



## **Extreme Networks BlackDiamond 8900-Series Modules Recognized Globally as Innovative Data Center Solution and Product of the Year**

### **High Performance Ethernet Switching Platform Promotes Innovative Path to More Efficient and Virtualized Data Centers and Cloud Computing Infrastructures**

SANTA CLARA, CA, Feb 03, 2010 (MARKETWIRE via COMTEX News Network) -- Extreme Networks, Inc. (NASDAQ: EXTR) today announced that its high performance Ethernet data center solution, the BlackDiamond(R) 8900-series modules, were recognized by leading publications around the globe for innovative features and a unique approach to boosting network performance in the data center.

Network Computing UK named the BlackDiamond 8900-series modules to its Finalists List in the categories of "New Product of the Year" and "Hardware Product of the Year" for its network industry awards in 2010. Separately, Korea's Digital Times recently named Extreme Networks BlackDiamond 8900-series modules its 2009 Switch Product of the Year.

Extreme Networks data center solutions address network scalability and deployment flexibility that help organizations meet requirements being placed on network infrastructure created by the emerging trends for server virtualization, the establishment of cloud computing services, and the proliferation of video and services on the network.

"Data centers worldwide are adopting virtualization technology to gain operation efficiency and flexibility and these key trends demand more performance from the network," said Sanjib HomChaudhuri, director of product management at Extreme Networks. "Extreme Networks meets these challenges with leading port density, scale and bandwidth with the BlackDiamond 8900-series modules, providing customers the performance, deployment flexibility and cost-effective network infrastructure that they require."

The 2010 Network Computing UK Awards Ceremony will be held March 4th in London. The awards are voted on by thousands of readers and reflect a wide range of application areas that impact the modern day network. Also named to Network Computing UK's list of Finalists in separate categories for 2010 were the Summit(R) X650 Top-of-Rack data center switch, the Summit X450 edge switch, and Altitude(TM) wireless LAN access points supporting the high-speed 802.11n standard.

Introduced at Interop'09 in Las Vegas, Extreme Networks BlackDiamond(R) 8900-series modules are a key element within a purpose-built network architecture for next generation data centers. The BlackDiamond 8900 modules deliver market-leading scalability for 10 Gigabit Ethernet, with up to 582 10 Gigabit Ethernet ports in a single rack, while delivering energy efficiency and compelling value for end users.

Extreme Networks, Inc.

Extreme Networks provides converged Ethernet network infrastructure that support data, voice and video for enterprises and service providers. The company's network solutions feature high performance, high availability and scalable switching solutions that enable organizations to address real-world communications challenges and opportunities. 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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