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NETGEAR Introduces Three New ProSafe Managed Layer 2 Fast Ethernet Switches to Help SMBs Grow their Businesses

NETGEAR's New ProSafe Layer 2 Fast Ethernet (10/100 Mbps) Fully Managed Switches Provide High-Performance and Enterprise-Class Features with Low-Cost and Ease-of-Use

Bracknell, UK – March 2, 2009 – NETGEAR®, Inc. (NASDAQGM: NTGR), a worldwide provider of technologically innovative, branded networking solutions, today announced the expansion of its ProSafe® FSM line of managed, Fast Ethernet switches that provide Small- to Medium-sized Businesses (SMBs) with an enhanced ability to grow their networks as their businesses expand. Aimed directly at SMBs and delivered via NETGEAR's reseller partners, the new ProSafe FSM Series of Layer 2 Fast Ethernet Switches are the first SMB switches to combine high-performance, easy-to-use manageability and a small 1U form factor with the ability to “stack” switches together for increased capacity, thus enabling SMBs to increase the size of their network on a “pay as you grow” basis. NETGEAR will display its full line of switching products at the CeBIT trade show in Hannover, Germany, March 3-8, 2009, in Hall 13, Stand C58 of the Hannover Exhibition Hall. Related CeBIT announcements can be found at (<http://www.netgear.com/About/PressReleases.aspx>).

The three new additions to the NETGEAR ProSafe FSM Series, the FSM726E, FSM7226RS and FSM7250RS, each deliver a different level of port density and mix of features to accommodate businesses with more than 200 concurrent users. In the case of the FSM7226RS and FSM7250RS, their stacking capabilities turn each into an expandable platform, as they incorporate true high-speed stacking and not “virtual stacking” or “switch clustering” as with other vendor platforms. All three switches deliver the same high-performance in secure, cost-effective, easy-to-use format to provide increasing amounts of bandwidth to support various-sized SMBs, and with the lifetime warranty offered with all ProSafe products.

“With much smaller IT budgets than enterprises, SMBs have to make every IT dollar count in planning their network, particularly in this economic environment. That can make it very difficult to lay the foundation for future growth,” said Sanjay Kumar, NETGEAR's director of SMB Switching Products. “With this augmentation of the FSM series, NETGEAR has eliminated that concern for SMB switching infrastructure. We've incorporated enterprise-class features and ‘true’ hardware-based stacking technology that gives SMBs a great network now and enables them to grow their capacity when they need to.”

NETGEAR's ProSafe FSM7226RS and FSM7250RS are low-cost, stackable, 10/100 Mbps switches that deliver maximum throughput and flexibility where you need it – to high-density workgroups at the edge of the network, or in the backbone of small networks. The ProSafe FSM7226RS and FSM7250RS are fully managed 24-port and 48-port switches with auto-sensing 10/100 ports and two Gigabit Ethernet (10/100/1000 Mbps or 1GE SFP) ports. In addition, two high-speed (5 Gbps full duplex each) dedicated stacking ports in the back provide critical bandwidth for switch-to-switch communication. Finally, the static routing feature in FSM7226RS and FSM7250RS ensures reliable routing between VLANs and network segmentation where and when you need it, at no additional cost.

The ProSafe FSM726E is a 24-port managed switch that delivers all the advanced features of the RS models without the ability to stack and static routing. All of these switches enable fiber connectivity through two hot-swappable, small form-factor, pluggable (SFP) Gigabit interfaces. The non-blocking design of the switches delivers simultaneous, full wire-speed, low-latency throughput to all ports. In addition, their 1U rackmount form factor uses less rack space and provides a lower per-port cost than comparable Fast Ethernet switches.

Robust security features in all these new switches include IEEE 802.1x port-based authentication to ensure that only authorised users can access the network, and Access Control List (ACL) to provide a

higher level of security for specific traffic and applications. Secure management of the switches is available through Secure Sockets Layer (SSLv3) for the Web GUI and Secure Shell (SSH) for command-line interface sessions. In addition, multiple new switches and other existing NETGEAR ProSafe managed switches can be managed together with a single IP address, securely via SNMPv3, with NETGEAR's ProSafe Network Management Software (NMS100). These switches also have an industry-standard Command Line Interface (CLI), which enables customers to cut down their operational expenses. Moreover, if an IT organisation is already trained for Cisco certification, personnel can configure these NETGEAR switches without going through a re-certification process. Additional enterprise-class features include superior Quality-of-Service (QoS) features that enable prioritisation of VoIP, video and other critical applications with 802.1p at Layer 2, with Layer 3 and Layer 4-based prioritisation and eight priority queues. Finally, the IGMP querier feature enables businesses to deploy video surveillance, IPTV and other multicast-based applications without complexity. Overall, for workgroup deployments in cost-sensitive organisations that require Layer 2 switching and additional Gigabit capability, NETGEAR's ProSafe 10/100 Layer 2 Switches deliver the ideal access-edge solution. The NETGEAR FSM Series of Managed, Fast Ethernet Switches is available now worldwide from leading direct marketers, e-commerce sites, and NETGEAR value-added resellers, at an estimated U.S. street price starting at \$299.99 for the FSM726E, at \$399.99 for the FSM7226RS, and at \$679.99 for the FSM7250RS. All NETGEAR ProSafe products are backed by a full lifetime warranty and optional ProSupport Maintenance Packages. More information on the switches is at (http://www.netgear.com/Products/Switches/FullyManaged10_100Switches.aspx). Value-added resellers interested in carrying NETGEAR products can find more information at (<http://www.netgear.com/Partners/Powershift.aspx>).

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 (SMBs) 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 29,000 retail locations around the globe, and via more than 41,000 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.co.uk.

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