



EUROstor offers complete Storage Area Networks with 10 Gigabit Ethernet Switches from BLADE Network Technologies

Munich, 12 July 2010 – [BLADE Network Technologies](#), Inc. (BLADE), a trusted leader in data centre networking, announced today that EUROstor, a European manufacturer of RAID systems and general storage solutions, will now offer Storage Area Network (SAN) solutions complete with [BLADE's RackSwitch G8124](#) 10 Gigabit Ethernet (GbE) top-of-rack solution.

This follows increased demand from EUROstor customers for [iSCSI storage solutions](#) which include 10GbE switching capabilities for ease of integration and high speed connectivity in data centre environments. Such demand is in line with the growing acceptance of the iSCSI standard over Fibre Channel-based systems as well as the attractive pricing of 10GbE Ethernet products.

EUROstor identified BLADE Network Technologies as the right partner due to its proven expertise and success in the 10GbE Ethernet market and the performance of its products during compatibility testing.

“With high performance Ethernet switches from BLADE Network Technologies we are able to offer complete iSCSI SANS, for both RAID and storage cluster solutions, all-inclusive of the required dedicated infrastructure and high speed server connectivity. The excellent technical support from BLADE played an important role in us choosing BLADE as a partner,” explains Franz Bochtler, President of EUROstor.

“EUROstor is one of the few vendors which are already able to combine SAN and LAN Ethernet. The collaboration with EUROstor is very important for us because it is in line with our objective of supporting the growing user requirements for converged virtualisation and Data Centre Bridging (DCB),” says Charles Ferland, Vice President of EMEA from BLADE Network Technologies.

BLADE's RackSwitch G8124 now includes new lossless CEE enhancements with switch-resident BLADEOS 6.3 for high-performance IP storage and Fibre Channel over Ethernet (FCoE) at no extra charge. BLADE's RackSwitch supports the IEEE's Data Centre Bridging (DCB) standards for high-performance Ethernet with no packet loss, making it a compelling top-of-rack switch solution for emerging FCoE environments as well as for IP storage environments that employ iSCSI or NAS. BLADE's approach enables customers to scale out their IP storage networks without unnecessary expense and prepare for FCoE without incurring a rip-and-replace penalty.

About EUROstor

European IT Storage Ltd. (EUROstor) is manufacturer of storage systems, located in Dublin, Ireland and with German Office in Filderstadt near Stuttgart. Main products are EUROstor RAID systems sold to professional end users all over Europe.

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About BLADE Network Technologies

BLADE Network Technologies (BLADE) is a leading provider of high-performance, low-latency, lossless, low-power and low-cost Ethernet switches, as well as Virtual Machine-aware network virtualization and management solutions for enterprise data centers. BLADE's [blade switches](#), [top-of-rack RackSwitch](#)™ family and [VMready](#)™ and [BLADEHarmony Manager](#)™ software are key elements of BLADE's [Unified FabricArchitecture](#)™ (UFA). BLADE's interoperable, standards-based UFA empowers companies to simplify and virtualize data center networks; meet rising demand while reducing TCO; converge servers, storage and networks on Ethernet; and build massively-scalable cloud networks. Over 8 million BLADE switch ports are deployed across a variety of industries at major corporations and government agencies worldwide.

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