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NetQuest Introduces Quad Port NIC for Traffic Off-Load and Processing in High-Speed Networks

Designed to capture, inspect and forward SONET/SDH traffic at speeds up to OC48/STM-16 and 1G Ethernet traffic

MOUNT LAUREL, NJ – March 17, 2009 – [NetQuest Corporation](#), a leading manufacturer of test and monitoring access solutions, today announced the introduction of its Aspen network interface card (NIC) adapter, the latest addition to its PINNACLE™ family of WAN/LAN NICs. As with all other NICs in the family, Aspen is designed to optimize the performance of high-speed monitoring platforms by off-loading and pre-processing traffic for more efficient use by the host. It builds on the solid foundation of the PINNACLE™ family by adding increased port and line speed capacity.

Aspen provides support for line speeds up to and including OC48/STM-16 in ATM, Packet over SONET/SDH (POS), and TDM networks, as well as support for 1G traffic in Ethernet networks. Aspen sustains traffic flow at full line rates without packet loss, making it especially useful in such applications as intrusion detection, performance monitoring, and lawful interception. This unprecedented flexibility combined with the use of standard pluggable SFP transceivers make Aspen an obvious choice for system developers on a global basis.

Aspen expands upon NetQuest's successful [Tahoe](#) NIC by increasing port density to four ports. The quad port can be configured to provide non-intrusive monitoring access for two full-duplex SONET/SDH lines, four Gigabit Ethernet lines, or a mix of line speeds and technologies on a single NIC.

“Aspen is the only module on the planet where a single integration effort can provide quad port density to both SONET/SDH networks and Ethernet networks,” said Jesse Price, vice president of sales and marketing at NetQuest. “Aspen enables network monitoring vendors to create access-independent platforms while reducing development cost. Compatible with both PCI-X and PCIe bus technologies, Aspen is also bus independent, making it a logical solution as PCI-X enters the end of its life cycle in the industry and migration to PCIe occurs.”

Aspen and the Tahoe and Alta members of the PINNACLE family accelerate development time and are managed through a single interface. The products are commercially available.

About NetQuest

NetQuest Corporation designs, manufactures and markets innovative network access and monitoring products for applications in telecommunications service provider, government,

and enterprise networks. Founded in 1987 and based in Mount Laurel, New Jersey, NetQuest is privately held, operating under the original management team. With more than a 20 year track record of providing cutting edge access monitoring solutions, NetQuest has developed a global customer base, marketing directly and through a network of value-added resellers and representatives.

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