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Effnet Demonstrates Multifunction Router/Firewall Software on PC Servers

Software Engine That Tackles Router and Firewall Bottlenecks Easily Adapted to Run on 3rd Party Platforms

September 14, 1999, Atlanta, GA – Effnet Inc. has won many awards and captivated the industry with its FTC line of standalone Gigabit routers and router/firewall combos, and the coming ROC (Router On a Card) product. Now, the company has demonstrated that the software engine behind these products can easily be adapted to run on popular sever platforms.

The work involved adapting software based on the Effnet algorithm to run on PC servers from Dell Computing and TruSOLUTIONS. It was completed in a matter of hours at Effnet labs in Natick, Mass. last week.

The Effnet algorithm "turbo charges" packet filtering/forwarding operations, making it possible to achieve Gigabit performance on low-cost COTS platforms. TruSOLUTIONS' TruSERVER 2U rackmount platform is part of a line of low profile servers designed for internet appliances. The Dell PowerEdge 2300 is a full-featured workgroup server. By running Effnet algorithm-powered software on these two diverse platforms, Effnet has shown that its technology is versatile as well as easily adaptable. "From the outset Effnet's strategy has been to develop technology that brings the performance benefits of our algorithms to the broadest possible audience," said Jim Spoerl, President of Effnet Inc. "The work we have done shows that Effnet software can be easily adapted to run on 3rd party servers as well as our own boxes and card products. The news should be of great interest to server OEMs that are seeking to gain a stronger foothold in the networking arena."

"We were pleased to learn of Effnet's success with the TruSERVER platform," said Paul Freet, Vice President of Marketing and Business Development for TruSOLUTIONS. "Effnet's software represents a truly novel and exciting application in the Internet infrastructure arena. It gives our mutual customers – OEMs who are building web-based appliances – yet another reason to select TruSOLUTIONS"

Company Background

Effnet was established in the spring of 1997 based on the results of a research project at Luleå University of Technology in Sweden. These results are the foundation of the Effnet Algorithm. Effnet now has 40 employees and is expanding rapidly. Research and development is based in Luleå and Boston, USA, with sales and marketing offices in Stockholm, Sweden and Boston. Effnet is listed on the Stockholm Stock exchange on the New Market list.