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NETGEAR® REPORTS FOURTH QUARTER AND FULL YEAR 2009 RESULTS

- Fourth quarter 2009 net revenue of \$218.8 million, as compared to \$161.4 million in the comparable prior year quarter, 36% year-over-year growth
- Fourth quarter 2009 non-GAAP net income of \$11.8 million, as compared to net loss of \$2.5 million in the comparable prior year quarter
- Fourth quarter 2009 non-GAAP diluted earnings per share of \$0.34, as compared to diluted loss per share of \$0.07 in the comparable prior year quarter
- 2009 net revenue was \$686.6 million, as compared to \$743.3 million in 2008, 8% yearover-year decline
- 2009 non-GAAP net income of \$23.7 million, as compared to \$33.0 million in 2008
- 2009 non-GAAP diluted earnings per share of \$0.68, as compared to \$0.93 in 2008
- Company expects first quarter 2010 net revenue to be in the range of \$195 million to \$205 million, with non-GAAP operating margin in the range of 10% to 11%

SAN JOSE, California – February 9, 2010 – NETGEAR, Inc. (NASDAQGM: NTGR), a worldwide provider of technologically innovative, branded networking products, today reported financial results for the fourth quarter and fiscal year ended December 31, 2009.

Net revenue for the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2009 was \$218.8 million, as compared to \$161.4 million for the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2008, and as compared to \$171.1 million in the third quarter ended September 27, 2009. Net income, computed in accordance with GAAP, for the fourth quarter of 2009 was \$7.9 million, or \$0.22 per diluted share. This compared to GAAP net loss of \$7.3 million, or \$0.21 per diluted share, for the fourth quarter of 2008, and to GAAP net income of \$8.5 million, or \$0.24 per diluted share, in the third quarter of 2009.

Gross margin on a non-GAAP basis in the fourth quarter of 2009 was 31.1%, as compared to 31.2% in the year ago comparable quarter, and 33.5% in the third quarter of 2009. Non-GAAP operating margin was 11.2% in the fourth quarter of 2009, as compared to 5.6% in the fourth quarter of 2008, and 10.6% in the third quarter of 2009. Non-GAAP net income was \$0.34 per diluted share in the fourth quarter of 2009, as compared to non-GAAP net loss of \$0.07 per diluted share in the fourth quarter of 2008, and non-GAAP net income of \$0.31 per diluted share in the third quarter of 2009.

The differences between GAAP and non-GAAP financial measures include adjustments, net of any tax effect, for inprocess research and development and technology license arrangements, amortization of purchased intangibles, stockbased compensation, restructuring, acquisition related compensation, and litigation reserves. The accompanying schedules provide a reconciliation of financial measures computed on a GAAP basis to financial measures computed on a non-GAAP basis.

Net revenue for the full year 2009 was \$686.6 million, an 8% decrease as compared to \$743.3 million for 2008. Net income, computed in accordance with GAAP, for 2009 was \$9.3 million or \$0.27 per diluted share. This net income was a 49% decrease compared to net income of \$18.1 million for 2008. Earnings per share, computed in accordance with GAAP, was \$0.51 per diluted share for the full year 2008.

Non-GAAP net income for the full year 2009 was \$23.7 million, a 28% decrease compared to non-GAAP net income of \$33.0 million for 2008. Non-GAAP net income was \$0.68 per diluted share for 2009, as compared to \$0.93 per diluted share for 2008, a 27% decrease.

Patrick Lo, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of NETGEAR, commented, "We exceeded expectations and recorded net revenue of \$218.8 million in the fourth quarter 2009, a new record for net revenue during any quarter since NETGEAR's inception. Revenue upside was driven by better than planned market share gain in the U.S.,

European market year-over-year growth and higher than expected revenue contribution from new products. During the fourth quarter, we also were selected to fulfill a one-time \$18 million order by a service provider customer. Our net revenue from service providers was approximately 28% of total net revenue in the fourth quarter 2009, as compared to 25% in the third quarter of 2009, and 18% in the fourth quarter of 2008. We are extremely pleased with our fourth quarter 2009 business performance.

On the innovation side, we introduced 23 new products during the fourth quarter 2009. Notable new products include a set of next generation HD AV grade Powerline network adapters, the 24 TB Rackmount ReadyNAS® networked storage for growing businesses, and yet another new line of DOCSIS 3.0 cable data WiFi gateways. Additionally, we jointly introduced the NETGEAR exclusive Push2TVTM adapter with Intel®, enabling PC viewing of any Internet multimedia content onto an HDTV wirelessly. In January, at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, NETGEAR was the recipient of two Innovation Honoree awards for our home media server, the NETGEAR StoraTM, and our 3G/4G modem router."

Christine Gorjanc, Chief Financial Officer of NETGEAR, said, "We ended the fourth quarter of 2009 with \$247.1 million in cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments, compared to \$203.0 million at the end of the fourth quarter of 2008, and \$234.5 million at the end of the third quarter of 2009. Our net inventory ended at \$90.6 million, compared to \$112.2 million at the end of the fourth quarter of 2008, and \$73.9 million at the end of the third quarter of 2009."

Net revenue by geography comprises gross revenue less such items as marketing incentives paid to customers, sales returns and price protection. The following table shows net revenue by geography for the periods indicated:

Net revenue by geography:

North America Europe, Middle-East and Africa Asia Pacific

		Three months	Year ended						
December	31, 2009	December 31	, 2008	September 27	7, 2009	December 31	2009	December 31,	2008
\$104,327	48%	\$68,845	43%	\$75,408	44%	\$314,392	46%	\$297,641	40%
\$91,177	42%	\$76,685	47%	72,590	42%	\$292,182	42%	354,058	48%
\$23,328	10%	\$15,829	10%	23,073	14%	\$80,021	12%	91,645	12%
\$218,832	100%	\$161,359	100%	\$171,071	100%	\$686,595	100%	\$743,344	100%

Looking forward, Mr. Lo added, "We continue to benefit from our unwavering commitment to research and development during the recession, resulting in unprecedented new product introductions in the last 2 quarters with more to come. We entered 2010 with a strong new product lineup and we remain focused on continuously driving growth through new products, leading to gains in our market share globally. In the first quarter of 2010, we intend to roll out another 18-20 new products. Specifically, for the first quarter 2010, we expect net revenue in the range of approximately \$195 million to \$205 million, with non-GAAP operating margin to be in the range of 10% to 11%."

Investor Conference Call / Webcast Details

NETGEAR will review the fourth quarter and full year 2009 results and discuss management's expectations for the first quarter of 2010 today, Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at 5 p.m. EST (2 p.m. PST). The dial-in number for the live audio call is (201) 689-8560. A live webcast of the conference call will be available on NETGEAR's website at www.netgear.com. A replay of the call will be available 2 hours following the call through midnight EST (9 p.m. PST) on Tuesday, February 16, 2010 by telephone at (201) 612-7415 and via the web at www.netgear.com. The account number to access the phone replay is 3055 and the conference ID number is 342694.

About NETGEAR, Inc.

NETGEAR (NASDAQGM: NTGR) designs innovative, branded technology solutions that address the specific networking, storage, and security needs of small- to medium-sized businesses and home users. The company offers an end-to-end networking product portfolio to enable users to share Internet access, peripherals, files, multimedia content, and applications among multiple computers and other Internet-enabled devices. Products are built on a variety of proven technologies such as wireless, Ethernet and powerline, with a focus on reliability and ease-of-use. NETGEAR products are sold in over 28,000 retail locations around the globe, and via more than 39,000 value-added resellers. The company's headquarters are in San Jose, Calif., with additional offices in 25 countries. NETGEAR is an ENERGY STAR® partner. More information is available by visiting www.netgear.com or calling (408) 907-8000. Follow NETGEAR at http://twitter.com/NETGEAR and http://www.facebook.com/netgear.

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Use of Non-GAAP Financial Information:

To supplement our consolidated financial statements presented on a GAAP basis, NETGEAR uses non-GAAP financial measures, which are adjusted to exclude certain expenses and tax benefits, where applicable. We believe non-GAAP financial measures are appropriate to enhance an overall understanding of our past financial performance and also our prospects for the future. These adjustments to our current period GAAP results are made with the intent of providing both management and investors a more complete understanding of NETGEAR's underlying operational results and trends and our marketplace performance. For example, the non-GAAP results are an indication of our baseline performance before charges that are considered by management to be outside of our core operating results. In addition, these adjusted non-GAAP results are among the primary indicators management uses as a basis for our planning and forecasting of future periods. The presentation of this additional information is not meant to be considered in isolation or as a substitute for financial measures prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States.

- Financial Tables Attached -

NETGEAR, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In thousands) (Unaudited)

	December 31, 2009			December 31, 2008		
ASSETS						
Current assets:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	172,202	\$	192,839		
Short-term investments		74,898		10,170		
Accounts receivable, net		162,853		138,275		
Inventories		90,590		112,240		
Deferred income taxes		13,347		13,129		
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		20,835		22,695		
Total current as sets		534,725		489,348		
Property and equipment, net		16,891		20,292		
Intangibles, net		8,298		13,311		
Goodwill		64,908		61,400		
Other non-current assets		8,299		1,858		
Total assets	\$	633,121	\$	586,209		
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY						
Current liabilities:						
Accounts payable	\$	69,081	\$	60,073		
Accrued employee compensation		11,040		7,177		
Other accrued liabilities		87,894		87,747		
Deferred revenue		22,106		21,508		
Income taxes payable		5,488				
Total current liabilities		195,609		176,505		
Non-current income taxes payable		17,479		12,357		
Other non-current liabilities		5,880		6,389		
Total liabilities		218,968		195,251		
Stockholders' equity:						
Common stock		35		34		
Additional paid-in capital		280,256		266,070		
Cumulative other comprehensive income		24		67		
Retained earnings		133,838		124,787		
Total stockholders' equity		414,153		390,958		
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	633,121	\$	586,209		

NETGEAR, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(In thousands, except per share data)
(Unaudited)

	Three months ended						Year ended					
	Dec	ember 31, 2009	September 27, 2009		December 31, 2008		December 31, 2009			ember 31, 2008		
Net revenue	\$	218,832	\$	171,071	\$	161,359	\$	686,595	\$	743,344		
Cost of revenue		152,368		115,326		112,900		480,195		502,320		
Gross profit		66,464		55,745		48,459		206,400		241,024		
Operating expenses:												
Research and development		7,854		7,353		8,184		30,056		33,773		
Sales and marketing		30,086		25,710		27,247		106,162		121,687		
General and administrative		8,133		8,502		8,495		32,727		31,733		
Restructuring		11		104		965		809		1,929		
In-process research and development and technology license arrangements		2,500	-		1,800		2,500		1,800			
Litigation reserves, net		20		(480)		575		2,080		711		
Total operating expenses		48,604		41,189		47,266		174,334		191,633		
Income from operations		17,860		14,556		1,193		32,066		49,391		
Interest income		81		66		808		629		4,336		
Other expense, net		(466)		(266)		(6,560)		(128)		(8,384)		
Income (loss) before income taxes	·	17,475		14,356		(4,559)		32,567	· ·	45,343		
Provision for income taxes		9,622		5,826		2,784		23,234		27,293		
Net income (loss)	\$	7,853	\$	8,530	\$	(7,343)	\$	9,333	\$	18,050		
Net income (loss) per share:												
Basic	\$	0.23	\$	0.25	\$	(0.21)	\$	0.27	\$	0.51		
Diluted	\$	0.22	\$	0.24	\$	(0.21)	\$	0.27	\$	0.51		
Weighted average shares outstanding used to compute net income (loss) per share:												
Basic		34,657		34,523		34,780		34,485		35,212		
Diluted		35,271		34,948		34,780		34,848		35,619		
Stock-based compensation expense was allocated as follows:												
Cost of revenue	\$	240	\$	239	\$	207	\$	959	\$	864		
Research and development		468		473		719	\$	1,973		3,218		
Sales and marketing		1,050		1,015		842	\$	4,147		3,406		
General and administrative		973		954		885	\$	3,945		3,835		

NETGEAR, INC. NON-GAAP CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

Excluding in-process research and development and technology license arrangements, amortization of purchased intangibles, impairment of long-lived assets, stock-based compensation, restructuring, acquisition related compensation, and litigation reserves, net of tax.

(In thousands, except per share data) (Unaudited)

	Three months ended							Year ended				
	December 31, 2009		September 27, 2009		December 31, 2008		December 31, 2009		Dec	ember 31, 2008		
Net revenue	\$	218,832	\$	171,071	\$	161,359	\$	686,595	\$	743,344		
Cost of revenue		150,875		113,834		110,978		474,223		496,199		
Gross profit		67,957		57,237		50,381		212,372		247,145		
Operating expenses:												
Research and development		7,273		6,880		7,365		27,970		29,768		
Sales and marketing		29,036		24,695		26,405		102,015		118,281		
General and administrative		7,160		7,548		7,610		28,782		27,898		
Total operating expenses		43,469		39,123		41,380		158,767		175,947		
Income from operations		24,488		18,114		9,001		53,605		71,198		
Interest income		81		66		808		629		4,336		
Other expense, net		(466)		(266)		(6,560)		(128)		(8,384)		
Income before income taxes		24,103		17,914		3,249		54,106		67,150		
Provision for income taxes		12,281		6,946		5,756		30,423		34,138		
Net income (loss)	\$	11,822	\$	10,968	\$	(2,507)	\$	23,683	\$	33,012		
Net income (loss) per share:												
Basic	\$	0.34	\$	0.32	\$	(0.07)	\$	0.69	\$	0.94		
Diluted	\$	0.34	\$	0.31	\$	(0.07)	\$	0.68	\$	0.93		
Weighted average shares outstanding used to compute net income (loss) per share:												
Basic		34,657		34,523		34,780		34,485		35,212		
Diluted		35,271		34,948		34,780		34,848		35,619		

NETGEAR, INC. RECONCILIATIONS OF GAAP MEASURES TO NON-GAAP MEASURES

(In thousands, except per share data)
(Unaudited)

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS DATA:

	Three months ended							Year ended					
	December 31,		September 27,		December 31,		December 31,		December 31,				
	2009		2009			2008	2009		2008				
GAAP gross profit	\$	66,464	\$	55,745	\$	48,459	\$	206,400	\$	241,024			
Amortization of intangible assets		1,253		1,253		1,108		5,013		4,650			
Stock-based compensation expense		240		239		207		959		864			
Impairment of long-lived assets						607				607			
Non-GAAP gross profit	\$	67,957	\$	57,237	\$	50,381	\$	212,372	\$	247,145			
Non-GAAP gross margin		31.1%		33.5%		31.2%		30.9%		33.2%			
GAAP research and development	\$	7,854	\$	7,353	\$	8,184	\$	30,056	\$	33,773			
Stock-based compensation expense		(468)		(473)		(719)		(1,973)		(3,218)			
Acquisition related compensation		(113)		_		(100)		(113)		(787)			
Non-GAAP research and development	\$	7,273	\$	6,880	\$	7,365	\$	27,970	\$	29,768			
GAAP sales and marketing	\$	30,086	\$	25,710	\$	27,247	\$	106,162	\$	121,687			
Stock-based compensation expense		(1,050)		(1,015)		(842)		(4,147)		(3,406)			
Non-GAAP sales and marketing	\$	29,036	\$	24,695	\$	26,405	\$	102,015	\$	118,281			
GAAP general and administrative	\$	8,133	\$	8,502	\$	8,495	\$	32,727	\$	31,733			
Stock-based compensation expense		(973)		(954)		(885)		(3,945)		(3,835)			
Non-GAAP general and administrative	\$	7,160	\$	7,548	\$	7,610	\$	28,782	\$	27,898			
GAAP total operating expenses	\$	48,604	\$	41,189	\$	47,266	\$	174,334	\$	191,633			
Stock-based compensation expense		(2,491)		(2,442)		(2,446)		(10,065)		(10,459)			
Restructuring		(11)		(104)		(965)		(809)		(1,929)			
In-process research and development and technology license arrangements		(2,500)		_		(1,800)		(2,500)		(1,800)			
Acquisition related compensation		(113)		-		(100)		(113)		(787)			
Litigation reserves		(20)		480		(575)		(2,080)		(711)			
Non-GAAP total operating expenses	\$	43,469	\$	39,123	\$	41,380	\$	158,767	\$	175,947			

NETGEAR, INC. RECONCILIATIONS OF GAAP MEASURES TO NON-GAAP MEASURES (CONTINUED)

(In thousands, except per share data)
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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS DATA (CONTINUED):

			Three	months ended		Year ended				
	December 31, 2009		September 27, 2009		Dec	2008	December 31, 2009			ember 31, 2008
GAAP operating income	\$	17,860	\$	14,556	\$	1,193	\$	32,066	\$	49,391
Amortization of intangible assets	Ψ	1,253	Ψ	1,253	Ψ	1,108	Ψ	5,013	Ψ	4,650
Stock-based compensation expense		2,731		2,681		2,653		11,024		11,323
Impairment of long-lived assets		2,731		2,001		607		11,024		607
		- 11		104		965		809		1,929
Restructuring In-process research and development and technology		11		104		903		809		1,929
license arrangements		2,500		_		1,800		2,500		1,800
Acquisition related compensation		113		_		100		113		787
Litigation reserves		20		(480)		575		2,080		711
Non-GAAP operating income	\$	24,488	\$	18,114	\$	9,001	\$	53,605	\$	71,198
	Ψ	11.2%	Ψ	10.6%	<u> </u>	5.6%	Ψ	7.8%	Ψ	9.6%
Non-GAAP operating margin		11.2%		10.0%		5.0%		7.8%		9.0%
GAAP net income (loss)	\$	7,853	\$	8,530	\$	(7,343)	\$	9,333	\$	18,050
Amortization of intangible assets		1,253		1,253		1,108		5,013		4,650
Stock-based compensation expense		2,731		2,681		2,653		11,024		11,323
Impairment of long-lived assets		-		_		607		-		607
Restructuring		11		104		965		809		1,929
In-process research and development and technology										
license arrangements		2,500		-		1,800		2,500		1,800
Acquisition related compensation		113		-		100		113		787
Litigation reserves		20		(480)		575		2,080		711
Tax effect		(2,659)		(1,120)		(2,972)		(7,189)		(6,845)
Non-GAAP net income (loss)	\$	11,822	\$	10,968	\$	(2,507)	\$	23,683	\$	33,012

NET INCOME (LOSS) PER DILUTED SHARE:

			Three	months ended	Year ended					
	December 31,		September 27,		Dece	ember 31,	December 31, 2009		Dece	mber 31,
	2009		2009			2008			:	2008
GAAP net income (loss) per diluted share	\$	0.22	\$	0.24	\$	(0.21)	\$	0.27	\$	0.51
Amortization of intangible assets	•	0.04	-	0.04	-	0.03	•	0.14	•	0.13
Stock-based compensation expense		0.08		0.08		0.08		0.32		0.32
Impairment of long-lived assets		-		-		0.02		-		0.02
Restructuring		0.00		0.00		0.03		0.02		0.05
In-process research and development and technology										
license arrangements		0.07		-		0.05		0.07		0.05
Acquisition related compensation		0.00		-		0.00		0.00		0.02
Litigation reserves		0.00		(0.01)		0.02		0.06		0.02
Tax effect		(0.07)		(0.04)		(0.09)		(0.20)		(0.19)
Non-GAAP net income (loss) per diluted share		0.34	\$	0.31	\$	(0.07)	\$	0.68	\$	0.93

NETGEAR, INC. SUPPLEMENTAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

(In thousands, except per share data)
(Unaudited)

Three months ended December 31, December 31, September 27, June 28, March 29, 2009 2009 2009 2009 2008 Cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments \$ 247,100 \$ 234,540 \$ 203,009 224,496 \$ 200,298 \$ \$ \$ Cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments per diluted share 7.01 \$ 6.71 6.53 \$ 5.79 \$ 5.84 Accounts receivable, net \$ 162,853 \$ 123,529 \$ 110,231 127,984 \$ 138,275 Days sales outstanding (DSO) 71 74 66 69 81 \$ 90,590 \$ 73,858 \$ 75,039 \$ 92,023 \$ 112,240 Inventories Ending inventory turns 6.7 6.2 5.5 4.7 4.0 Weeks of channel inventory: U.S. retail channel 6.9 10.0 12.6 10.0 9.6 U.S. distribution channel 4.4 5.2 3.8 5.4 5.2 EMEA distribution channel 5.7 3.4 4.3 5.0 5.6 APAC distribution channel 3.8 5.0 4.8 5.7 6.7 Deferred revenue \$ 22,106 11,355 15,267 19,375 \$ 21,508 Headcount 586 574 567 568 579 Non-GAAP Diluted shares 35,271 34,948 34,602 34,780 34,399