



**Astute Networks Announces Clark Masters,
Computer Industry Veteran and Innovator,
as Its New President and CEO**

SAN DIEGO – October 16, 2007 – Astute Networks, an industry leader in the development of high performance networked storage solutions for mission-critical applications, has named Clark Masters as its new president and chief executive officer. Masters joins Astute Networks as it announces its award winning product, Caspian, the first 10Gb iSCSI storage blade for the AdvancedTCA™ (ATCA) market.

His three decades of technology industry experience gives Masters an exceptional background for his new position. Prior to joining Astute Networks, Masters was chairman and president of Sun Microsystems Federal, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Sun Microsystems, Inc. and executive vice president of Global Industry Sales. In this capacity, he was responsible for worldwide government and industry sales for the telecommunications, education, manufacturing, energy, and financial markets.

Masters previously served as executive vice president and general manager of Sun's Enterprise Systems Products Group. In this role, he was responsible for overseeing the development, design, manufacture and marketing for Sun's server product lines. This included responsibility for the highly acclaimed Starfire™ server (Sun Enterprise 10000™) for the enterprise and high performance computing markets. As a result of Masters' strong leadership contributions and commitment to the company, he was awarded the 1999 Sun Leadership award by Chairman and co-founder, Scott G. McNealy.

"Over my long career in the computer industry, I have not worked with a more well-rounded and passionate a leader than Clark Masters," said John Shoemaker, chairman of the board, SonicWall, Incorporated, and former executive vice president of Computing Systems for Sun Microsystems. "Clark has the unique combination of technical prowess, superb leadership talents and passion for the customer. When combined with his knowledge of the telecommunications and

enterprise markets, and his proven track record for building and delivering innovative products, Clark is the ideal fit to successfully lead Astute Networks. The company is indeed fortunate to have a leader of Clark's ability and integrity to spearhead its exciting growth prospects over the next several years."

Before joining Sun in 1996, Masters was corporate officer, vice president and general manager of Cray Research's Business Systems, where he served in multiple leadership positions during his tenure. In addition to leading Cray's Business Systems division as vice president & general manager, he was chief engineer, vice president of development, vice president of Manufacturing and Development and a corporate officer. Prior to Cray's acquisition of Floating Point Systems (FPS) Computing in 1991, Masters was vice president of engineering at FPS where he was responsible for all engineering activities related to the development of the SPARC and Solaris™ supercomputers, the forerunners to Sun's StarFire™ server line. Masters was also an integral part of a start-up company, Celerity Computing, where he was vice president of systems engineering.

Clark began his distinguished career in 1969 with NCR Corporation, where he was responsible for software engineering. He received NCR's highest corporate R&D award for outstanding technical achievement for his contributions in main-line integration methods for software engineering.

"We're excited to have an executive of Clark's caliber to lead Astute Networks," said Greg Reyes, member of Board of Directors of Astute Networks and chairman of LSI. "Astute Networks is superbly positioned to lead the industry in providing high density, high performance ATCA solutions for the leading OEM carriers and NEPs worldwide."

About Astute Networks

Astute Networks develops industry-leading high performance networked storage solutions for mission-critical applications. Founded in April 2000 and headquartered in San Diego, CA, Astute Networks is backed by venture capital firms including Tallwood Venture Capital, Sevin Rosen Funds, Scale Venture Partners, KeyNote Ventures, and U.S. Venture Partners. Additional information is available at www.astutenetworks.com.

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