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News Release

NETGEAR® Skype™ WiFi Phone Receives “Breakthrough Award” From *POPULAR MECHANICS* Magazine

Networking Company’s New Mobile Device Singled Out for Unmatched Excellence in Design and Engineering

Bracknell, UK— October 5, 2006 – NETGEAR®, Inc. (Nasdaq: NTGR), a worldwide provider of technologically advanced, branded networking products, today announced that *POPULAR MECHANICS*, one of America’s most trusted men’s magazines, has recognised NETGEAR’s Skype™ WiFi Phone (SPH101) as a “Breakthrough Award” winner for 2006. The world’s first publicly announced and shipped WiFi phone certified by Skype was honoured for its innovation and excellence in both design and engineering - one of the freshest technologies for 2006. *POPULAR MECHANICS*’ editor-in-chief, James Meigs, announced the 2006 winners at the Hearst Tower in New York City, on October 4, 2006.

“NETGEAR’s technology provides consumers simple, innovative, reliable and stylish networking products to greatly enhance their experience using the Internet,” said Vivek Pathela, NETGEAR’s vice president of product marketing. “Our pioneering Skype WiFi Phone embodies NETGEAR’s commitment to its customers, and we’re extremely proud to have won praise for delivering a breakthrough in communications with excellence in both design and engineering.”

POPULAR MECHANICS covers how today’s technologies affect the things men are most interested in, including consumer electronics. The magazine’s second annual Breakthrough Awards were created to celebrate and distinguish ideas and inventions that are changing and expanding the possibilities in the realms of science, technology and exploration. NETGEAR’s Skype WiFi Phone (SPH101) was selected as a groundbreaking product by *POPULAR MECHANICS* - with the potential to improve the lives of its core readership - on the basis of reviews conducted by *POPULAR MECHANICS* editors, industry experts, scientists, engineers, authors, and other academics.

Said James Meigs, *POPULAR MECHANICS*’ editor-in-chief, “We spend much of the year evaluating and reporting on hundreds of new and emerging technologies. The Breakthrough Product Awards highlight winning technology solutions that promise to empower our savvy readership by saving them money, and injecting a healthy dose of fun and adventure into their everyday lives. We’re very pleased to include NETGEAR’s Skype WiFi Phone among this year’s cutting-edge products that have raised the bar in terms of design and engineering.”

NETGEAR’s Skype WiFi Phone (SPH101) is the first publicly announced and shipped mobile device certified to make Skype Internet calling over WiFi a reality for the more than 113 million registered Skype users across the globe. The NETGEAR’s Skype WiFi Phone (SPH101) enables customers to call anyone on Skype, anywhere in the world for free, with no PC required. Skype is the world’s fastest-growing Internet communication offering, enabling unlimited free voice and video communication between Skype users. Skype is available in 27 languages and is used in almost every country around the world. NETGEAR began shipping the phone in August. It is available via NETGEAR, Skype and leading online retailers.

A complete report of the Breakthrough Awards will be published in the November 2006 issue of *POPULAR MECHANICS*, available on newsstands October 10, 2006.

About NETGEAR®, Inc.

NETGEAR® (Nasdaq: NTGR) designs technologically advanced, branded networking products that address the specific needs of small and medium business and home users. The Company’s product offerings enable users to share Internet access, peripherals, files, digital multimedia content and

applications among multiple personal computers and other Internet-enabled devices. NETGEAR is headquartered in Santa Clara, Calif. For more information, visit the company's Web site at www.netgear.co.uk

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Please note that the NETGEAR WiFi phone for Skype (SPH101) will not function during a power failure or broadband Internet outage. Neither Skype nor the NETGEAR WiFi Phone is a replacement for your ordinary telephone. Emergency calls will need to be made by alternative methods.

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This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Specifically, statements concerning expected performance characteristics, specifications, market acceptance, market growth, specific uses, user feedback and market position of NETGEAR's WiFi phone for Skype (SPH101) and technology are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Safe Harbor. These statements are based on management's current expectations and are subject to certain risks and uncertainties, including, without limitation, the following: the Skype service is not offered by NETGEAR and NETGEAR does not guarantee that such service will continue to be available and/or be free of charge; the actual price, performance and ease of use of NETGEAR's WiFi phone for Skype may not meet the price, performance and ease of use requirements of end-users; the performance of NETGEAR's products may be adversely affected by real world network, environmental and operating conditions; the ability of NETGEAR to market and sell its products and technology; the impact and pricing of competing products; and the introduction of alternative technological solutions. Further information on potential risk factors that could affect NETGEAR and its business are detailed in the Company's periodic filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including, but not limited to, those risks and uncertainties listed in the section entitled "Part II - Item 1A. Risk Factors", pages 30 through 39, in the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended July 2, 2006, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 11, 2006. NETGEAR undertakes no obligation to release publicly any revisions to any forward-looking statements contained herein to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

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