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**Aspen Networks Announces the Aspen 365 Multi-link Application WAN Switch**

*Small-to-medium businesses can now benefit from fault-tolerant Internet access and optimized WAN performance for VoIP and other mission critical applications—at an affordable price.*

**SANTA CLARA, CA AUGUST 21, 2006** – Aspen Networks, Inc. a privately-held company in Santa Clara, California today announced the availability of the Aspen 365 Application WAN Switch, bringing high Internet availability and peak application performance to small-to-medium businesses. The Aspen 365 is based on an IP multi-link controller and application level switching software for bi-directional traffic flows including VoIP, web services and site-to-site VPN's.

"Most organizations depend on the Internet for essential information, communications, workflow, and application delivery," says Dan Berger, President and CEO of Aspen Networks. "When you add VoIP to the mix, Internet access becomes a virtual lifeline."

The Aspen 365 supports the deployment of multiple WAN ISP connections at each location, eliminating a single link as a point of failure and ensuring continuous service. In addition, Aspen's powerful traffic management software automatically distributes network flows based on pre-set requirements and/or dynamic variables (such as real-time conditions on the net). The result is more efficient use of bandwidth and improved performance for VoIP and other applications.

"The Aspen 365 brings functionality typically reserved for large enterprise networks within the reach of mid-size companies," says Mary Shacklett, President of Transworld Data, a media and consulting firm for the VoIP and wireless industries, "High Internet availability is now mission-critical in and of itself—not just for Internet access but also for the delivery and performance of applications built on IP services."

Aspen's 365 Application WAN Switch is available in three configurations:

The Aspen 365-VOIP™ is an ideal solution for managed VoIP providers, enabling them to deliver more reliable, secure and cost-effective services. Aspen supports VoIP services on any mix of 2-4 active links (T1, DSL, cable, WISP) and can be deployed on existing ISP links or those provisioned by the managed VoIP provider. Aspen's advanced switching software provides fault detection, auto-failover, load sharing and VoIP prioritization to ensure maximum uptime and QoS. Other features include definable fail-over/fail-back behavior, VoIP network access control, "backdoor" attack/theft protection and enhanced serviceability through IP phone troubleshooting, SIP protocol tracing and session monitoring.

The Aspen 365-BRANCH is a versatile multi-WAN switch that extends high Internet availability and peak application performance to branch offices and SMB's. The 365-BRANCH supports 2 to 4 active ISP links (T1, DSL, cable, WISP) to/from each location with auto-failover for VoIP, inbound SMTP mail, inbound remote access (IPSec, SSL and PPTP) and other mission-critical applications. The 365-BRANCH is an intelligent traffic manager, distributing network flows across multiple WAN links for improved performance and bandwidth efficiency. The Aspen switch offers a powerful and flexible set of user-defined parameters to optimize Internet performance according to specific application demands and business needs.

The Aspen 365-HQ is an enterprise-class application WAN switch for HQ locations and data centers. The multi-link switch supports 2-8 active ISP links (any mix of T1, DSL, cable, WISP) for maximum resiliency, load-sharing, bandwidth optimization, application prioritization and cost savings. In addition to outbound traffic management, the Aspen 365-HQ also offers exceptional inbound traffic protection. Aspen's smart DNS transparent caching technology provides auto-failover of inbound flows to various types of servers – SSL, Web, FTP, Citrix, VPN, etc. For site-to-site IPSEC VPN's, Aspen provides sub-second fail over and voice-data traffic optimization based on packet loss, latency and jitter.

The Aspen 365 product family ranges in price from \$1,995 to \$4,995.

#### About Aspen Networks

Aspen Networks delivers Internet high availability and peak performance for VoIP and other mission critical applications. The Aspen 365 product family is based on state-of-the-art "application and ISP-aware" WAN switching technology. Our products intelligently manage all network traffic flows across multiple ISP links, providing fault-tolerance, load-balancing and optimized application delivery. Aspen's customers include U.S. and international companies from a broad range of industries including technology, finance, manufacturing, health care and other service providers. The company is privately-held and maintains its headquarters in Santa Clara, CA.

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