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Astute Networks Joins with Sun Microsystems, Inc. to Provide the First Integrated ATCA Server/Storage Solution using MySQL

Unprecedented density and efficiency helps accelerate and consolidate storage deployments for Communication and Media applications

San Diego, CA — June 12, 2008 — [Astute Networks, Inc.](#), the leading provider of bladed storage solutions optimized for the most demanding applications on the edge of the network, today announced the availability of the first high-performance bladed storage solution for the ATCA market, the award-winning Astute Networks Caspian R1100 Edge Storage Blade. In support of this announcement, Sun Microsystems and Astute Networks are demonstrating a high-performance, highly scalable ATCA platform at the NXTcomm 2008 show in Las Vegas. The demonstration is based on Sun's MySQL™ Cluster database, the world's most popular open source database, and is implemented utilizing Sun's market-leading Netra™ CT900 ATCA bladed server chassis, the Astute Networks' Caspian R1100 Edge Storage Blade, and the Sun Netra CP3260 UltraSPARC® T2 blade server. This solution provides the communication and media industries with a highly scalable, highly available COTS platform that increases processing capacity, helps reduce costs through consolidation, and provides a platform for future expansion.

"As we pursued a best-in-class storage blade offering for our communication and media customers, we realized the advantages of coming to market with an ATCA storage blade with the features robust enough to handle the demands of the next generation IP based network," said Darrell Jordan-Smith, Vice President, Global Communications and Media Industry Practice, Sun Microsystems. "After we learned of the Caspian R1100 Edge Storage Blade from Astute Networks, we quickly recognized the combination of the Sun Netra CT900, the Caspian R1100 and MySQL Cluster is the ideal solution to help OEMs and NEPs migrate from their proprietary implementations to a flexible, highly available, open systems platform."

To see our high-performance, highly scalable ATCA platform in action, stop by the Astute Networks booth to see a Voice Over IP (VoIP) demonstration application at NXTcomm08 in Las Vegas starting on June 16, 2008 through June 19, 2008. The demonstration showcases Sun's MySQL Cluster database, and is implemented utilizing the Astute Networks Caspian R1100 Edge Storage Blade, Sun's market-leading Netra CT900 ATCA bladed server chassis, and the Netra CP3260 blade server. Visit us at booth SL4121.

"We are excited to partner with Sun Microsystems, the industry's leading ATCA server supplier to Telecom customers worldwide, to bring the Caspian R1100's density, high performance and power efficiencies to this solution." stated Mike Heumann, VP of Sales and Marketing, Astute Networks. "Our Edge Storage Architecture (ESA) helps accelerate application performance by maximizing storage density per telecom rack. This allows more real estate for servers, resulting in increased transactions processing and increased revenues per rack, while reducing deployment complexity - a real competitive edge for OEMs and NEPs."

About Astute Networks, Inc.

Astute Networks is the leading provider of bladed storage solutions for edge applications such as Telecom Network Control, IPTV/VoD, Military C4I, efficiencies--while being easy to deploy and maintain. Our solutions enable you to achieve lower lifecycle costs, faster time to market, and higher competitiveness for you and your company. Astute Networks is located in San Diego, California and is backed by venture capital firms including Tallwood Venture Capital, Sevin Rosen Funds, Scale Venture Partners, KeyNote Ventures, and U.S. Venture Partners. Additional information is available at www.astutenetworks.com or contact us at edgestorage@astutenetworks.com. **Astute Networks – Edge Storage Made Simple™**

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