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Ample Communications and Finisar Demonstrate 10 Gigabit Ethernet Interoperability

Combined Solution Speeds Design Time and Increases Port Density for Networking Applications

FREMONT, CA, Dec 13, 2006 (MARKET WIRE via COMTEX News Network) -- Ample Communications, a leading provider of communications silicon for wire line network systems, and Finisar Corporation (NASDAQ: FNSR), a technology leader in fiber optic solutions for high-speed data networks, today announced interoperability between Ample's Redhawk dual port 10 Gigabit Ethernet MAC, and Finisar's pluggable XFP optical transceiver modules. This proven solution enables customers to reduce design time and cost for enterprise, security, and metro Ethernet switching platforms deploying 10 Gigabit Ethernet.

Ample's Redhawk, the industry's first full rate and oversubscribed two-port 10 Gigabit Ethernet MAC with integrated XFI SerDes, and Finisar's pluggable XFP modules, provide customers with a universal 10 Gigabit Ethernet line card that supports short, long, and extended reach functionality for 10 Gigabit Ethernet networking applications. In particular, this interoperability enables higher port density for metro Ethernet networking applications and enterprise switches.

"The combination of our products provides customers with a unique solution for their 10 Gigabit Ethernet platforms," said Mat Steinberg, vice president of business development at Ample Communications. "Establishing interoperability with Finisar is yet another way for us to help our customers bring their platforms to market faster."

"As a leading supplier of XFP transceivers into the telecom and datacom markets, we're very pleased to have demonstrated interoperability between our XFP modules and Ample's Redhawk Ethernet MAC," said Christian Urricariet, director of marketing for high-speed optics at Finisar. "This industry-leading combination lets our mutual customers bring low power and small footprint solutions to market more quickly and effectively."

XFP is a standardized form factor for serial 10 Gb/s fiber optic transceivers used for data transfer rates from 9.95 Gb/s to 11.1 Gb/s. It is protocol-independent and fully compliant to the following standards: 10G Ethernet, 10G Fibre Channel, SONET OC-192, and SDH STM-64.

About Ample Communications

Ample Communications is a leading supplier of high-speed Ethernet and SONET silicon for enterprise and metropolitan area network equipment OEMs. With wide customer acceptance at Tier 1 and Tier 2 OEMs, Ample has established itself as both a technology and a market share leader with its SONET and Ethernet silicon.

Ample Communications is located in Fremont, Calif., with additional development facilities in Sacramento, Calif. and in Bangalore, India. More information is available on the Web at www.amplecomm.com.

About Finisar

Finisar Corporation (NASDAQ: FNSR) is a technology leader for fiber optic components and subsystems and network test and monitoring systems. These products enable high-speed data communications for networking and storage applications over Gigabit Ethernet Local Area Networks (LANs), Fibre Channel Storage Area Networks (SANs), and Metropolitan Area Networks (MANs) using Fibre Channel, IP, SAS, SATA and SONET/SDH protocols. The Company's headquarters is in Sunnyvale, California, USA. www.finisar.com.

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