

## NetEffect and Ciara Technologies Announce Collaborative Efforts

**Austin, Texas, and Montreal, Canada** – September 26, 2006– NetEffect, the leader in next generation Ethernet connectivity solutions, today announced it is collaborating with Ciara Technologies, a leading provider of high-density rack-mounted servers and clusters. This collaboration demonstrates the power of Ciara's Intel®-based VXRACK® product combined with the high-bandwidth, low-latency of NetEffect's 10Gb iWARP Ethernet channel adapter (ECA). Ciara's VXRACK family of high-density, rack-mounted servers features the latest Intel processors for faster, energy efficient processing. Through this joint effort, Ciara is able to demonstrate the way in which its customers can achieve 10Gb per second performance while leveraging the benefits of the ubiquitous Ethernet standard.

NetEffect has developed and is shipping the industry's highest performing Ethernet channel adapter. NetEffect is the first to ship adapters that fully implement the iWARP Ethernet standard, allowing data center managers to realize 10Gbps throughput using existing Ethernet hardware and software; supporting existing networking, storage, and clustering applications while radically improving processor utilization.

"We're excited that by working with NetEffect the performance of our Intel-based server families won't be lost at the point of connection with the customer's network fabric," said Patrick Scateni, vice president at Ciara Technologies and co-creator of VXRACK. "The fact that NetEffect's iWARP Ethernet channel adapters deliver such high throughput and low latency, while remaining in compliance with Ethernet, makes them enormously attractive to our customer base."

"The Ciara collaboration we're announcing today is further evidence of the growing industry support for iWARP Ethernet and NetEffect specifically," said Rick Maule, CEO of NetEffect. "NetEffect is pleased to have Ciara Technologies as one of our strategic partners. We are committed to forming relationships that promote this new performance and enhanced capabilities for industry-standard Ethernet, making it ideal for the next generation of networking solutions for data center managers."

### About NetEffect

NetEffect is a privately held network connectivity solutions company providing next generation, multi-gigabit Ethernet products. These products fully implement iWARP standards, the new series of industry approved Ethernet extensions. iWARP enables Ethernet scalability to deliver high throughput for networking, fast access for storage, and low latency for clustering. NetEffect solutions can concurrently support legacy Ethernet infrastructures and the new generation of storage and clustering applications, at 10Gbps speeds. Visit [www.neteffect.com](http://www.neteffect.com) for more information.

### About Ciara Technologies

VXTECH, a division of CIARA TECHNOLOGIE designs, develops, markets, services, and supports a variety of server systems including NEXXUS-4000® Personal Cluster, the acclaimed VXRACK® high density blade server, FUSION-1200® SMP Server powered by ScaleMP™ vSMP, VXR-3DT® Supercomputer Architecture, VXPRO® rack-mount or tower server, VXSTOR® networked storage and GRAPHIXX® high-end workstations. The company's state of the art products are based on the Intel IA32 and IA64 architectures.

Established in 1984, CIARA TECHNOLOGIE, a division of the Hypertec Group, has been operating for over 20 years in the information technology field as a systems technology manufacturer. CIARATECH is one of Canada's largest manufacturers of Intel-based computers. Visit [www.ciara-tech.com](http://www.ciara-tech.com) for more information.

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