



***Newport Networks demonstrates secure peering with
the Voice Peering Fabric at Broadband World Forum Europe***

Paris, Broadband World Forum Europe – October 9, 2006 – Newport Networks, a leading developer of Carrier Class Session Border Controllers and Border Gateways, will demonstrate secure VoIP peering to the Voice Peering Fabric (VPF), owned and operated by Stealth Communications. Visitors to Newport's booth (#9997) at the Broadband World Forum Europe will be able to make VoIP calls via Newport's 1460 session border controller into the VPF.

The Newport 1460 session border controller provides policy and protection for VoIP signalling and media traffic with capabilities in handling over 100,000 telephone calls simultaneously per system. The 1460 is key in supporting cost-effective large scale VoIP peering and interconnection deployments from a single resilient installation.

"Broadband and cable rollout has meant that users have plenty of bandwidth into the home, and this makes VoIP a very effective application to deploy. The growth of VoIP Islands, not just in the US but around the world, means we are nearing a tipping point where connecting them using VoIP peering makes much more sense – both technically and commercially – than going via the PSTN" commented Alan Nunn, Chief Technical Officer for Newport Networks, "All this growth means the industry now needs large-scale, secure, managed peering points. The VPF is a leading organisation in bringing many of these VoIP Islands together to form one big global VoIP Network."

Voice peering is the next step in providing ubiquitous VoIP services, since peering takes place entirely at the IP level it provides the platform for multimedia as well as voice services. "The growth of peering can be seen from the Voice Peering Fabric, the annualized run-rate on the VPF this year has already surpassed 100 billion minutes – that's up from 18 billion minutes in 2005." said Shrihari Pandit, President & CEO of Stealth Communications. "As service providers peer, the need for flexible and scalable management of peering connections increasingly becomes an important factor."

Located in 9 U.S. cities and London, the Voice Peering Fabric has become the preferred platform for Service Providers, Enterprises and Government Agencies to buy, sell and peer VoIP traffic and telephony services. VPF is designed as a private voice Internet and functions as an exchange or meet-point for its members to establish peer-to-peer connections in a secure,



quality-of-service environment. VPF has enabled service providers and enterprises worldwide to save between 50 to 90% annually on voice communication costs.

Newport's recently announced 310 border controller will also be on show at booth 9997 during the exhibition and conference in Paris.

About Newport Networks

Newport Networks Group PLC, listed on the Alternative Investment Market of the London Stock Exchange, has designed and developed the award winning 1460 session border controller and 310 border gateway. The product range addresses the key service delivery issues of quality and security, enabling service providers to create new revenue streams from VoIP and MoIP while controlling the cost of delivery. Newport Networks' product innovations and leadership have been recognised through Frost & Sullivan's 2006 IP Communications Next-Generation Carrier Infrastructure Entrepreneurial Company of the Year award and Internet Telephony magazine's Product of the Year 2005 award. Newport Networks' commitment to deliver the highest quality products and services is demonstrated by the company becoming the first independent session border controller vendor to achieve ISO 9001:2000 certification. Based in the UK, France, North America and China, Newport Networks is led by an experienced team with a proven track record of identifying new service provider network technologies, developing products and managing the growth of international businesses. Further information at www.newport-networks.com

About Stealth Communications, Inc.

Stealth Communications celebrates more than a decade in the telecom industry with its successful lines of services based on Ethernet and IP technology. With a positive attitude towards improving telecommunications and endless innovation benefiting communities, Stealth has earned a great reputation in the industry by providing quality services and customer satisfaction. Stealth works closely with its customers and partners who are in the telecom, financial, realty, educational and government sector. For more information on Stealth and the VPF, visit: www.stealth.net and www.thevpf.com

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