Hooper, chief marketing officer for Extreme Networks. "Combining the IxRave service verification system with ExtremeXOS, the industry's first modular and extensible OS for carriers and enterprises, is an exciting development and makes for an ideal way to build more valuable, reliable and responsive IP networks."

Extreme Networks is a global provider of Carrier Ethernet transport solutions and converged enterprise networks. Extreme Networks products are found throughout Metro networks, within data centers and enterprise LANs worldwide. The modular ExtremeXOS network operating system provides a flexible framework for secure third-party extensions of network services. This highly available and modular software foundation for converged networks raises the bar for availability and reliability of carrier-grade data, voice and video services. ExtremeXOS uniquely allows customers to extend the capabilities of the network via dynamic loading of applications using XML APIs and CLI scripting. With this, specialized application intelligence, tasks such as service verification, security and VoIP call quality assurance can be provided within the network switch.

Ixia is the leader in 1 and 10 Gigabit Ethernet testing, as reported by Frost and Sullivan, with a broad range of products that test communications devices and networks end-to-end, for pre- and post-deployment applications. Extreme Networks is an Ixia customer and uses Ixia platforms and test applications in the development and manufacture of their products.

Ixia's IxRave service verification system allows service providers and enterprises of all sizes to monitor and actively troubleshoot customer problems. IxRave's unique approach to active network diagnosis utilizes the customer's actual data path with real-world voice, video, and data traffic streams. Customer's true quality of experience (QoE) is measured to diagnose problems to the network component level.

IxRave utilizes the provider's central office equipment in coordination with customer premise equipment (CPE), network infrastructure hardware and software test endpoints to actively test along the customer's actual network path. Extreme and Ixia are working together to make IxRave software endpoints available in all Extreme Networks Ethernet switches, allowing faster, more accurate network problem resolution for service providers of all sizes.

"The combination of Ixia technology with Extreme Networks' family of devices will be a major boon to service providers," said Anupam Sahai, vice president of marketing for Ixia. "Truck rolls will be vastly reduced and technicians will no longer need to dive into the bowels of their network. Service provider's support staff will quickly and accurately diagnose problems down to the device, port and network."

Ixia can provide an ROI Analysis for carriers and service providers who would like to see how IxRave can help them reduce Operational Expenses for new IP Services through an ROI calculator.

About Ixia

Ixia is a leading provider of IP service verification platforms and performance test systems for IP-based infrastructure and services. Ixia's test systems are used by network and telephony equipment manufacturers, semiconductor manufacturers,

service providers, governments and enterprises to validate the performance and reliability of complex IP networks, devices, and applications. Ixia's multiplay test systems address the growing need to test voice, video, and data services and network capability under real-world conditions.

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About Extreme Networks

Extreme Networks, Inc. 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: http://www.extremenetworks.com

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