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Infinera Names Chris Champion VP of Sales, EMEA

SUNNYVALE, CA – November 5, 2009 – Infinera (Nasdaq: INFN) has named Chris Champion Vice President of Sales, EMEA with responsibility for leading Infinera's sales activities in the Europe, Middle East, and Africa markets. Since joining Infinera in 2003, Mr. Champion has played a key role in building Infinera's European business. He was integral in securing Infinera's initial European customers such as Flag Telecom (now Reliance Globalcom). Since then, with Mr. Champion playing a key role, Infinera has been awarded networks by leading Tier One operators including Deutsche Telekom, OTEGLOBE, Telefonica International Wholesale Services, and Teliasonera, as well as some of Europe's fastest-growing alternative operators like COLT and Carphone Warehouse Networks. As reported on Oct. 20th, Infinera's international revenue reached a new peak in Q3 of 37% with success in the EMEA market driving much of that growth.

"I am pleased to announce that Chris Champion has taken on the responsibility of leading our sales effort in Europe, Middle East, and Africa," said Infinera CEO Jagdeep Singh. "We look forward to his continuing to drive growth and success in these crucial markets."

Mr. Champion's previous experience includes sales, marketing, and business development roles at Corvis Corporation and Nortel Networks. He started his career at the Yankee Group Europe as a telecommunications market research analyst. Chris has an MBA from the EDHEC business school in France and a BSc and BA from the University of Manitoba.

"Forward-looking telecom operators in Europe are looking for innovative ways to be faster, more agile, and more competitive, and that's why Infinera has enjoyed such success in this market," said Chris Champion. "I look forward to the opportunity to continue to drive growth and success in EMEA, and deliver excellent service to our customers."

The Infinera family of optical solutions includes the Infinera DTN, the first optical system based on large-scale photonic integrated circuits, and the Infinera ATN, a compact metro edge platform that extends the benefits of Infinera's Digital Optical Networks to the metro edge.

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