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SMC Networks Selects Vativ's 10Gigabit Copper Ethernet Transceiver for Economical Enterprise Switching

Vativ's V10LAN™ Provides Low-Cost, CAT-5e-Based 10Gigabit Ethernet Options for SMC Switches

SAN DIEGO and IRVINE, CA, May 3, 2005 – Vativ Technologies and SMC® Networks announced today that Vativ's 10Gigabit Ethernet over CAT-5e cable technology has been selected by SMC for use with their high-performance switch products. Using Vativ's industry-leading V10LAN transceiver device, SMC will be able to offer flexible, low-cost, interconnect solutions operating at 10Gbps over ubiquitous CAT-5e cabling.

SMC will offer the V10LAN transceiver device in a XENPAK module for use with 24- and 48-port SMC TigerStack™ 1000 switches (SMC8724M and SMC8748M) beginning in June. As a result, SMC will enable switch-to-switch and switch-to-router 10Gbps connections across CAT-5e cabling—an economical alternative to more expensive optical solutions.

“We are very pleased that SMC has chosen Vativ's V10LAN solution for their high performance switch family,” said Sreen Raghavan, President and CEO of Vativ Technologies. “The availability of this technology in a XENPAK form factor is a boon to data center managers who can now effortlessly deploy 10 Gigabit Ethernet links using readily available and inexpensive CAT-5e cables.”

“SMC is committed to leading the way to 10Gig,” said SMC product manager, Iain Kenny. “We're excited to be one of the first companies in the world to offer a 10GbE over Cat 5e solution with our stackable Gigabit Ethernet switches. Vativ's technology, because it's effective, easy to install and use and affordable, will get more SMC networks to 10Gigabit, faster.”

Vativ's V10LAN transponder conforms to the XENPAK R3.0 multi-source agreement. It plugs into an industry standard XENPAK slot. And, the module includes an RJ45 socket for simple connections to the LAN cable. Additionally it includes comprehensive link diagnostic capabilities.

About Vativ Technologies

Vativ Technologies, Inc. is a fabless semiconductor company focused on providing innovative high-bandwidth, advanced digital signal processing solutions for digital television and 10Gigabit Ethernet LAN markets. Vativ's novel DSP technology has resulted in multiple patents filed in the U.S. and internationally. The company's advanced architecture enables higher data rate and lower system cost, while providing greater robustness and higher performance margins required for using low-cost media interconnects. Vativ is headquartered in San Diego. For more information about Vativ Technologies or its products, visit www.vativ.com.

About SMC Networks

A leading provider of networking solutions for the SMB/e, the ISP and all the way home, SMC puts its more than 30 years' experience to work for every product and solution the company produces. Leveraging strong industry relationships in combination with experienced and talented in-house design and engineering, SMC continues to bring to market a host of affordable, high-performance products. Headquartered in Irvine, California, U.S.A, SMC Networks supports its worldwide market through regional offices located throughout the United States and 20 other countries. For more information about SMC Networks or its products, visit www.smc.com, or call 800-SMC-4You (800-762-4968).

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