

3M Telecom Enterprises Department Joins Extreme Networks Inc.'s ``Go Purple' Extreme Solution Partners Program

The 3M Telecom Enterprise Department has joined Extreme Networks Inc.'s (Nasdaq:EXTR) "Go Purple" Extreme Solution Partners Program. 3M will provide fiber and copper connectors, cables and unmanaged switches for local area and campus networks that complement Extreme Networks' family of high-performance Ethernet switching solutions.

The "Go Purple" Extreme Solution Partners Program allows member companies to offer solutions with an emphasis on open architecture networking solutions. As a result of the agreement, both companies can market the complete LAN/campus network solution providing solutions that are tested and proven to customers.

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"This alliance helps us to better meet customer needs more than ever before by providing our solution with award-winning switches from Extreme Networks," said Michael Lynch, market planning manager, 3M Telecom Enterprises. "Extreme will provide the core switch capabilities that will drive the installation of our innovative infrastructure products, and our structured cabling will promote reliable connections to Extreme's switching devices."

3M Telecom Enterprise provides complete fiber- and copper-structured cabling solutions based on the Volition VF-45 fiber connector and the K5 and K6 RJ-45 tool-less copper connectors for Volition Cat 5e and Cat 6 applications. 3M also provides patch cords, face plates, cable, NICs, media converters and mini-switches.

"We are pleased to have 3M aboard the 'Go Purple' Extreme Solutions Partner Program," said Duncan Potter, vice president of marketing, Extreme Networks. "Their participation helps support the open architecture - and especially fits with our philosophy of building simplified networks based on scalable Ethernet technology. The 3M focus on infrastructure products and fiber optics provides a unique total LAN solution when combined with our Alpine, Summit and BlackDiamond switching solutions."

About Extreme Networks Inc.

Extreme Networks delivers the most effective applications and services infrastructure by creating networks that are faster, simpler and more cost-effective. Headquartered in Santa Clara, Calif., Extreme Networks markets its network switching solutions in more than 50 countries. For more information, visit www.extremenetworks.com.

About 3M Telecommunications

3M Telecommunications products, technologies and services allow the world's service providers to offer high bandwidth connectivity from the central office to the customer premise with complete network solutions. The company's focus consists of technologies and services in telecom access, enterprise networks and optical transport systems and components for telecommunications OEMs. With a 40-year history in the telecommunications industry, 3M customers include every major telecommunications service provider in the world.

About 3M

3M is a \$16 billion diversified technology company with leading positions in consumer and office; display and graphics; electronics and telecommunications; health care; industrial; safety, security and protection services; transportation and other businesses. Headquartered in St. Paul, Minnesota, the company has operations in more than 60 countries and serves customers in nearly 200 countries. 3M is one of the 30 stocks that make up the Dow Jones Industrial Average and also is a component of the Standard & Poor's 500 Index. For more information about 3M, go to www.3M.com/profile/pressbox/index.jhtml.

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