

Xena Networks Joins Consortium Developing Core Technology for 100 Gigabit Ethernet Networks & Test Systems *Company Announces 100GbE Alpha Partners Programme*

Copenhagen, Denmark, October 07, 2009 – Xena Networks ApS, pioneering developer of low-cost, high performance Ethernet test solutions today announced that the company has joined with TPACK and the Technical University of Denmark’s Department of Photonics Engineering (Fotonik) on a 14.6 million (Danish Kroner) project sponsored by the Advanced Technology Foundation of Denmark (Hoejteknologifonden). The project consortium aims to develop packet processing, traffic management and low-cost test systems for 40 and 100 Gigabit Ethernet networks.

Xena has also announced that the company is currently accepting enquiries from equipment manufacturers and network service providers who are interested in becoming Xena 100GbE Alpha Partners. Alpha programme partners receive early product releases and provide input on technical requirements and features for Xena’s upcoming line of low-cost 40GbE/100GbE testers. Enquiries should be directed to – info@xenanetworks.com.

“With industry analysts projecting a \$4 billion market for 40GbE/100GbE equipment and services by 2016, we expect to see frequent announcements of 100GbE trials beginning in 2010”, said Jacob V. Nielsen, CEO of Xena Networks. “From a timing perspective, we think Xena is at the right place at the right time to be developing our low-cost, line-rate 40GbE/100GbE test platform”, continued Mr. Nielsen.

“We have seen data traffic on the Internet rise by over 50% per year in recent years”, said Colin Macnab, CEO of TPACK. “We therefore anticipate strong demand for silicon solutions that can handle significantly larger volumes of data traffic than that carried by today’s Internet”, continued Mr. Macnab.

“Denmark has surprisingly strong competence in the development of advanced data communications solutions”, said Michael Berger, Associate Professor, DTU Photonics. “The 100 GbE project ensures that we can continue to be counted among the world’s leading centers for technological and entrepreneurial innovation that is helping to define the future direction of the Internet”, continued Mr. Berger.

Xena, TPACK and DTU Photonics are working together to produce component technology, hardware designs and software systems to be used in a wide range of switching/routing platforms supporting 100Gb transmission rates. “The strong collaboration between university and industry allows us to apply latest research to industrial products in a short timeframe, and exploiting those synergies gives the consortium a strong standpoint in the 100 GbE field.” said Sarah Ruepp, Assistant

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Professor at DTU Photonics and leader of the 100 GbE project. The consortium expects to begin making product announcements in the mid-2010 timeframe.

Availability

The 40GbE/100GbE modules for the XenaCompact™ and XenaBay™ platforms are expected to become available in the mid-2010 timeframe.

About Xena Networks

Copenhagen-based Xena Networks is a privately held pioneering developer of Ethernet test solutions, founded in 2007. The company's products enable network and equipment test engineers to deploy Ethernet test infrastructure that is inexpensive, simple to manage and easy to scale. With operations and distributors in Europe, North America, China and Australia, Xena Networks is first to introduce Ethernet test infrastructure delivering the price/performance advantages of Ethernet technology. For more information, visit www.xenanetworks.com.

About DTU

DTU Photonics is the department of the Technical University of Denmark focused on innovative research within Photonics Engineering. In particular, the Communication Technology Cluster covers technical areas related to modern communications networks with a strong focus on optics, electronics and communication protocols (Networks Technologies and Service Platforms group) and on photonic technologies for the physical layer (the Metro-Access & Short Range Systems group and the High-speed Optical Communications group). For more information, visit www.fotonik.dtu.dk.

About TPACK

TPACK delivers cutting edge Silicon ICs providing core data transport and switching functions to leading Telecom and Networking equipment suppliers. TPACK's SOFTSILICON products support the fastest deployment of new Carrier Class Packet and Optical Network standards, providing the most flexible, cost and power effective implementations throughout the life of the equipment. TPACK's customer base includes Tier 1 equipment providers who account for more than 50% of the optical transport equipment market. TPACK is a privately held company headquartered in Copenhagen, Denmark, with offices in Palo Alto, California. For more information, visit www.tpack.com.

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